ANSWER KEY to Review exercise!! New York State Court System

Use your notes, maps, charts, and other materials posted on OpenLab under "Course notes & materials," as well as C&W ch. 2 and your very smart brains, to fill in the blanks below. **By 1pm on Friday, September 25**, send me an email with the completed sentences—not just the terms for the blank spaces—either right in the body of the email, or as an attachment of this or another document. We'll review the answers in Friday's class.

- 1. A divorce case between a Manhattan couple would be decided by N.Y. <u>Supreme</u> Court, <u>New York</u> County.
- 2. A case in Staten Island involving \$10,000 damages would be decided by N.Y.C. <u>Civil</u> Court, <u>Richmond</u> County.
- 3. A case involving the estate of a deceased person from the Bronx would be heard by N.Y. <a href="Surrogate's">Surrogate's</a> Court, <a href="Bronx">Bronx</a> County.
- 4. An appeal of a decision by N.Y. Family Court, Kings County would be decided by Appellate Division, <u>Second</u> Department.
- 5. If you want to appeal a decision by N.Y.C. Civil Court, Bronx County, you should file it with <a href="Appellate Term">Appellate Term</a>, First Department.
- 6. An appeal of a decision by the Appellate Division, Third Department would be heard by N.Y. Court of Appeals.
- 7. Who is the current Chief Judge of the New York's highest appellate court? <u>Janet DiFiore</u>

**BONUS!!** TRUE or FALSE? A decision by the New York Court of Appeals that the death penalty violates the U.S. Constitution is <u>final</u>. It may not be appealed to any court. **FALSE!!** The U.S. Supreme Court has jurisdiction to decide appeals of decisions by a state's highest court that involve the U.S. Constitution.