

# The Jury System on Trial



## Part I

Use the table below to compare the jury system to a judge-only system. Do research online or in your school library to help you fill in the pros and cons of using each system.

Jury system		Judge-only system	
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons

## Part II

**Read the case summary below, then complete the activity that follows.**

### *The Case:*

#### **Jeff Johnson v. Shingles & Shelves**

Jeff Johnson (plaintiff) claims that Shingles & Shelves (defendant) installed a roof on his home that is now defective. Just months after the work by Shingles & Shelves was completed at the Johnson residence, a series of leaks developed in the new roof, ruining the furniture in the living room and permanently damaging electronic devices in the kitchen and bedroom.

### *Activity:*

On the back of this sheet, write a list of five questions that a lawyer representing Shingles & Shelves should ask a juror, to ensure that he or she will remain fair-minded in this case. For example, it would be important to determine whether or not the potential juror knows Jeff Johnson, or has ever been a client of Shingles & Shelves, as either situation might make the juror biased.