

Terms from *The People's Law Dictionary*

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abandon	acquittal	adverse possession	American Civil Liberties Union
abandoned property	act	adverse witness	American Depository Receipt
abandonment	action	advisory opinion	<i>amicus curiae</i>
abate	actionable	affiant	amnesty
abatement	act of God	affidavit	amortization
abduction	actual controversy	affirm	ancillary administration
abet	actual notice	affirmative action	ancillary jurisdiction
abeyance	addendum	affirmative defense	and
<i>ab initio</i>	adeem	affix	annuity
able-bodied	ademption	<i>a fortiori</i> (ah for-she-ory)	answer
abortion	adequate remedy	after-acquired property	antenuptial (prenuptial) agreement
abrogate	adhesion contract (contract of adhesion)	after-acquired title	anticipatory breach
abscond	<i>ad hoc</i>	after-discovered evidence	antitrust laws
absolute	adjourn	age discrimination	apparent authority
abstention doctrine	adjusted basis	agency	appeal
abstract	adjuster	agent	appear
abstract of judgment	<i>ad litem</i>	agent for acceptance of service	appearance
abstract of title	administer	age of consent	appellant
abuse of discretion	administrative hearing	aggravated assault	appellate court
abuse of process	administrative law	agreed statement	appellee
abut	administrative law judge	agreement	appraise
acceleration	Administrative Procedure Act	aid and abet	appraiser
acceleration clause	administrator	a.k.a.	appreciate
accept	admiralty	aleatory	appreciation
acceptance	admissible evidence	alias	approach
acceptance of service	admission	alibi	approach the bench
access	admission against interest	alien	approach the witness
accessory	admission of evidence	alienation	appurtenant
accommodation	admission of guilt	alienation of affections	<i>a priori</i> assumption (ah-pree-ory)
accomplice	admission to bail	alimony	arbiter
accord and satisfaction	admit	aliquot (al-ee-kwoh)	arbitrary
account stated	adopt	allegation	arbitration
accounts payable	adoption	allege	arbitrator
accounts receivable	<i>ad seriatim</i> (add sear-ee-ah-tim)	all the estate I own	<i>arguendo</i>
accretion	adultery	alluvion	argumentative
accrue	<i>ad valorem</i>	alter ego	arm's length
accusation	advance	alternative pleading	arraign
accused	advancement	ambiguity	arraignment
acknowledge	adverse	amend	arrears
acknowledgment	adverse interest	amended complaint	arrest
acquit	adverse party	amended pleading	arrest warrant
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arson
article
articles of impeachment
articles of incorporation
as is
assault
assault and battery
assess
asset
assign
assigned risk
assignee
assignment
assignment for benefit of
creditors
Associate Justice
association
assume
assumption
assumption of risk
assured
attached
attachment
attempt
attest
attestation
attorney
attorney at law (or attorney-
at-law)
attorney's advertising
attorney-client privilege
Attorney General
attorney-in-fact
attorney of record
attorney's fee
attorney's work product
attractive nuisance doctrine
"at will" employment
audit
auditor
authorities
authority
authorize
avulsion
award

B

Bachelor of Laws
back-to-back life sentences
bad debt
bad faith
bail
bail bond
bail bondsman
bailee
bailiff
bailment
bailor
bait and switch
balance due
balance sheet
bank
bankruptcy
bankruptcy court
bankruptcy proceedings
bar
bar association
bar examination
bargain
barratry
barrister
basis
battery
beach bum trust provision
bearer
bearer paper
belief
bench
bench warrant
beneficial interest
beneficial use
beneficiary
benefit
benefit of counsel
bequeath
bequest
best evidence rule
bestiality
beyond a reasonable doubt
BFP
bias
bid

bifurcate
bifurcation
bigamy
bilateral contract
bill
bill of attainder
bill of exchange
bill of lading
bill of particulars
Bill of Rights
bill of sale
binder
blackmail
blank endorsement
blue laws
blue ribbon jury
blue sky laws
board of directors
boilerplate
boiler room
bona fide
bona fide purchaser
bond
bondsman
booby trap
book account
book value
bottomry
boycott
breach
breach of contract
breach of the peace
breach of promise
breach of trust
breach of warranty
breaking and entering
bribery
brief
broker
brought to trial
bucket shop
building and loan
bulk sale
bulk sales acts
bulk transfer
burden

burden of proof
burglary
business
business invitee
"but for" rule
buy-sell agreement
bylaws

