



# OUR COURTS: THE BEDROCK OF DEMOCRACY



## DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CIVIL & CRIMINAL COURTS

### CIVIL COURT

- REGULATES NON-CRIMINAL RIGHTS & DUTIES.
- COVERS DISPUTES BETWEEN PEOPLE, SUCH AS FAMILY, CONTRACT, PROPERTY, OR INJURY-RELATED CLAIMS.
- SEVENTH AMENDMENT GUARANTEES A JURY TRIAL IN CASES INVOLVING MORE THAN TWENTY DOLLARS.

#### EXAMPLES:

- PURDUE PHARMA OPIOID LITIGATION (2020s)
- *MACPHERSON V. BUICK* (1916)
- *SIoux CITY & PACIFIC RAILROAD CO. V. STOUT* (1873)

### CRIMINAL COURT

- BEHAVIOR PUNISHABLE AS A PUBLIC OFFENSE.
- CRIMES COVER EVERYTHING FROM SHOPLIFTING TO MURDER.
- THE GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST SOMEONE IN COURT.
- PUNISHMENT MAY INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT.

#### EXAMPLES:

- *MIRANDA V. ARIZONA* (1966)
- *GIDEON V. WAINWRIGHT* (1963)
- *MAPP V. OHIO* (1961)