NC Judicial Branch Poster Challenge

Using the *North Carolina’s Judicial Branch* poster and your own background knowledge, work in small groups to find answers to the questions below.

1. What are the names of your group members?

2. What are the qualifications to be a juror in North Carolina?

3. North Carolina’s Court of Appeals is comprised of _______ judges.

4. District Courts in North Carolina hear civil cases involving less than $___________.

5. Is there anyone in your group who would like to have a job within or connected to the NC judicial system one day? (i.e. lawyer, judge, clerk, police officer, legislator, etc.)? If so, who and why?

6. Who appoints magistrates?

7. What are the three divisions of North Carolina’s General Court of Justice?

8. Does the North Carolina Court of Appeals employ a jury?

9. What types of family matters do civil courts hear cases about?

10. Superior Court judges are elected to ___-year terms, and District Court judges are elected to ___-year terms.

11. Which article of the NC Constitution outlines the judicial power of the state?

12. What is the role of North Carolina’s Supreme Court?

13. What type of offenses would land you in District Court?

14. Which of the three types of cases that District Court hears is the most common?

15. Clerks of Court are elected to ___-year terms and are elected at the ____________ level.

16. Why should you be aware of the functions of the NC Judicial Branch? Why is this important to study?
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Answer Key

1. What are the names of your group members? Answers will vary.

2. What are the qualifications to be a juror in North Carolina? citizen of the state and resident of the county; 18 years old or older; able to speak and understand English; physically and mentally competent; and have no felony conviction.

3. North Carolina’s Court of Appeals is comprised of 15 judges.

4. District Courts in North Carolina hear civil cases involving less than $10,000.

5. Is there anyone in your group who would like to have a job within or connected to the NC judicial system one day? Answers will vary.

6. Who appoints magistrates? the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge

7. What are the three divisions of North Carolina’s General Court of Justice? Appellate Division, Superior Court Division, and District Court Division.

8. Does the North Carolina Court of Appeals employ a jury? no

9. What types of family matters do civil courts hear cases about? divorce, custody, child support, adoption, and domestic violence.

10. Superior Court judges are elected to 8-year terms, and District Court judges are elected to 4-year terms.

11. Which article of the NC Constitution outlines the judicial power of the state? VI (Article 4)

12. What is the role of North Carolina’s Supreme Court? to determine legal error or interpretation of the law

13. What type of offenses would land you in District Court? Answers will vary between civil, criminal, and juvenile examples.

14. Which of the three types of cases that District Court hears is the most common? criminal cases.

15. Clerks of Court are elected to 4-year terms and are elected at the county level.

16. Why should you be aware of the functions of the NC Judicial Branch? Why is this important to study? Answers will vary.

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