**HANDOUT 2: WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CIVIL LAW?**

1. **What are civil laws?**
   
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2. **What do civil cases involve?**
   
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3. **Do civil cases always affect the whole of society negatively?**
   
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4. **List four types of civil disputes.**
   
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5. **What does the court call the person who is suing? and defending?**
   
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6. **Write “True” or “False” on the lines provided.**
   
   ________ A civil case starts when one person files a complaint with the court. That person is called the defendant.  
   ________ The case would be written as Plaintiff (Jones) versus Defendant (Smith).  
   ________ The burden of proof in a civil case is on the balance of probabilities which means that it is more probable that one side is right.  
   ________ The penalty in a civil case is imprisonment rather than a monetary award in the form of damages.  
   ________ Claims of $10,000 or less are heard in Small Claims Court.

7. **How many jurors sit on a civil jury? 8 or 12? (circle one)**

8. **Do all the members of a civil jury have to make the same decision? Explain.**
   
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9. **Name two courts that deal with civil cases?**
   
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