## Judicial Branch – Important Terms

- ** Plaintiff**: person (group) that charge the defendant in either a civil or criminal case
- ** ___________________** law - dispute between two people or groups (divorce, child custody, etc.)
- ** ___________________** law - government is the plaintiff and charges someone with a crime
- Most cases ** ___________** go to trial
- Class action suits - one group (representing many people) sues another
  - Former NFL players and concussions
- ** ___________________** - Latin for “friends of the court”
  - Interest groups, government, corporations, etc. write the Supreme Court about a court case
  - Describes how the decision would ** ___________**
- Provides key information not included in the case

## Judicial Branch – Basic Facts

- Article III of the Constitution:
  - Requires a Supreme Court and inferior courts
  - Judges hold their offices during “______________”
  - Impeachment of Samuel Chase
- Judiciary Act of 1789:
  - Congress could create lower federal courts
  - _____ judges on the Supreme Court - 5 associate, 1 Chief Justice
- The president nominates Supreme Court justices
  - Must be approved by the ______________
- Throughout most of history, justices have been white males
- Justices serve for life - ____________________