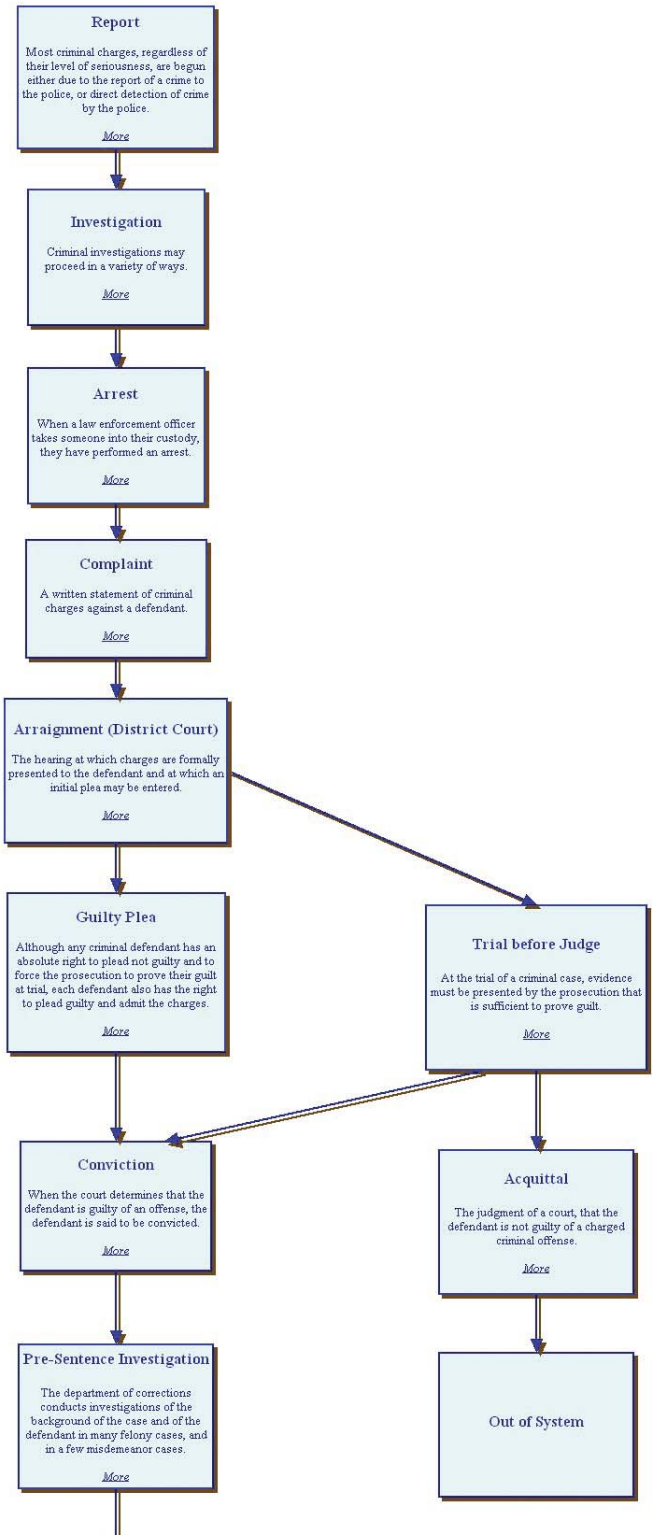
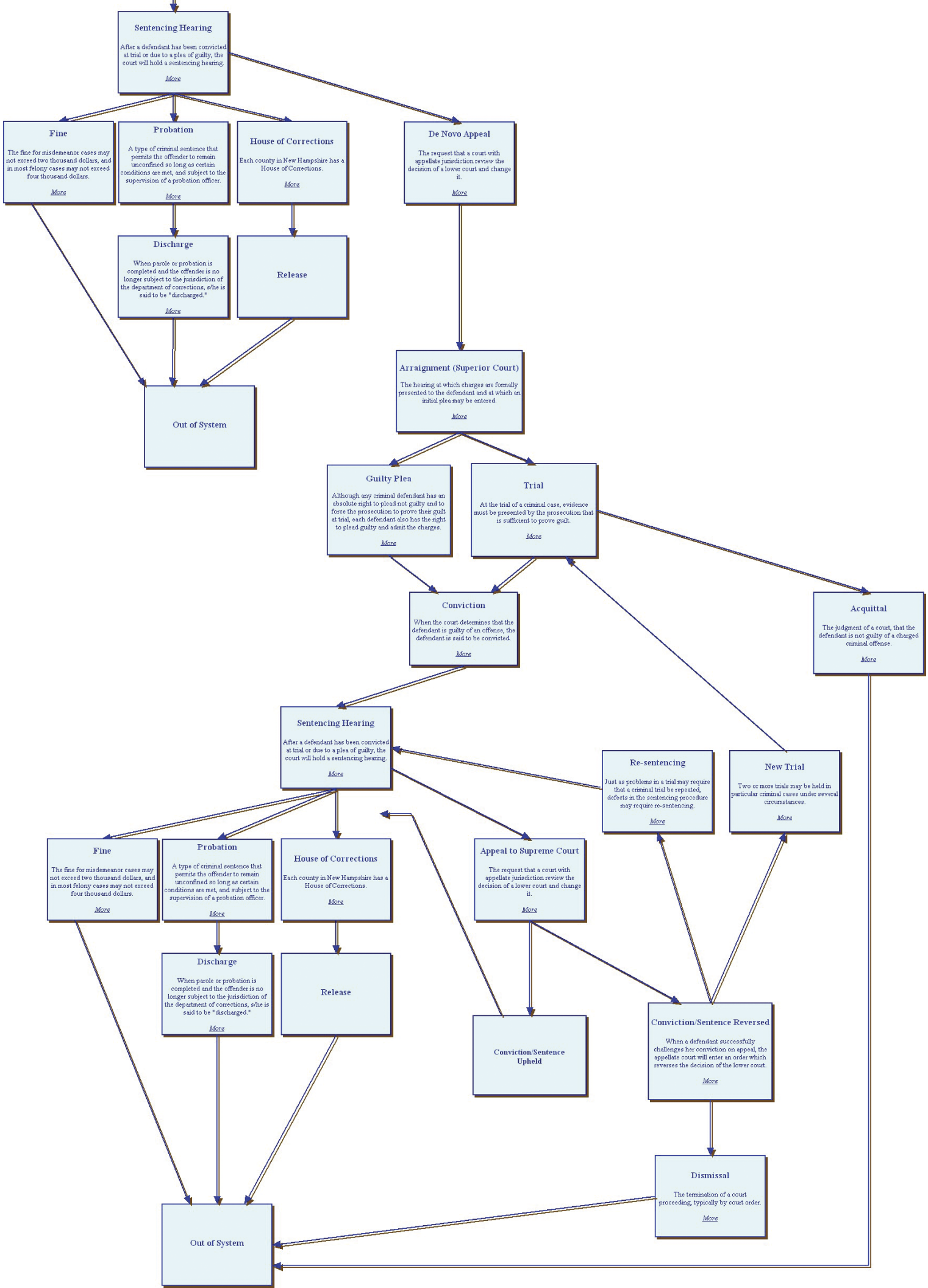
New Hampshire Justice System: Misdemeanors

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Fine
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Probation
A type of criminal sentence that permits the offender to remain unconfined so long as certain conditions are met, and subject to the supervision of a probation officer.
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House of Corrections
Each county in New Hampshire has a House of Corrections.
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De Novo Appeal
The request that a court with appellate jurisdiction review the decision of a lower court and change it.
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Discharge
When parole or probation is completed and the offender is no longer subject to the jurisdiction of the department of corrections, s/he is said to be "discharged."
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Release
Out of System
Arraignment (Superior Court)
The hearing at which charges are formally presented to the defendant and at which an initial plea may be entered.
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Guilty Plea
Although any criminal defendant has an absolute right to plead not guilty and to force the prosecution to prove their guilt at trial, each defendant also has the right to plead guilty and admit the charges.
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Trial
At the trial of a criminal case, evidence must be presented by the prosecution that is sufficient to prove guilt.
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Conviction
When the court determines that the defendant is guilty of an offense, the defendant is said to be convicted.
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Acquittal
The judgment of a court, that the defendant is not guilty of a charged criminal offense.
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Re-sentencing
Just as problems in a trial may require that a criminal trial be repeated, defects in the sentencing procedure may require re-sentencing.
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New Trial
Two or more trials may be held in particular criminal cases under several circumstances.
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Conviction/Sentence Upheld
Conviction/Sentence Reversed
When a defendant successfully challenges her conviction on appeal, the appellate court will enter an order which reverses the decision of the lower court.
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Dismissal
The termination of a court proceeding, typically by court order.
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