

# The National (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Branch

"Oyez, oyez, oyez!" cried the **court officer**. As the students of Mr. Sanchez's class watched, those **ancient French words announced** the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of a **session** of the United States **Supreme Court**.

The first **case** *was announced*-U.S. v. Marfik. An **attorney** stepped to the **reading desk** that faced the **long row of Justices** and began to talk about the Marfik case. The lawyer **had not gotten far** before one Justice *leaned forward* to ask a question. The question was about a **point of law**. The Justice did not seem (3) \_\_\_\_\_ with the lawyer's response and **pressed for** more information.

As the exchange continued a **uniformed attendant** (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to Mr. Sanchez. It was time for him and his class to leave so that another group could **observe** the Supreme Court **in action**.

**Once outside** the Court, Brian Fanning **wailed**, "We didn't even **get to stay long enough** to find out about the case. Who is Marfik? What did he do?"

"He robbed a gas station," Mr. Sanchez replied. "I know they didn't bring him before the Supreme Court for that," Brian said. "You're right, Brian," Mr. Sanchez said. "Alexander Marfik already ***was tried and convicted*** of the (5) \_\_\_\_\_. But, he claims that his **constitutional rights** were (6) \_\_\_\_\_ when he ***was arrested***."

"Why?" Brian asked. "Didn't they read him his rights?" "In this case, they did," Mr. Sanchez said. "But, when the police **arrested** Mr. Marfik as a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in the case, they took his wallet. In it, they found a credit card that had been in the safe at the gas station. The credit card was **the main evidence used against** Marfik **at his trial**. Marfik says that this was a case of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ search and seizure, **since** the police **had no warrant** to search him (9) \_\_\_\_\_. He wants a new trial, at which the card *can't be mentioned*."

"It seems like **a lot of fuss over** robbing a gas station. Doesn't the Supreme Court have anything more important to do?" Brian asked.

"Since the Constitution is **the basis of many of our laws**, what could be more important than deciding what it means? **After all**, that's the job of the Supreme Court-to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the laws of our country. "

1) Judgment

2) Open

3) Satisfaction

4) Sign

5) Rob

6) Violation

7) Suspicion

8) Legalize

9) Person

10) Interpretation