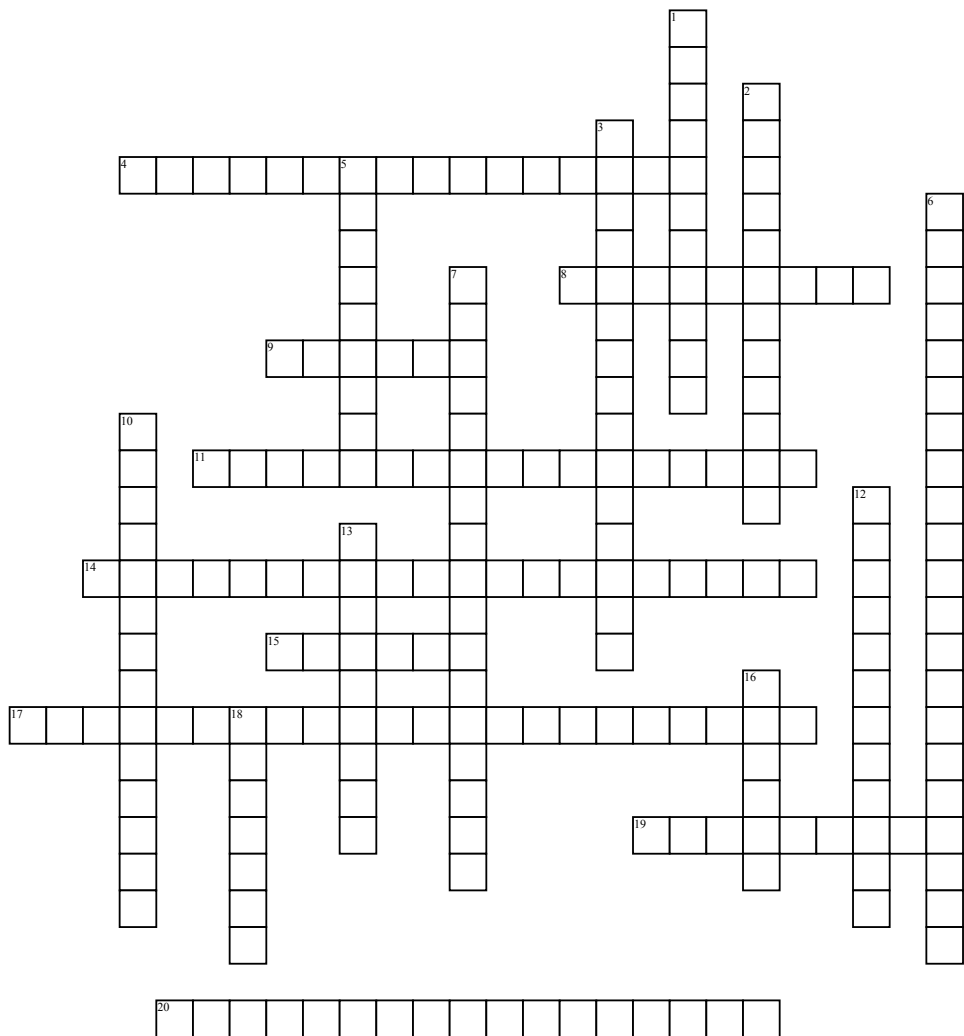


Supreme Court Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 4. an order by a higher court directing a lower court to send up the record in a given case for review; from the Latin meaning "to be more certain"
- 8. court decision that stands as an example to be followed in future, similar cases
- 9. a transcript of proceedings made in trial court
- 11. written explanation of the views of one or more judges who disagree with (dissent from) a decision reached by a majority of the court
- 14. the power of a court to hear a case first, before any other court
- 15. detailed written statements filed with the Court before oral arguments are presented
- 17. power shared by federal and state courts to hear certain cases

- 19. in a civil suit, the person against whom a court action is brought by the plaintiff; in a criminal case, the person charged with the crime
- 20. written explanation of the views of one or more judges who support a decision reached by a majority of the court, but wish to add or emphasize a point that was not made in the majority decision

Down

- 1. a method of putting a case before the Supreme Court; used when a lower court is not clear about the procedure or rule of law that should apply in a case and asks the Supreme Court to certify the answer to a specific question
- 2. the authority of a court to hear a case
- 3. officially called the Opinion of the Court; announces the Court's decision in a case and sets out the reasoning upon which it is based

- 5. a case involving a non criminal matter such as a contract dispute or a claim of patent infringement
- 6. the authority of a court to review decisions of inferior (lower) courts
- 7. a judicial philosophy in which supporters believe that judges should decide cases based on the original intent of the Framers or those who enacted the statute(s) involved in a case, or on precedent
- 10. the lower federal courts, beneath the Supreme Court
- 12. a case in which a defendant is tried for committing a crime as defined by the law
- 13. in civil law, the party who brings a suit/some other legal action against another (the defendant) in court
- 16. a court's list of cases to be heard
- 18. satisfaction of a claim payment

Word Bank

Plaintiff	Docket	Defendant	Judicial restraint
Inferior courts	Redress	Precedent	Concurrent jurisdiction
Certificate	Majority opinion	Criminal case	Writ of certiorari
Civil case	Original jurisdiction	Dissenting opinion	Concurring opinion
Jurisdiction	Briefs	Record	Appellate jurisdiction