Federal Courts

Steps in a Criminal Trial

Simplified =

Sixth Amendment

Right to a speedy and public trial by a jury of your peers.

When the Defendant Pleads Guilty

Defendant Charged in Court

Enters Guilty Plea

Pre-Sentence Activities

Sentencing

When the Defendant Pleads Not Guilty

Enters
Not Guilty Plea-

Prosecution Opening Statement

Chooses Jury Trial or Rench Trial

Defense - Opening Statement

Direct & Cross Examination of Witnesses

Prosecution Closing Arguments

Defense
Closing Arguments

Prosecution Rebuttal

Jury Deliberations-

Jury Verdict

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Sentencing