

COURT HEARING

A court hearing is a gathering within a courtroom that is called for the purpose of conducting some type of legal procedure. There are many types of hearings, some of them involved with civil court issues while others focus on criminal court situations. While the structure and focus of a hearing will vary from one location to another, there are a few essential elements that apply in just about every court of law and thus govern the flow of a court meeting.

In many countries, the use of a preliminary court hearing known as an arraignment takes place. Often, the structure of this type of hearing allows legal counsel to present information to a judge regarding a charge leveled at a defendant. The judge then determines if there is sufficient evidence to hold a defendant over for trial. It is also not unusual in some courts of jurisdiction for the defendant to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty at this time. If appropriate, the judge may also set a bail amount for the defendant.