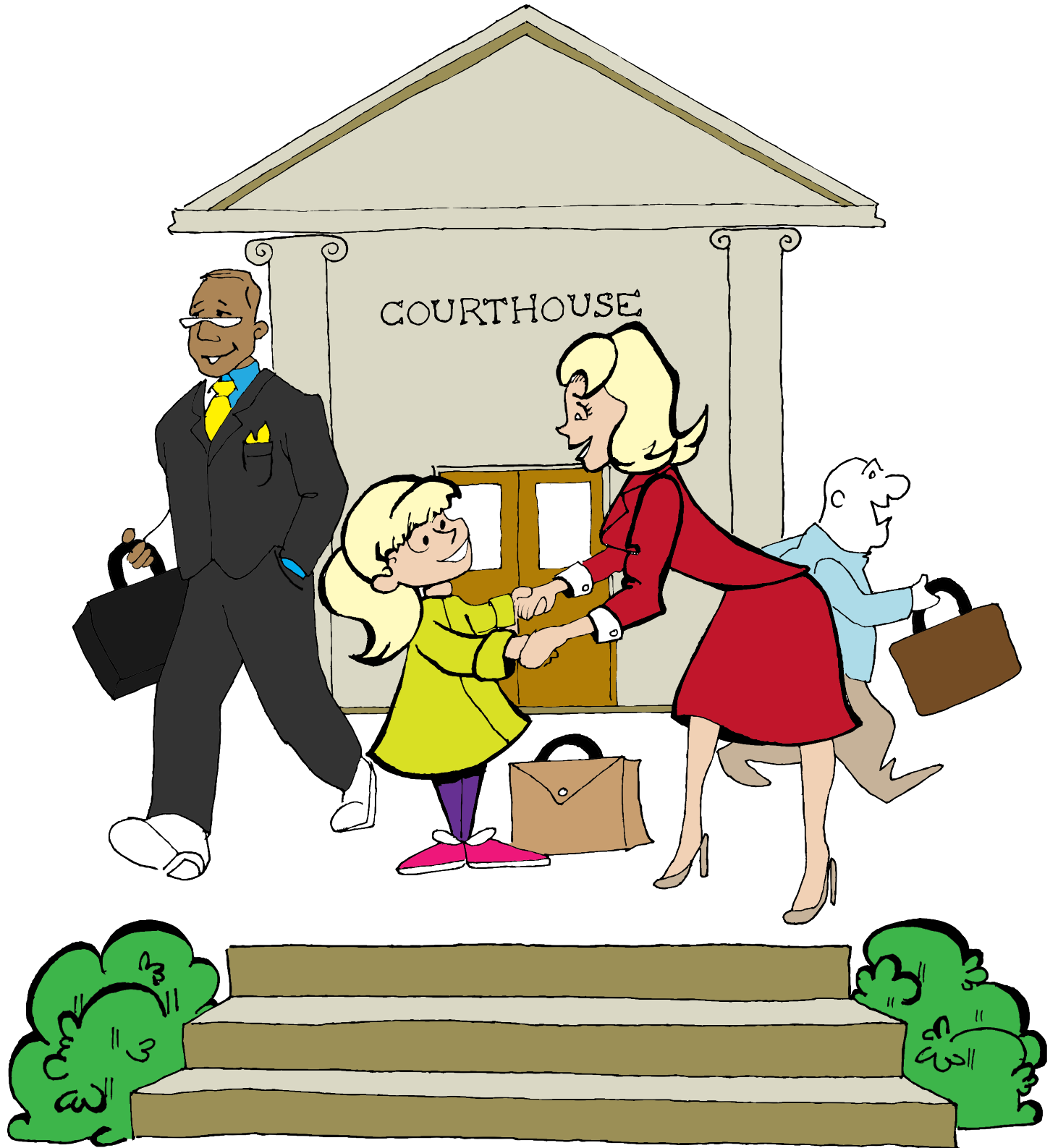


What a Lawyer Does

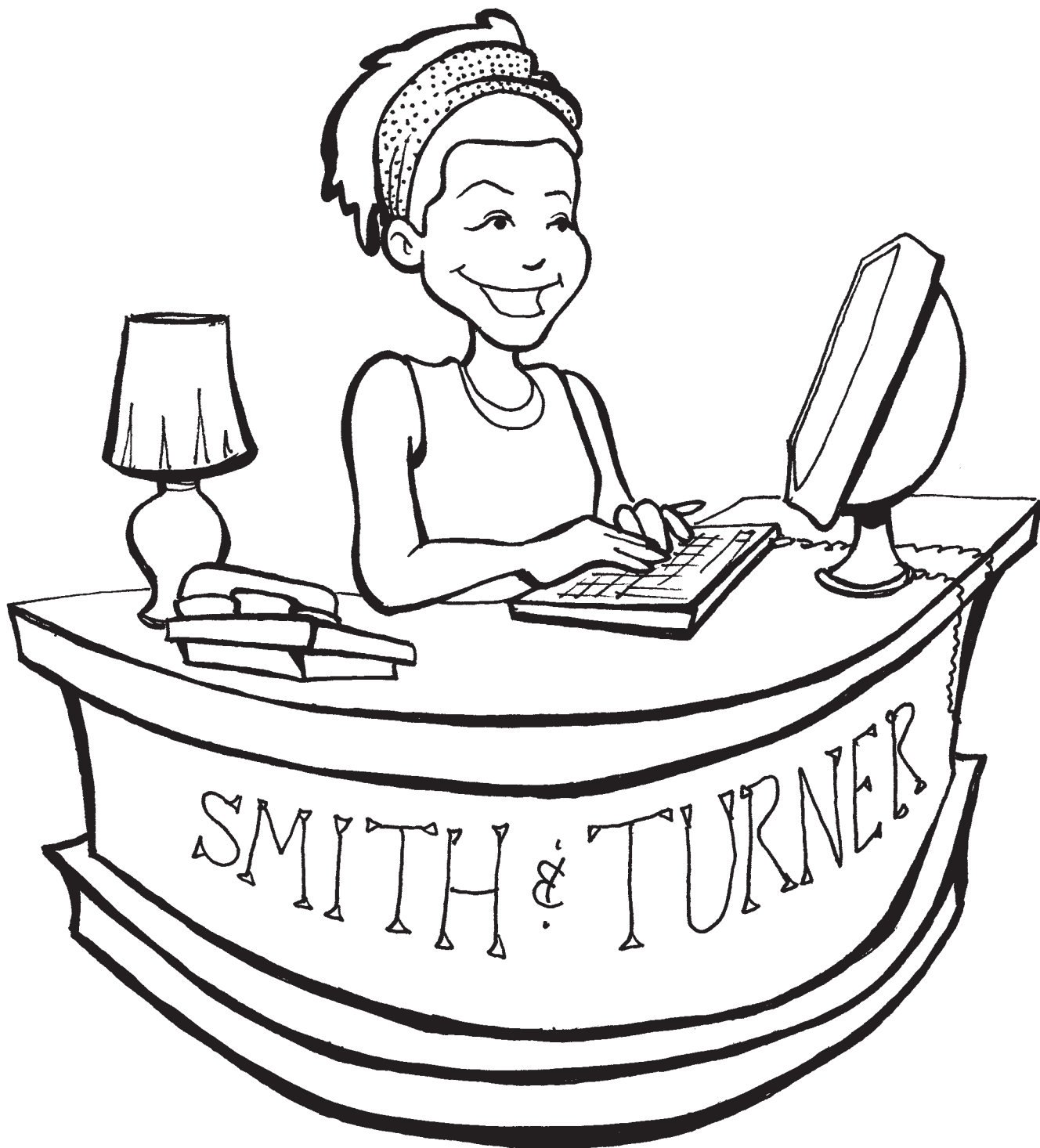


A Coloring Book for Young Children

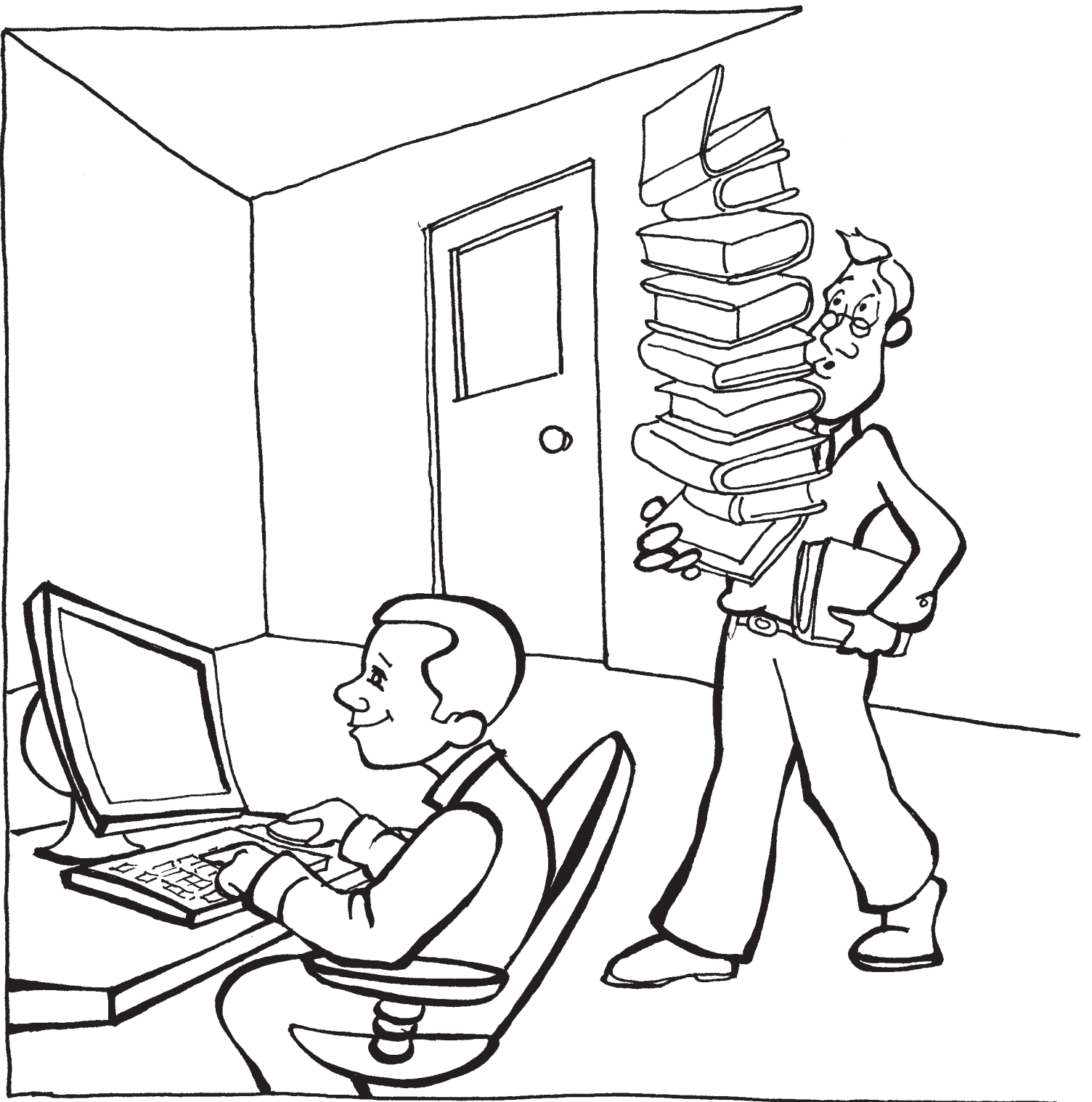
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Today was a school holiday. I got to go to work with my Mommy. On the way to the office, Mommy told me about her job. She's a lawyer. A lawyer answers people's questions about the law. Lawyers can be men or women, and lawyers do many types of work. To become a lawyer, a person has to go to college and law school.



Mommy's office is called a law firm. Mommy works in the law firm with other lawyers. Mommy told me that sometimes lawyers are called attorneys or counselors at law.



Other people work at the law firm to help the lawyers. These people are called paralegals or legal assistants. They prepare many of the papers that lawyers need to help people with the law.



Mommy has a lot of big books in her office. Mommy told me that these books help her answer questions about the law. Some of the books have copies of the actual laws the government creates.



