

	Trial Jury	Grand Jury
Members	6 to 12	16 to 23
Role	To decide whether the defendant injured the plaintiff (civil case) or committed the crime as charged (criminal case).	To determine whether there is “probable cause” to believe that an individual has committed a crime and should be put on trial.
Public?	Trials are generally public, but jury deliberations are private.	Grand jury proceedings are not open to the public.
Right to Appear	A defendant has the right to appear, testify, and call witnesses on his or her behalf.	A defendant and his or her attorney does not have the right to appear before the grand jury.
Outcome	The final outcome is a verdict, in favor of the plaintiff or defendant in a civil case, or guilty/not guilty in a criminal case.	The final outcome is a decision to indict (formally accuse) the defendant or not.