

FRANCE CHARACTER PACK

France uses an **inquisitorial system**.

→ Judges lead, question, and control everything.

→ Lawyers follow their lead.

→ There is NO jury in this type of case.

Your simulation represents a **Tribunal correctionnel** (criminal court for mid-level offenses).

1. JUDICIAL PANEL — 3 JUDGES

France always has:

- 1 Presiding Judge (Président)
- 2 Associate Judges (Assesseurs)

All three collaborate on questioning and verdict.

Below are the characters written in the exact style you asked for.

JUDGE 1 – Presiding

Judge Jean Morel

Age: 52

Role: Président du tribunal

Address him as: *“Monsieur le Président”*

Practical Personality

- Passionate about clarity and order.
- Speaks in slow, structured sentences.
- Dislikes exaggeration or dramatic behavior.
- Constantly references the dossier before asking questions.
- Believes justice must be “clean and logical.”

Light Internal Bias

- Has a subtle bias toward well-prepared procedural work.
- Distrusts sloppy security systems and companies that don't maintain them.

- Sympathetic to injured workers, but never openly.

Judge Morel's Responsibilities

- Reads the *faits* (facts) from the dossier to the courtroom.
- Begins all questioning.
- Gives the floor:
- “La parole est à la défense.”
- “La parole est au ministère public.”
- Controls the entire structure.
- Ensures no one interrupts.
- Ensures the defendant speaks last:
- “Avez-vous quelque chose à ajouter pour votre défense ?”

Decision Tools (Judge's Mini Rulebook)

Judge Morel evaluates:

- Intent (intention)
- Did Riley purposely harm the guard?
- Or was it panic/confusion?

- **Medical incapacity**

(From EMT testimony)

- Less than 8 days → Article 222-11
- More than 8 days → Article 222-12 (aggravated)

- **Weapon status**

- Flashlight = a “weapon by circumstance” if used to strike

→ Article 222-12 applies

- **Trespass / unauthorized entry**

→ Article 322-1

- **Credibility**

- Whose testimony is consistent?
- Does defendant’s behavior match their explanation?
- Are alternative suspects plausible?

- **Intent vs. Recklessness**

France distinguishes clearly:

- **Intention** → higher penalty
- **Imprudence / négligence** → lower penalty

Possible Verdicts

- **Relaxé** (acquitted)
- **Coupable – Article 222-11** (violence without aggravating factors)
- **Coupable – Article 222-12** (aggravated violence)
- **Coupable – Article 322-1** (trespass)
- Combined verdicts if justified

Sentencing Ranges

Article 222-11:

- Up to 3 years prison
- Up to €45,000 fine

Article 222-12 (aggravated):

- Up to 5 years prison
- Up to €75,000 fine

Article 322-1 (trespass):

- 1 year prison
- €15,000 fine

Judge Morel's Behavioral Guide

- Think of yourself like a calm

investigator, not a referee.

- You ask most of the questions.
- Lawyers speak only after your permission.
- Keep voice level, formal, neutral.
- Maintain complete control of the rhythm.

Sample phrases:

- “Veuillez répondre précisément à la question.”
- “La cour souhaite une clarification.”
- “Merci. La parole est au ministère public.”

2. ASSOCIATE JUDGE —

Claire Delacourt

Age: 46

Address her as: *“Madame la Juge”*

Practical Personality

- Extremely detail-focused.
- Loves catching contradictions.

- Takes notes constantly.
- She is the judge who will ask the **hard, precise questions.**

Light Bias

- Has slight distrust of “I don’t remember” answers from defendants.
- Believes responsible citizens should stay away from restricted zones.

Main Duties

- Examine inconsistencies in testimonies.
- Ask short, sharp questions like:
- “Pourquoi êtes-vous entré par cette porte ?”
- “Comment expliquez-vous la présence de l’objet dans votre main ?”
- Help the panel form an accurate timeline.

Roleplay Notes

She should:

- Interject politely: “J’ai une question.”
- Take frequent notes.
- Push witnesses who are vague.

3. ASSOCIATE JUDGE — Mathieu Girard

Age: 39

Address him as: *“Monsieur le Juge”*

Practical Personality

- Observant, calmer than Delacourt.
- Focuses on body language and demeanor.
- Often senses when someone is nervous, guilty, or truthful.

Light Bias

- Feels sympathy toward young defendants who seem overwhelmed.
- BUT he is stricter if someone avoids responsibility.

Main Duties

- Ask questions about **intent** (intention) and **state of mind**.
- Clarify emotional or cognitive confusion.

Examples:

- “Aviez-vous peur ?” (Were you afraid?)
- “Pourquoi avez-vous couru à l’intérieur ?” (Why did you run inside?)
- “Qu’espériez-vous faire exactement ?” (What exactly were you hoping to do?)

Roleplay Notes

Judge Girard uses:

- Soft voice
- Slower questioning
- Calm presence

He helps the panel understand **why** things happened.

FRENCH PANEL DYNAMICS

(How the 3 judges work

together)

Use this guide during roleplay:

- **Morel (President)** starts and leads.
- **Delacourt** probes details, contradictions.
- **Girard** examines intent and human behavior.

They deliberate together at the end, behind closed doors.

RELEVANT FRENCH LAWS (Simplified)

These are the **ONLY** articles students need.

Article 222-11 – Violence (Injury < 8 days)

- Up to 3 years prison
- Serious misdemeanor level

Article 222-12 – Aggravated Violence

Used if:

- weapon used
- injury > 8 days
- workplace attack
- vulnerable victim

Penalties increase to:

- Up to 5 years prison
- Higher fines

Article 322-1 – Trespass /

Unauthorized Entry

- Entering warehouse without permission = criminal
- Up to 1 year prison
- Fine up to €15,000

Article 121-3 – Intent vs.

Negligence

Judges must determine:

- **Intentional act?** → heavier
- **Recklessness?** → lighter

FRENCH COURTROOM BEHAVIOR RULES

- Everyone must stand when the judges enter
- Everyone says “Monsieur le Président / Madame la Présidente”
- Only speak when given the floor
- Lawyers do NOT object dramatically
- Judges question FIRST
- Defendant answers directly to the President
- Defendant always has the last word

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**1. PROSECUTOR (Ministère
Public) – Maître Lucien
Favre**

Age: 38

Address to judges:

- “Monsieur le Président,”
- “Madame la Juge,”

Practical Personality

- Principled, serious
- Believes workplace violence must be punished
- Structured, not theatrical
- Speaks with calm authority

Internal Learning

- Believes the guard was genuinely harmed
- Believes reckless entry deserves accountability

Prosecutor’s Job in France

- Present the state’s position
- Ask questions **after judges**
- Remain brief, factual
- Give “réquisitions” (closing argument)

recommending punishment

Tools Prosecutor May Use

- Highlight physical evidence
- Emphasize the guard's injury
- Stress the seriousness of unauthorized entry
- Suggest intent or recklessness based on behavior

2. DEFENSE LAWYER

(Avocat de la Défense) —

Maître Elise Martin

Age: 39

Address judges as: "Monsieur le Président..."

Practical Personality

- Calm, rational
- Uses precise language
- Avoids overly emotional appeals