C

calendar
calendar call
call
calumny
cancel
cancellation
caning
canon law
cap
capital
capital account
capital assets
capital expenditure
capital gains
capital investment
capital offense
capital punishment
capitalization
capitalized value
capital stock
capricious
caption
care
careless
carnal knowledge
carrier
carryback
carrying for hire
carrying on business
carryover
cartel
case
case law
case of first impression
case system
cashier's check
casual

casualty	citizen	comment	confession
casualty loss	civil	commercial frustration	confession and avoidance
cause ,	civil action	commercial law	confession of judgment
cause of action	civil calendar	commingling	confidence game
caveat (kah-vee-ott)	civil code	commission	confidential communication
<i>caveat emptor</i> (kah-vee-ott emptor)	civil law	commitment	confidential relation
cease and desist order	civil liability	common area	confiscate
certificate of deposit (CD)	civil liberties	common carrier	conflict of interest
certificate of incorporation	civil penalties	common counts	conflict of law
certificate of title	civil procedure	common law	confrontation
certified check	civil rights	common-law marriage	confusingly similar
<i>certiorari</i> (sersh-oh-rare-ee)	claim	common property	conjugal rights
<i>cestui que trust</i> (properly pronounced ses-tee kay, but lawyers popularly pronounce it setty kay)	claim in bankruptcy	common stock	conscientious objector
<i>cestui que use</i> (pronounced ses-tee kay use or setty kay use)	claim against an estate	community property	conscious parallelism
chain of title	claim against a governmental agency	commutation	consent
challenge	class	commute a sentence	consent decree
challenge for cause	class action	company	consent judgment
chambers	clean hands doctrine	comparative negligence	consequential damages
champerty	clear and convincing evidence	compensation	conservatee
chancellor	clear and present danger	compensatory damages	conservator
chancery	clear title	competent	consideration
change of circumstances	clerk	complainant	consign
character witness	close corporation	complaint	consignee
charge	closed shop	<i>compos mentis</i> (com-pose men-tis)	consignment
charitable contribution	closing	compounding a felony	consortium
charitable remainder trust (Charitable Remainder Irrevocable Unitrust)	closing argument	compound interest	conspiracy
charity	cloud on title (cloud)	compound question	conspirator
charter	code	compromise	constable
chattel mortgage	codefendant	compromise verdict	constitution
check	Code of Professional Responsibility	concealed weapon	constitutional rights
Chief Justice	codicil	concealment	construction
child	codify	conclusion	constructive
child custody	cohabitation	conclusion of fact	constructive eviction
child support	coinsurance	conclusion of law	constructive fraud
churning	collateral	concurrent sentences	constructive notice
C.I.F.	collateral attack	condemn	constructive possession
circuit courts	collateral descendant	condemnation	constructive trust
circumstantial evidence	collateral estoppel	condemnation action	construe
citation	collusion	condition	consumer protection laws
cite	collusive action	conditional bequest	contemplation of death
	color of law	conditional sale	contempt of court
	color of title	condition precedent	contiguous
	comaker	condition subsequent	contingency
	comity	condominium	contingent
	commencement of action	condone	contingent beneficiary
		confess	contingent fee

