

## COURT SIMULATION

### Criminal Trial Procedure (Step-by-Step)

#### STAGE 1: CASE COMES TO COURT (Pre-Trial): Outside Court

1. FIR & Investigation (Outside Court – Background)
2. Charge-sheet / Final Report

#### STAGE 2: TAKING COGNIZANCE & SUPPLY OF DOCUMENTS

##### Supply of Documents to Accused receives:

1. FIR
2. Statements
3. Documents relied upon (Evidences)
4. Charge-sheet

#### STAGE 3: CHARGE STAGE

##### JUDGE HEARS:

- **Prosecution:** Why charges are made out
- **Defendant will do his arguments** at This Stage like there is no ingredients of offence, Delay in FIR, Contradiction in facts/statements etc.

**Here, Judge will frame charge and accused responds.**

#### STAGE 4: PROSECUTION EVIDENCE (MOST IMPORTANT)

##### PROSECUTION OPENS ITS CASE:

- **Public Prosecutor explains:**
  - Story of prosecution
  - List of witnesses

- Documents relied upon

#### STAGE 5: EXAMINATION OF PROSECUTION WITNESSES (PW)

##### **(a) Examination-in-Chief (Prosecution)**

- Witness tells their story
- No leading questions
- Documents exhibited

##### **(b) Cross-Examination (Defence)**

Defendant will ask the Questions to PW.

##### **(c) Re-Examination (Prosecution)**

##### **(d) Closing of Prosecution Evidence**

#### STAGE 6: STATEMENT OF ACCUSED

**Examination of Accused by Court** - Judge asks questions based on evidence

*#NO CROSS EXAMINATION AT THIS STAGE.*

#### STAGE 7: DEFENCE EVIDENCE (If Any)

#### STAGE 8: FINAL ARGUMENTS

1. Prosecution Final Arguments
2. Defence Final Arguments

#### STAGE 9: JUDGMENT

**Judge Reserves / Pronounces Judgment**

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## CASE TITLE (Template)

State of \_\_\_\_ vs. Accused \_\_\_\_

Offence under Section(s): \_\_\_\_\_ IPC

Court: Court of the Learned Sessions Judge / Magistrate

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### ACT 1: CALLING THE CASE (May not be part of Simulation)

#### Court Clerk

“May it please the Court. Criminal Case No. \_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_.

State versus \_\_\_\_\_ is called for hearing.”

#### Judge

“Appearances?”

#### Public Prosecutor

“Learned Public Prosecutor for the State, My Lord.”

#### Defence Counsel

“Counsel for the accused, My Lord.”

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### ACT 2: SUPPLY OF DOCUMENTS & COGNIZANCE

#### Judge:

“Have copies under **Section 207 CrPC** been supplied to the accused?”

#### PP or Prosecutor (Party One):

“Yes, My Lord.”

#### Defence Counsel (Party Two):

“Received, My Lord.”

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### ACT 3: HEARING ON CHARGE

#### Judge:

“Arguments on charge.”

**Prosecution (Short Submission):**

“My Lord, material on record clearly discloses commission of offence under Section \_\_ IPC.  
There is sufficient ground to proceed.”

**Defence (Discharge Attempt)**

“My Lord, even if the entire charge-sheet is accepted, no prima facie case is made out.  
There is delay in FIR, contradictions in statements, and absence of mens rea. The accused  
deserves discharge.”

**Judge (Order)**

“Having considered the material, charges are framed under Section \_\_ IPC.  
Accused, do you plead guilty or claim trial?”

**Accused**

“I plead not guilty and claim trial.”

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**ACT 4: PROSECUTION OPENS ITS CASE**

**Public Prosecutor**

“My Lord, the prosecution will establish the guilt of the accused through oral and documentary  
evidence.  
We shall examine \_\_ witnesses.”

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## **ACT 5: PROSECUTION EVIDENCE**

### **SCENE 1: PW-1 (Complainant / Victim)**

#### **Examination-in-Chief (PP)**

“Please tell the Court what happened on \_\_\_\_ date.”

#### **PW-1 narrates incident**

“I identify the accused present in court.”

#### **(Document exhibited)-Presented**

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#### **Cross-Examination (Defence) – Question will be asked by the Parties.**

“Is it correct that you did not mention this fact in your FIR?”

“Is it true that there was prior enmity between you and the accused?”

“Why did you not inform the police immediately?”

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#### **Re-Examination (PP)**

“Can you clarify the reason for delay?”

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#### **Public Prosecutor:**

“My Lord, prosecution evidence is closed.”

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## **ACT 6: STATEMENT OF ACCUSED**

#### **Judge:**

“Accused, it has come in evidence that you were present at the spot. What do you say?”

**Accused:**

“I am innocent. I have been falsely implicated due to enmity.”

(Here Multiple questions could be ask based on evidence)

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**ACT 7: DEFENCE EVIDENCE (Optional)**

**Defence**

“The defence wishes to examine DW-1.”

**DW-1 Examination**

Documentary support

**Cross by Public Prosecutor**

“You are related to the accused, correct?”

**Defence**

“Defence evidence is closed.”

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**ACT 8: FINAL ARGUMENTS**

**Prosecution Final Arguments**

“My Lord, the prosecution has proved its case beyond reasonable doubt.  
The witnesses are consistent, medical evidence corroborates ocular testimony, and the  
accused’s conduct is suspicious.”

**Defence Final Arguments (Key Scene)**

“My Lord, the burden lies entirely on the prosecution.  
There are material contradictions, interested witnesses, unexplained delay, and a tainted

investigation.

Benefit of doubt must go to the accused.”

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## ACT 9: JUDGMENT

### Judge:

“Judgment reserved.”

—or—

“After hearing both sides and perusing the record...”

### Outcome Options:

- **Acquittal**

“Prosecution has failed to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt. Accused is acquitted.”

- **Conviction**

“Accused is convicted under Section \_\_ IPC.”