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CRJ 104

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In-class activity

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Criteria: Students will compare their illustration of the court structure and functions to the organizational chart that I present in class. Students must note corrections on their original diagrams. The diagram will be graded and returned to students in the next class.

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