contingent interest	counterpart	cut a check	defective
contingent remainder	course	<i>cy pres</i> doctrine (see-pray doctrine)	defective title
continuance	course of employment		defendant
continuing objection	court		defense
continuing trespass	court calendar		defense attorney
<i>contra</i>	court costs	D	deficiency judgment
contract	court docket	D.A.	deficit
contract of adhesion	court-martial	damages	defraud
contractor	court of appeals	dangerous	degree of kinship
contribution	Court of Customs and Patent Appeals	dangerous weapon	<i>de jure</i>
contributory negligence	court of equity	date rape	<i>de jure</i> corporation
control	court of law	day in court	delayed exchange
controlled substance	court trial ("non-jury trial") a trial with a judge but no jury.	d.b.a.	delegate
controlling law	covenant	deadly weapon	deleterious
controversy	covenants, conditions and restrictions	death penalty	deliberate (dee-lib-er-et), (dee-lib-er-ate)
conversion	covenant not to compete	death row	deliberation
convey	covenant that runs with the land	debenture	delinquent
conveyance	credibility	debt	deliver
convict	credible witness	debtor	delivery
conviction	creditor	debtor in possession	demand
cooperative	creditor's claim	deceased	demand note
cooperative housing	creditor's rights	decedent	<i>de minimis</i> (dee-minnie-miss)
cop a plea	crime	deceit	demise
copartner	crime against nature	deception	demonstrative evidence
copyright	crime of passion	decide	demurrer (dee-muhr-ur)
coroner	criminal	decision	denial
corporate opportunity	criminal attorney	declarant	<i>de novo</i>
corporation	criminal calendar	declaration	dependent
<i>corpus</i>	criminal justice	declaration of mailing	depletion
<i>corpus delicti</i> (corpus dee-lick-tie)	criminal law	declaration of trust	deponent
<i>corpus juris</i>	cross-complaint	declaratory judgment	deportation
corroborate	cross-examination	declaratory relief	depose
corroborating evidence	cruel and unusual punishment	decree	deposition
cosign	cruelty	decriminalization	depreciate
cost bill	cruelty to animals	dedication	depreciation
cost of completion	culpability	deduction	depreciation reserve
costs	culpable	deed	derelict
cotenancy	cumis counsel	deed of trust	dereliction
cotenant	cumulative sentence	<i>de facto</i>	derivative action
co-trustee	cumulative voting	<i>de facto</i> corporation	descent
counsel	curtesy	defalcation	descent and distribution
counsellor	custody	defamation	desert
count	Customs Court	default	desertion
counterclaim		default judgment	determinable
counterfeit		defeasance	deuce
counter offer		defect	devise

devisee	District Attorney (D.A.)	D.W.I.	equal protection of the law
devolution	district court	dying declaration	equitable
devolve	disturbing the peace		equitable estoppel
devolution	diversion	E	equitable lien
<i>dicta</i>	diversity of citizenship	earnest payment	equity
<i>dictum</i>	divestiture	easement	equity of redemption
diligence	divestment	egress	equivalent
diminished capacity	dividend	EIR	<i>ergo</i> (air-go)
diminution in value	divorce	ejectment	erroneous
direct and proximate cause	DNA	<i>ejusdem generis</i> (eh-youse-dem generous)	error
directed verdict	docket	elder law	errors and omissions
direct evidence	document	election of remedies	escalator clause
direct examination	documentary evidence	election under the will	escape clause
director	doing business	eleemosynary (eh-luh-moss-uh-nary)	escheat
disability	domestic partners	element	escrow
disbar	domestic relations	emancipation	escrow agent
disbarment	domestic violence	embezzlement	escrow instructions
discharge	domicile	embezzler	espionage
discharge in bankruptcy	dominant estate	emblems	esquire
disclaimer	dominant tenement	emergency	estate
discount	donation	eminent domain	estate by entirety
discovery	donative intent	emolument	estate tax
discretion	donee	emotional distress	estop
discrimination	donor	employee	estoppel
disfigure	double jeopardy	employer	<i>et al.</i>
dishonor	double taxation	employment	<i>et seq.</i> (et seek)
disinherit	dower	enabling clause	<i>et ux.</i> (et uhks)
disinheritance	draft	<i>en banc</i> (on bonk)	evasion of tax
disjunctive allegations	dram shop rule	enclosure (inclosure)	eviction
dismiss	draw	encroach	evidence
dismissal	drawee	encroachment	examination
dismissal with prejudice	drawer	encumbrance (incumbrance)	exception
dismissal without prejudice	driving under the influence (D.U.I.)	endorse (indorse)	exception in deed
disorderly conduct	driving while intoxicated (D.W.I.)	endorsement (indorsement)	excessive bail
disorderly house	drop dead date	endowment	exchange
disposing mind and memory	due	enjoin	excise
disposition	due care	enjoyment	exclusionary rule
dispossess	due and owing	enter a judgment	exculpatory
dissent	due, owing and unpaid	entity	excusable neglect
dissenting opinion	due process of law	entrapment	<i>ex delicto</i> (ex dee-lick-toe)
dissolution of corporation	D.U.I.	entry of judgment	execute
dissolution	duress	environmental impact report	executed
distinguish	duty	environmental law	execution
distress	duty of care	equal opportunity	executive clemency
distribute			executive order
distribution			executive privilege

executor
executory
executory interest
executrix (pl. executrices)
exemplary damages
exemption
exhibit
ex officio (ex oh-fish-ee-oh)
ex parte (ex par-tay, but popularly, ex party)
expectancy
expense
expert testimony
expert witness
ex post facto
express
express contract
expropriation
ex rel
extension
extenuating circumstances
extinguishment
extortion
extradition
extrajudicial
extraordinary fees
extreme cruelty
extrinsic fraud
eyewitness

