

## Legal Terminology Ice Breaker

\*ANSWER KEY\*

Match the term with the best explanation on the left. Use any resource to determine your choice/pairing.

decision	Outcome of a legal case
dissenting opinion	Written opinion by the minority of judges who disagree with the majority; does not become part of case law
amicus brief	Information provided to a court providing additional information on the particular case before them.
act	Formal written enactment written and passed by a legislature
statute	Formal written enactment of a legislative body and how it applies to local, state or country
concurring opinion	Written opinion by a judge who arrived at the same conclusion as the majority, but for different reasons
affirmed	appellate court language that addresses the lower court decision in the affirmative
holding	A court's decision on a matter of law
amendment	Formal change to a law, contract, or legal document
majority opinion	judicial opinion arrived at by the majority of judges; one judge typically writes the majority opinion
reversed	appellate court language that addresses the lower court decision in the negative

