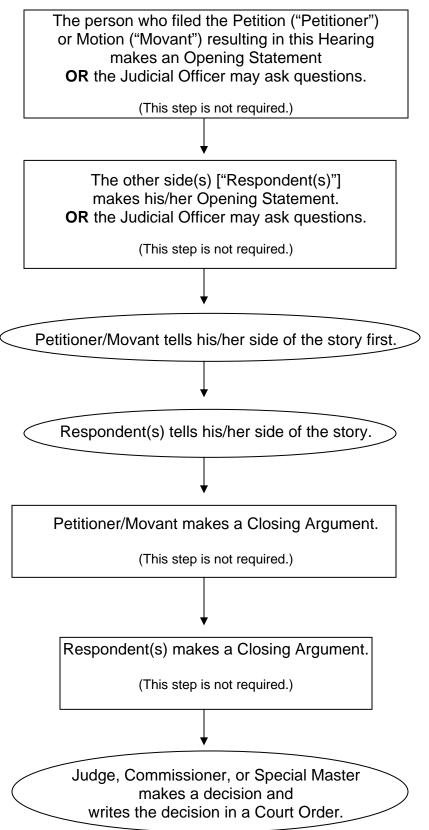


Chapter 8

Flowcharts

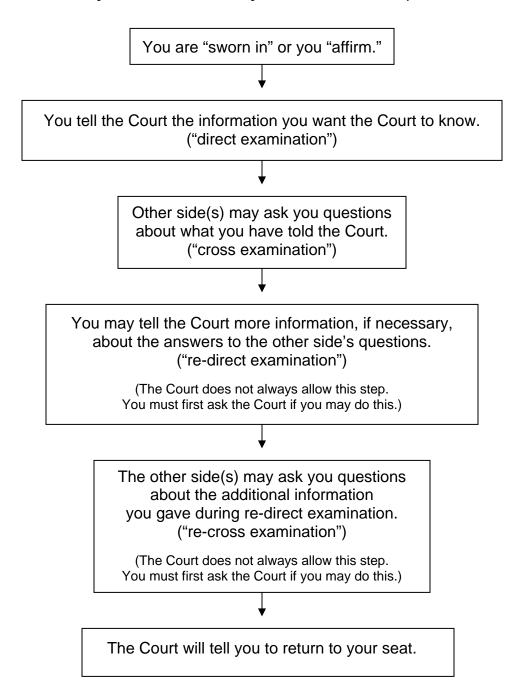
Court Procedure Flowchart



Telling Your Side of the Story

There is no set way of telling your side of the story. You are allowed to talk to the Court and/or you may ask other people questions to give information to the Court.

Do you want to tell your side of the story? If so, below is the process to do that:



Do you have any other people at the Hearing to give information to the Court? If so, below is the process for each person:

The person ("witness") is "sworn in." You ask the person questions having answers that tells the Judicial Officer the information you want the Court to know. ("direct examination") Other side(s) may ask the person questions about what he/she told the Court. ("cross examination") You may ask the person questions **BUT ONLY** about the answers the person gave to the other side's questions. ("re-direct examination") (The Court does not always allow this step. You must first ask the Court if you may do this.) The other side(s) may ask the person questions **BUT ONLY** about the answers the person gave during re-direct examination. ("re-cross examination") (The Court does not always allow this step. You must first ask the Court if you may do this.) The Court will tell the person if the person is allowed to leave the courthouse, may sit in the back of the courtroom or must wait outside of the courtroom.

If there is another person at the Hearing to answer questions, that person will be sworn in and the process on this page begins again.