F

face amount
face value
fact
fact finder (finder of fact)
factor
failure of consideration
failure of issue
fair comment
fair market value
fair trade laws
fair use
false arrest
false imprisonment
false pretenses
family

family purpose doctrine
federal courts
federal question
Federal Tort Claims Act
fee
fee simple
fee tail
felon
felonious
felony
felony murder doctrine
fertile octogenarian
fictitious defendants
fiduciary
fiduciary relationship
fighting words
file
final decree
final judgment
final settlement
finding
findings of fact
firm offer
first degree murder
first impression
fixture
flight
floating easement
FOB
forbearance
forced sale
forcible entry
foreclosure
foreclosure sale
foreign corporation
forensic
forensics
forensic medicine
forensic testimony
foreseeable risk
foreseeability
forfeit
forfeiture
forger
forgery
fornication

forthwith
forum
forum non conveniens (for-uhm nahn cahn-vee-nee-ehns)
for value received
foster child
four comers of an instrument
franchise
franchise tax
fraud
fraud in the inducement
fraudulent conveyance
free and clear
freehold
free on board (FOB)
fresh pursuit
friendly suit
frisk
frivolous
fruit of the poisonous tree
frustration of purpose
fugitive from justice
fungible things
full faith and credit
full disclosure
future interest

G

gag order
garnish
garnishee
garnishment
gender bias
general appearance
general counsel
general damages
general denial
general partner
general plan
generation skipping
gift
gift in contemplation of death
gift tax
go bail
good cause

good faith
goods
Good Samaritan rule
good title
goodwill
governmental immunity
grace period
grandfather clause
grandfathered in
Grand Jury
grand larceny
grand theft
grant
grant deed
grantee
grantor
grantor-grantee index
gratuitous
gravamen
gross negligence
gross income
guarantee
guarantor
guaranty
guardian
guardian *ad litem*
guest
guest statute
guilty

H

habeas corpus (hay-bee-us core-puss)
habitable
habitual criminal
half blood
harass (either harris or huh-rass)
harassment (either harris-meant or huh-rass-meant)
harmless error
headnote
head of household
hearing
hearsay
hearsay rule

heat of passion
heir
heir apparent
heiress
heirs of the body
held
hereditament
hidden asset
highway
hit and run
hobby loss
holder
holder in due course
holding
holding company
holdover tenancy
hold harmless
holographic will
home rule
homestead
hometowned
homicide
hornbook law
hostile possession
hostile witness
hotchpot
hot pursuit
house counsel
household
hung jury
hypothecate

I

i.e.
illegal
illegal immigrant
illusory promise
immaterial
immediately
immunity
impanel
impaneling
impeach
impeachment
impleader
implied

implied consent
implied contract
implied covenant of good faith
and fair dealing
implied warranty
impossibility
impotence
impound
improvement
impute
in absentia (in ab-sensh-ee-ah)
in camera
incapacity
incest
in chambers
inchoate
incidental beneficiary
income
income tax
incompatible
incompatibility
incompetency
incompetent
incompetent evidence
incontrovertible evidence
incorporate
incorporate by reference
incorporation
incorporeal
incriminate
incumbrance
indecent exposure
indefeasible
indemnify
indemnity
indenture
independent contractor
indeterminate sentence
indicia (in-dish-yah)
indictable offense
indictment
indigent
indispensable party
indorse
indorsement
in extremis (in ex-tree-miss)

