**L.E 1 Vocab**

Review the terms and then complete the accompanying vocabulary exercise, and email it to your Criminal Justice teacher via email:

lrovery2@bartlettschools.org

rriding@bartlettschools.org

rschwill@bartlettschools.org

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Adversary System | A legal system in which the prosecution an the defense are opponents, or adversaries, and present their cases in the light most favorable to themselves. The court arrives at a just solution based on the evidence presented by the contestants and determines who wins and who loses.  |
| Arraignment  | A court proceeding in which the suspect is formally charged with the criminal offense stated in the indictment. The suspect enters a plea (guilty, not guilty, nolo contendere) in response.  |
| Attorney-ClientPrivilege | A rule requiring that communications between a client and his or her attorney be kept confidential, unless the client consents to disclosure.  |
| Attorney General | The chief law enforcement officer of a state; also; the chief law enforcement officer of the nation.  |
| Bail  | The amount or conditions set by the court to ensure that an individual accused of a crime will appear for further criminal proceedings. If the accused person provides bail, whether in cash or by means of a bail bond, then she or he is released from jail.  |
| Bail Bondsperson  | A businessperson who agrees, for a fee, to pay the bail amount if the accused fails to appear in court as ordered.  |
| Boykin Form | A form that must be completed by a defendant who pleads guilty; the defendant states that he or she has done so voluntarily and with full comprehension of the consequences.  |
| Case Attrition  | The process through which prosecutors, by deciding whether or not to prosecute each person arrested, effect an overall reduction in the number of persons prosecuted. As a result, the number of persons convicted and sentenced is much smaller than the number of persons arrested.  |
| Defense Attorney | The lawyer representing the defendant |
| Discovery  | Formal investigation prior to trial. During discovery, the defense uses various methods to obtain information from the prosecution to prepare for trial.  |
| Grand Jury  | The group of citizens called to decide whether probable cause exists to believe that a suspect committed the crime with which she or he has been charged.  |
| Indictment  | A charge or written accusation, issued by a grand jury, that probable cause exists to believe that a named person has committed a crime.  |
| Information  | The formal charge against the accused issued by the prosecutor after a preliminary hearing has found probable cause.  |
| Initial Appearance  | An accused’s first appearance before a judge or magistrate following arrest; during the appearance, the defendant is informed of the charges, advised of the right to counsel, told the amount of bail, and given a date for the preliminary hearing.  |
| Nolo Contendere  | Latin for “I will not contest it.” A criminal defendant’s plea, in which he or she chooses not to challenge, or contest, the charges brought by the government. Although the defendant may still be sentenced or fined, the plea neither admits nor denies guilt.  |
| Plea Bargaining  | The process by which the accused and the prosecutor work out a mutually satisfactory conclusion to the case, subject to court approval. Usually, plea bargaining involves the defendant’s pleading guilty to a lesser offense in return for a lighter sentence.  |
| Preliminary Hearing | An initial hearing I which a magistrate decides if there is probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the crime with which he or she is charged.  |
| Preventive Detention | The retention of an accused person in custody due to the fears that he or she will commit a crime if released before trial.  |
| Public Defenders | Court-appointed attorneys who are paid by the state to represent defendants who are unable to hire private counsel.  |
| Public Prosecutors | Individuals acting as trial lawyers, who initiate and conduct cases in the government’s name and on behalf of the people |
| Release on Recognizance (ROR)  | A judge’s order that releases an accused from jail with the understanding that he or she will return for further proceedings of his or her own will; used instead of setting a monetary bond.  |
| Ten Percent Cash Bail | An alternative to traditional bail in which the defendants may gain pretrial release by posting ten percent of their bond amount to the court instead of seeking a bail bondsperson.  |