

Court Role Type Category Definitions

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Background, Summary, and Intended Use

When working with courts during the development and programming for AZPOINT, the AOC Integration Team saw the need for creating court role type categories. These categories will be helpful for future programming as the AOC, AJACS and non-AJACS courts work together on other integration projects, especially those with an emphasis on defining parties. It would be beneficial if all courts have a standard definition and are using terms consistently.

Court Role Type Category	Proposed Standard Definition	Examples from Court Role Types (NOTE: not a comprehensive list)
Party	A person or entity who constitutes the plaintiff or defendant in an action, or by or against whom an action is brought. The person or entity who seeks the reversal or upholding of a lower court's decision.	Plaintiff, petitioner, defendant, respondent, appellant
Courtroom Staff	Any judicial branch employee or contractor assigned to perform case-related duties in the courtroom.	Clerk, bailiff, court reporter
Participant	Individuals, other than parties, who secondarily are involved in a court case.	Officer, victim advocate, witness
Judge	A person who hears and decides legal matters	Judge, mediator, arbitrator
Attorney	A person with specific education and experience who is licensed to provide legal services.	Attorney, legal paraprofessional
Item	Object that is in dispute or related to a case.	Property, trust name
Other	Used to refer to a person or thing that is different or distinct from one already mentioned or known about.	Other