infancy
in fee simple
inference
in forma pauperis (in form-ah paw-purr-iss)
information
information and belief
informed consent
infra
infringement
ingress
in haec verba (in hike verb-ah)
inherit
inheritance
injunction
injunctive relief
injury
in kind
in lieu
in limine (in lim-in-ay)
in loco parentis (in loh-coh pah-rent-iss)
innocent
innuendo
in pari delicto (in pah-ree dee-lick-toe)
in perpetuity
in personam (in purr-soh-nam)
in pro per
in propria persona
inquest
in re
in rem
insanity
insanity defense
insertion
insider
insider trading
insolvency
inspection of documents
installment contract
instruction
instrument
insufficient evidence
insurance
insured

insurer
intangible property
integration
intent
inter alia (in-tur eh-lee-ah)
interest
interim order
interlineation
interlocutory
interlocutory decree
international law
interpleader
interrogation
interrogatories
in terrorem clause (in tehr-roar-em)
inter se (in-tur say)
interstate commerce
intervene
intervening cause
intervention
inter vivos (in-tur veye-vohs)
inter vivos trust
intestacy
intestate
intestate succession
in toto (in toe-toe)
intoxication
intrinsic fraud
inure
invasion of privacy
inverse condemnation
invest
investment
invitee
involuntary
ipse dixit (ip-sah dicks-it)
ipso facto (ip-soh fact-toe)
irreconcilable differences
irrelevant
irreparable damage or injury
issue

J

J
jaywalking

Mann Act
manslaughter
marital deduction
marital rights
maritime law
mark
marked for identification
marketable title
market value
marriage
marshal
martial law
Massachusetts Trust
master
master and servant
material
material representation
material witness
matter of record
maturity
may
mayhem
McNabb-Mallory rule
mechanic's lien
mediation
mediator
meet and confer
meeting of the minds
memorandum
mens rea (menz ray-ah)
mental anguish
mental competency
mental cruelty
mental suffering
mercantile law
merchandise
merger
mesne (mean, with a silent s)
mesne profits
metes and bounds (meets and bounds)
military law
mining claim
ministerial act
minor
minority
minutes

Miranda warning
"mirror" wills
misadventure
misappropriation
misdemeanor
misfeasance
misjoinder
misnomer
misprision of a felony
misrepresentation
mistake
mistrial
mitigating circumstances
mitigation of damages
M'Naughten rule
M. O.
modification
modus operandi (mode-us ah-purr-and-ee or ah-purr-and-eye)
moiety (moy-et-tee)
molestation
monopoly
month-to-month
monument
moot
moot court
moot point
moral certainty
moral turpitude
moratorium
mortgage
mortgagee
mortgagor
motion
motion for a new trial
motion for dismissal (nonsuit)
motion for a summary judgment
motion *in limine* (lim-in-nay)
motion to strike
motion to suppress
motive
mouthpiece
movant
move
multifarious

multiplicity of suits
municipal
municipal court
muniment of title
murder
mutual
mutual wills

N

National Labor Relations Board
natural law
natural person
necessary
necessary inference
necessary party
negative declaration
negative pregnant
negligence
negligence *per se* (purr say)
negligent
negotiable instrument
negotiation
net

net estate
new matter
next friend
next of kin
nihil (ni [as in it]-hill)
nil
nisi prius (nee-see pree-us)
no contest
no fault insurance
no fault divorce
nolle prosequi (no-lay pro-say-kwee)
nolo contendere (no-low kahn-tendurr-ray)
nominal damages
nominal party
nominee
non compos mentis (nahn com-pose meant-is)
non-conforming use
non-contestability clause
non-contiguous
non-discretionary trust

non-feasance
non-profit corporation
non sequitur (nahn sek [as in heck]-kwit-her)
nonsuit
no-par stock
notary
notary public
note
not guilty
not guilty by reason of insanity
notice
notice of default
notice to quit
notorious possession
N.O.V.
novation
noxious
nugatory
nuisance
nullity
nunc pro tunc (nuhnk proh tuhnik):

