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Justice in Alaska

How do the courts work? What is the difference between the Federal and State Courts systems? What happens if I go to court?

This class will answer all of these questions and give you an intimate look at the court system in action. We visit the galleries in both systems to see how juries are selected, what kinds of cases come before the courts, and learn about the different roles played by judges, attorneys, magistrates, bailiffs and other players in the courts.

We will also take a close look at the meaning of justice and what it looks like in the United States and how it applies to the Juvenile Courts as well. We will hear from representatives of Victims for Justice and the American Civil Liberties Union about their roles in protecting the rights of plaintiffs and defendants.

Be prepared for a dynamic and thought-provoking look into the justice system as it is practiced in Alaska and the United States.

Grading will be based on participation and a series of quizzes.