



The People's Court

VOCABULARY

disenfranchised: deprived of legal rights or privileges

habeas corpus: (*Latin meaning: you should have the body*) a legal order (writ) to bring a party before a court or judge; frequently used to determine if a person's imprisonment is legal

jury trial: a legal proceeding in which a group of people (jurors) are chosen to determine the facts of a case and give a verdict.

law: a community's rules that are enforced by authorities

procedural law: the rules that determine what happens in a civil or criminal court and how parties can prosecute and defend a case

supreme court: the court that has jurisdiction over all other courts in a state or country

tribunal: a court or assembly of one or more judges

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Web Sites

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