O

oath
obiter dicta (oh-bitter dick-tah)
object
objection
obligation
obligee (ah-bluh-jee)
obligor (ah-bluh-gore)
obscene
obstruction of justice
occupancy
occupant
occupation
occupational disease
occupational hazard
occupy the field
of counsel
off calendar
offender
offense
offer

offeree	owe	patent defect	perpetuity
offer of proof	own	patent infringement	<i>per se</i> (purr say)
offeror	owner	patent pending	person
officer	ownership	paternity suit	personal effects
officer of the court	own recognizance (O.R.)	pawn	personal property
official		pay	personal service
official misconduct	P	payable	personal services
officious intermeddler	paid into court	payable on demand	personalty
offset	pain and suffering	payee	<i>per stirpes</i> (purr stir-peas)
offshore corporation	palimony	payment in due course	petition
omission	pander	payment in full	petitioner
omnibus clause	panderer	payor (payer)	petit jury
on all fours	panel	peaceable possession	petty larceny
on demand	paper hanger	peace bond	physician-patient privilege
on file	par	peculation	picketing
on or about	paralegal	pecuniary	pierce the corporate veil
on or before	paramount title	pedophilia	pilferage
on the merits	parcel	peeping tom	pimp
on the stand	pardon	peer	pink slip
open court	<i>parens patriae</i> (paa-rens pat-tree-eye)	peer review	piracy
opening statement	parent	penal	plagiarism
operation of law	parental neglect	penalty	plain error
opinion	<i>pari delicto</i>	<i>pendente lite</i> (pen-den-tay lee-tay)	plaintiff
option	parish	pendent jurisdiction	plaintiff's attorney
or	parody	penitentiary	plain view doctrine
O.R.	parol	people	plea
oral contract	parole	<i>per</i>	plea in abatement
order	parol evidence rule	<i>per capita</i>	plea bargain
order to show cause	partial	<i>per curiam</i>	plead
ordinance	partial breach	<i>per diem</i>	pleading
ordinary	partial disability	peremptory	pledge
ordinary course of business	partial verdict	peremptory challenge	plenary
original jurisdiction	participate	peremptory writ of mandate (or <i>mandamus</i>)	police court
orphan	partition	perfect (with stress on the second syllable)	police powers
O.S.C.	partner	perfected	political question
ostensible agent	partnership	perform	polygamy
ostensible authority	party	performance	polygraph
ouster	party of the first part	perjurer	pornography
outbuilding	party of the second part	perjury	positive law
out of court	party wall	permanent disability	<i>posse comitatus</i> (pahs-see coh-mitt-tah-tus)
outlaw	passenger	permanent injunction	possess
out-of-pocket expenses	passion	permanent injury	possession
output contract	passive	permissive	possession of stolen goods
overcharge	patent	permit	possessory interest
override	patent ambiguity		possibility of a reverter
overt act			post

postdated check	prior restraint	proprietary rights	<i>quantum meruit</i> (kwahn-tuhm mare-ooH-it)
<i>post mortem</i>	privacy	proprietor	quash
pot	private carrier	<i>pro rata</i> (proh rat-ah or proh ray-tah)	quasi (kway-zeye, kwah-zee)
pour over will	private nuisance	<i>pro se</i> (proh say)	quasi community property
power	private parts	prosecute	quasi contract
power of acceptance	private property	prosecution	quasi corporation
power of appointment	private road	prosecutor	quasi-criminal
power of attorney	privilege	prospectus	quasi <i>in rem</i>
practicable	privilege against self incrimination	prostitute	quasi-judicial
practice	privileged communication	prostitution	Queen's Bench
pray	privileges and immunities	<i>pro tanto</i> (proh tahn-toe)	query
prayer	privity	protective custody	question of fact
precatory	probable cause	<i>pro tem</i>	question of law
precedent	probate	<i>pro tempore</i> (proh temp-oh-ray)	<i>quid pro quo</i> (kwid proh kwoh)
predecease	probation	protest	quiet enjoyment
preemption	probative	prove	quiet title action
preemptive right	probative facts	provisional remedy	quit
preference	probative value	proviso	<i>qui tam</i> action (kwee tam)
preferred dividend	<i>pro bono</i>	proximate cause	quitclaim deed
preferred stock	procedure	proxy	quorum
preliminary hearing	proceeding	prudent man rule	quotient verdict
preliminary injunction	process	public	<i>quo warranto</i> (kwoh wahr-ahn-toe)
premeditation	process server	public administrator	
premises	proctor	publication	R
premium	product liability	public benefit corporation	race to the courthouse
prenuptial agreement	professional corporation	public charge	Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organization (RICO) statute
preponderance of the evidence	professional negligence	public corporation	racketeering
prerogative writ	proffer	public defender	ransom
prescription	<i>pro forma</i>	public domain	rape
prescriptive easement	<i>pro hac vice</i> (proh hock vee-chay)	public easement	ratable
presentment	prohibition	public figure	ratification
presiding judge	promise	public nuisance	ratify
presumption	promissory estoppel	public property	rational basis
presumption of innocence	promissory note	public record	ready, willing and able
pretermitted heir	promoter	public trust doctrine	real estate
pretrial discovery	promotional stock	public use	real estate investment trust
prevailing party	proof	public utility	real party in interest
price fixing	<i>pro per</i>	publish	real property
<i>prima facie</i> (pry-mah fay-shah)	proper party	puffing	realty
<i>prima facie</i> case	property	punitive damages	reasonable
prime suspect	property damage	putative	reasonable care
primogeniture	property tax		reasonable doubt
principal	<i>propria persona</i>		reasonable reliance
principal place of business	proprietary		
prior(s)	proprietary interest		
priority			