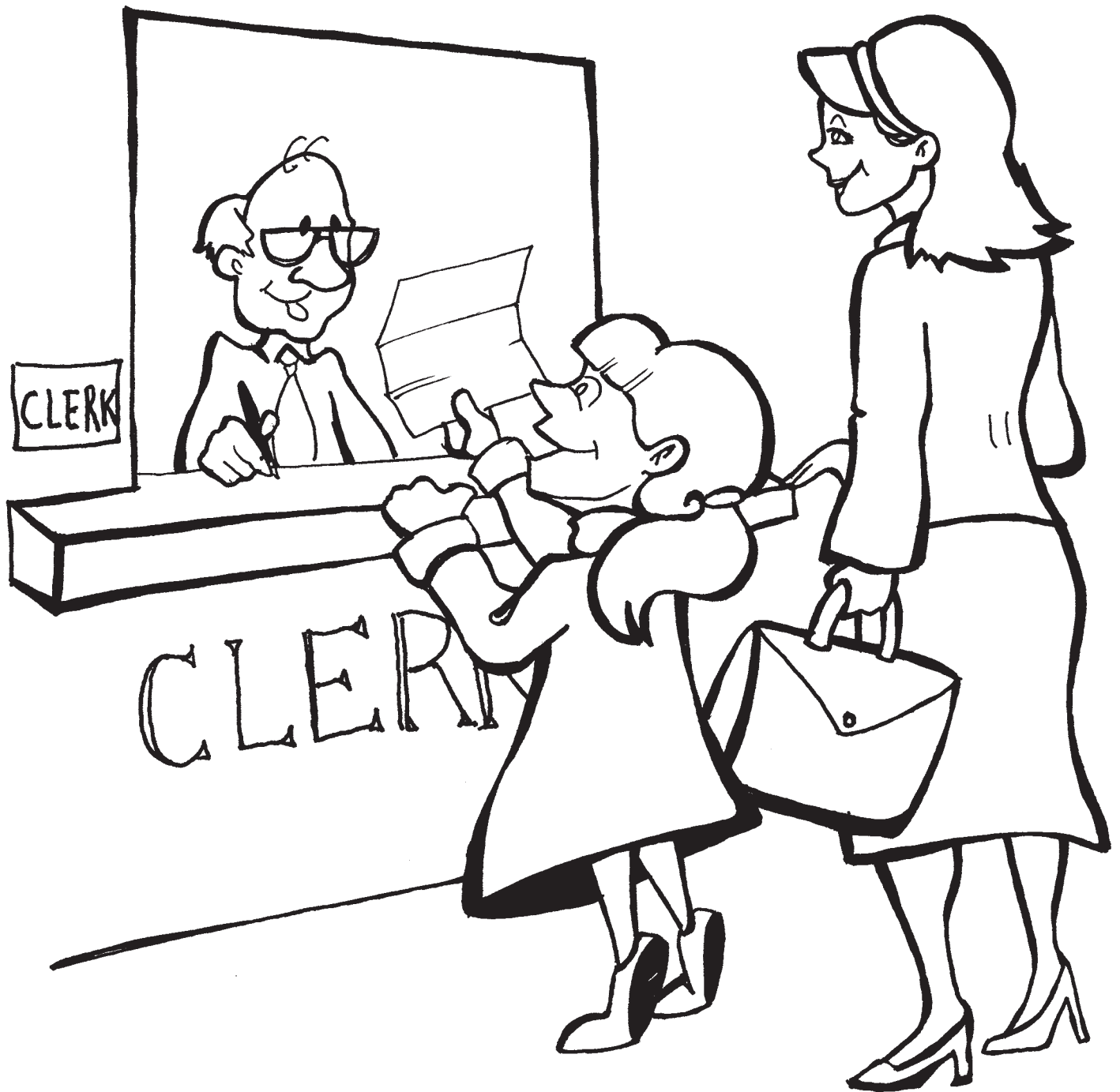
This morning, Mommy had an appointment with Mr. and Mrs. Smith. They hired Mommy to help them with the legal papers they need to buy their new house. Mommy told me that since the Smiths hired her, Mommy would call them her clients.



I got to wait in the lobby while Mommy and the Smiths talked about the papers for the house. While I was in the lobby, I saw Lawyer Bill. Lawyer Bill was greeting his client, Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones came to talk to Lawyer Bill about starting a new business.



In the afternoon, I went with Mommy to the courthouse. On the way, Mommy told me that there are many different types of lawyers. She explained that there are lawyers to help people with questions about families, finances, business and other legal issues. Lawyers also help people who have been arrested and who need help in their trials.



Mommy explained to me that today she was helping a man who had a car accident. Mommy had to file papers at the courthouse to start a lawsuit. A lawsuit is a legal proceeding where people ask a judge to resolve their legal disputes. The judge is the person who makes decisions about legal problems. In this lawsuit, Mommy and the lawyer for the other driver will explain the car accident to the judge. The judge will then decide who was responsible for the accident.



Sometimes a small group of people will help the judge make the decision. That group of people is called a jury.



When Mommy finished her work at the courthouse, we went back to her office to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Williams. They came to ask Mommy questions about adopting a baby.



While Mommy talked with Mr. and Mrs. Williams I helped Mommy's paralegal, Sam, gather books Mommy needed to help her next client. Sam explained that Mommy and the other lawyers must study a lot to learn about different types of law and answer their client's questions.



At last Mommy was finished for the day! On the way home, I told Mommy that I learned a lot about lawyers. Mommy said that maybe I can become a lawyer. Maybe I will!