**Law and the Legal System**

**Lawyers**

**What is a lawyer?**

**A licensed professional who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and represents others in legal matters**

**A person trained in the legal profession who acts for and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ clients**

**Contrary to popular belief, most lawyers rarely go to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Their practice typically involves:**

**- giving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**- drafting legal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**- negotiating \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**- providing other out-of-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ legal assistance**

**Others work for**

* **the government**
* **c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ organizations**

**Others work as**

* **law p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **j\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ officials**

**Litigators**

* **Some lawyers go to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **They are called “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attorneys” or litigators**
* **In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cases – they act as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (supporters) for their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’ (person represented) positions**
* **In criminal cases, they have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do everything possible (without violating professional \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or the law) to secure the release and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his/her client**

**When might I need a lawyer?**

* **It is very important for a person to know when he/she needs a lawyer**
* **Being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (a defendant in a lawsuit) or having to sign a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that is difficult to understand are just two of many reasons that a person might need a lawyer**
* **If it is a question of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you probably need legal assistance**
* **If problem is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - you may be able to handle it without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ advice**
* **Others may be able to provide \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ advice - relatives, friends, teachers, members of the clergy, doctors, accountants, etc.**

**Some common situations in which a person should consider consulting with an attorney include:**

* **A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ such as divorce or a child custody dispute**
* **An accident involving personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or property \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or purchase of a home, real estate, or a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or harassment on the job**
* **The formation of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a will, trust, or estate plan**
* **A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ problem**
* **An \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (questioning) by law enforcement officials**
* **If possible, the best time is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a problem occurs**
* **Especially wise to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lawyer when question of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is involved**
* **legal document needs to be drafted**
* **you are involved in a legal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Need a Lawyer?**

* **If possible, the best time is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a problem occurs**
* **Especially wise to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lawyer when question of LAW is involved**
* **legal document needs to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **you are involved in a legal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**