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reasonable speed	reliance	resisting arrest	royalty
reasonable time	reliction	<i>res judicata</i> (rayz judy-cot-ah)	rule
reasonable wear and tear	relief	resolution	rule against perpetuities
rebate	remainder	<i>respondeat superior</i> (rehs-pond-dee-at superior)	rules of court
rebuttable presumption	remainderman	respondent	ruling
rebuttal	remand	responsible	running with the land
recapture	remedy	Restatement of the Law	running at large
receipt	remise	restitution	S
receiver	remitter	restraining order	
receivership	remote	restraint on alienation	
recess	removal	restraint of trade	
recidivist	renewal	restriction	
reciprocal discovery	rent	restrictive covenant	
reciprocity	rental value	restrictive endorsement	
reckless	renunciation	result	
reckless disregard	reorganization	resulting trust	
reckless driving	repair	retainer	
reconveyance	repeal	retire	
record (ree-cored), (reck-urred)	replevin	retraction	
records	reply brief	retrial	
recording acts	reports	retroactive	
recoupment	repossess	return of service	
recourse	represent	revenue ruling	
recover	representation	reversal	
recoverable	representative	reversible error	
recovery	reprieve	reversion	
recusal	repudiation	reverter	
recuse	reputation	review	
redeem	reputed	revival	
redemption	request	revocation	
reentry	requirements contract	revoke	
referee	<i>res</i> (rayz)	RICO	
referendum	<i>res adjudicata</i>	rider	
reformation	resale	right	
refresh one's memory	rescind	rights	
register	rescission	right of way	
registration statement	rescue doctrine	right to privacy	
registry of deeds	reservation	riparian	
regulations	reserve	riparian rights	
rehearing	reserve fund	riot	
rejection of claim	<i>res gestae</i> (rayz jest-tie)	ripe	
release	residence	risk	
release on one's own	resident	risk of loss	
recognizance	residuary bequest	roadside test	
relevancy	residue	robbery	
relevant	<i>res ipsa loquitur</i> (rayz ip-sah loh-quit-her)	rogatory letters	
			said
			sale
			salvage
			sanction
			satisfaction
			satisfaction of judgment
			satisfaction of mortgage
			save harmless
			savings and loan
			<i>scienter</i>
			scintilla
			scope of employment
			scrivener
			seal
			sealed verdict
			sealing of records
			search
			search and seizure
			search warrant
			secondary boycott
			second degree murder
			secret rebate
			secured transaction
			securities
			security deposit
			security interest
			sedition
			seduction
			seisin (sees-in)
			seized (or seised)
			seizure
			self-dealing
			self-defense
			self-executing
			self-help
			self-incrimination
			self-serving

