

Running Order of the Trial

- Tipstaff announces, “All rise - silence in court”
- The judge enters
- Registrar will ask the defendant to stand, reads the charge to him or her, and asks him or her how do they plead
- Defendant answers “Not Guilty”
- Opening speech of the prosecution
- Each witness will be sworn in by the registrar before giving their evidence
- Examination-in-chief of the first prosecution witness
- Cross-examination of the first witness by the defence
- Pattern repeated for the next two witnesses
- Opening speech for the defence
- Examination-in-chief of the first defence witness
- Cross-examination of the first defence witness by the prosecution
- Pattern repeated for the next two defence witnesses
- Closing speech by the prosecution
- Closing speech by the defence
- Judge sums up the case and gives instructions to the jury
- Registrar swears in the tipstaff to look after the jury
- Jury goes to jury room to consider a verdict
- Verdict given by the foreman of the jury
- Sentence or dismissal by the judge