

# Pa. Courts Launch Civics Education Toolkit

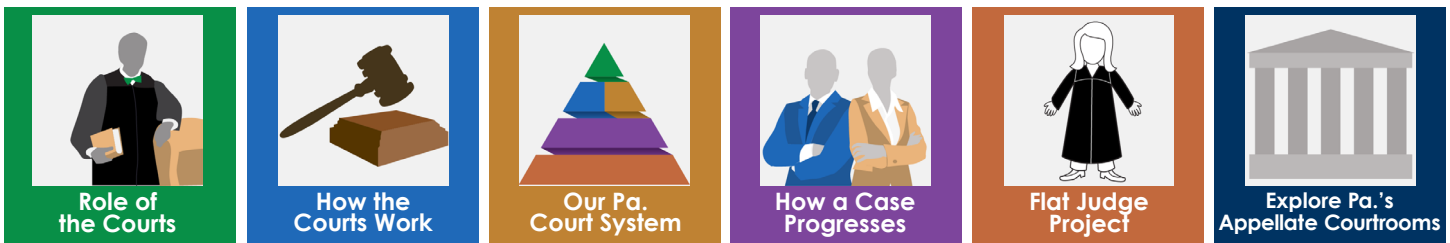


As one of the three branches of government, the judiciary reflects the core values of American democracy while acting as one of its essential pillars. Created by the Pa. Supreme Court, the [Commission on Judicial Independence](#) is charged with fostering a greater public understanding about the role of the courts and explaining the essential need of an independent judiciary.

As part of their efforts, a comprehensive civics education toolkit was developed as a resource for teachers, students and the public to learn more about the work, role and structure of the state's courts.

## Key Components

Learn about a wide range of court-related topics:



## Educational Videos

The webpage contains several animated videos designed for all grade levels explaining how our state government works, how judges are selected and held accountable, how the jury system works and why judicial independence is so important.



To view the toolkit in its entirety, visit [www.pacourts.us/civics-ed](http://www.pacourts.us/civics-ed).  
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