

Complete the text using the words from the box:

ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE

other individuals, administrative agency, subject matter jurisdiction, jurisdiction, typically empowered, civil courts, issue regulation, punishment of violations.

Administrative Justice, or, more commonly, administrative adjudication, is the exercise by an _____ of judicial powers delegated to the agency by a legislative body. Agencies typically possess both legislative and judicial powers in their area of authority. The legislative power gives the agency the authority to _____, and the judicial power gives the agency the authority to adjudicate contested cases within its area of jurisdiction. Administrative courts are not ordinarily engaged in determining the rights and duties of individuals as against _____. Rather, they typically deal with individuals in relation to government in terms of benefits sought or disabilities incurred from government action. It is this function that chiefly distinguishes administrative tribunals from _____. In contrast to the criminal courts, administrative tribunals are _____ to assess various penalties, such as forfeiture of licenses for the violation of a statutory or administrative regulation. Some administrative agencies, however, are not vested with adjudicative powers and must proceed through the regular courts for civil or criminal _____.

Another fundamental difference between administrative tribunals and courts is the nature of subject matter _____. The subject matter of an agency's administrative regulation and adjudication is normally a single economic activity, a set of closely related economic activities, or specific benefits conferred by government. The concern of the National Labor Relations Board with labor relations is an example of the first; the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission over radio, television, and telephone exemplifies the second; and adjudication of the validity of benefit claims by such agencies as the Veterans Administration represent the third. In contrast, the _____ of courts embraces a broad spectrum of civil and criminal law.