sell	show cause order	<i>stare decisis</i> (stah-ree duh-sigh-sis)	subrogor
seller	sidebar	state	subscribe
senior lien	sign	state action	substantial performance
sentence	silent partner	state of domicile	substantive law
separate property	similarly situated	status conference	substituted service
separation	simple trust	statute	substitute in
separation agreement	simultaneous death act	statute of frauds	substitution
sequester	<i>sine qua non</i> (see-nay kwah nahn)	statute of limitations	substitution of attorney
sequestration	situs	statutory offer of settlement	succession
<i>seriatim</i> (sear-ee-ah-tim)	slander	statutory rape	successive sentences
servant	small claims court	stay	suffering
service	sodomy	stay away order	suicide
service by FAX	sole proprietorship	stay of execution	<i>sui generis</i> (sooh-ee jen-ur-iss)
service by mail	solicitation	stipulation	suit
service by publication	solicitor	stock	sum certain
service of process	Solicitor General	stock certificate	summation
services	solitary confinement	stockholder	summary adjudication of issues
servient estate	solvency	stockholders' derivative action	summary judgment
session	sound mind and memory	stock in trade	summons
set	sounds in	stock option	Superior Court
set aside	speaking demurrer	stop and frisk	<i>supersedeas</i> (sooh-purr-said-ee-uhs)
setoff (offset)	special	straw man	superseding cause
setting	special administrator	street	supplemental
settle	special appearance	strict construction (narrow construction)	suppression of evidence
settlement	special circumstances	strict liability	supra (sooh-prah)
settlor	special damages	strike	supremacy clause
severable contract	special master	structure	Supreme Court
several liability	special prosecutor	<i>sua sponte</i> (sooh-uh spahn-tay)	surcharge
severance	special verdict	subchapter S corporation	surety
sex offender	specific bequest	subcontractor	surplusage
sexual harassment	specific devise	subject to	surrebutal
shall	specific finding	sublease	surrender
share	specific legacy	submitted	surrogate
share and share alike	specific performance	subordination	surrogate court
shareholder	speculative damages	subordination agreement	survivor
shareholders' agreement	speedy trial	subornation of perjury	survivorship
shareholders' derivative action	spendthrift clause	subpena (also spelled subpoena) (suh-pea-nah)	suspended sentence
shareholders' meeting	spot zoning	subpena <i>duces tecum</i> (suh-pea-nah dooh-chess-take-uhm or dooh-kess-take-uhm)	sustain
sharp practice	spontaneous exclamation	subpoena	swear
Shepardize	spousal support	subrogation	swindle
sheriff	springing interest	subrogee	syndicate
sheriff's sale	stakeholder		
shield laws	standard of care		
shifting the burden of proof	standing		
short cause	star chamber proceedings		
shortening time			

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tainted evidence
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taking the Fifth
tangible property
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tax costs
Tax Court
tax evasion
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temporary injunction
temporary insanity
tenancy
tenancy at sufferance
tenancy at will
tenancy by the entirety
tenancy in common
tenant
tender
tenement
tentative trust
tenure
term
testacy
testamentary
testamentary capacity
testamentary disposition
testamentary trust
testator
testatrix
testify
testimony
theft
third party
third-party beneficiary
30-day notice
three-day notice
three strikes, you're out
tide lands
time is of the essence
timely
time served
title
title abstract
title insurance
title report

title search
toll
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tools of trade
tort
tort claims act
tortfeasor
tortious
to wit
trade
trade fixture
trademark
trade name
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trade secret
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transfer agent
transfer in contemplation of death
transferred intent
treason
treasury bill
treasury bond
treasury note
treasury stock
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treble damages
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trust deed
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ultra vires (uhl-trah veye-rehz)
unclean hands
unconscionable
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under the influence
underwrite
underwriter
undisclosed principal
undivided interest
undue influence
unfair competition
unified estate and gift tax
Uniform Commercial Code
unilateral contract
uninsured motorist clause
unissued stock
unjust enrichment
unlawful
unlawful assembly
unlawful detainer
unreasonable search and seizure
use
use tax
usurious
usury
utter
uxor

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vacate
vagrancy
valuable consideration
variance
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vendee
vendor
venire (ven-eer-ay)
venue
verdict

verification
vest
vested
vested remainder
vexatious litigation
vicarious liability
vigilante
viz
void
voidable
void for vagueness
voir dire (vwahr [with a near-silent "r"] deer)
voluntary bankruptcy
voting trust

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waive
waiver
wanton
ward
warrant
warranty
warranty deed
waste
watered stock
weight of evidence
wet reckless
whiplash
white collar crime
widow
widower
widow's election
will
will contest
willful
willfully
wind up
winding up
wiretap
withdrawal
witness
witness stand
words of art
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work product

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writ of attachment

writ of *coram nobis* (writ of
core-uhm noh-bis)

writ of execution

writ of mandate (*mandamus*)

wrongful death

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