

Terms from *The People's Law Dictionary*

A

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|-------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| abandon | acquit | adverse interest | amended complaint |
| abandoned property | acquittal | adverse party | amended pleading |
| abandonment | act | adverse possession | American Bar Association |
| abate | action | adverse witness | American Civil Liberties Union |
| abatement | actionable | advisory opinion | American Depository Receipt |
| abduction | act of God | affiant | <i>amicus curiae</i> |
| abet | actual controversy | affidavit | amnesty |
| abeyance | actual notice | affirm | amortization |
| <i>ab initio</i> | addendum | affirmative action | ancillary administration |
| able-bodied | adeem | affirmative defense | ancillary jurisdiction |
| abortion | ademption | affix | and |
| abrogate | adequate remedy | <i>a fortiori</i> | annuity |
| abscond | adhesion contract (contract of adhesion) | after-acquired property | answer |
| absolute | <i>ad hoc</i> | after-acquired title | antenuptial (prenuptial) agreement |
| abstention doctrine | adjourn | after-discovered evidence | anticipatory breach |
| abstract | adjudication | age discrimination | antitrust laws |
| abstract of judgment | adjusted basis | agency | apparent authority |
| abstract of title | adjuster | agent | appeal |
| abuse of discretion | <i>ad litem</i> | agent for acceptance of service | appear |
| abuse of process | administer | age of consent | appearance |
| abut | administrative hearing | aggravated assault | appellant |
| acceleration | administrative law | agreed statement | appellate court |
| acceleration clause | administrative law judge | agreement | appellee |
| accept | Administrative Procedure Act | aid and abet | appraise |
| acceptance | administrator | a.k.a. | appraiser |
| acceptance of service | admiralty | aleatory | appreciate |
| access | admissible evidence | alias | appreciation |
| accessory | admission | alibi | approach |
| accommodation | admission against interest | alien | approach the bench |
| accomplice | admission of evidence | alienation | approach the witness |
| accord and satisfaction | admission of guilt | alienation of affections | appurtenant |
| account stated | admission to bail | alimony | <i>a priori</i> assumption |
| accounts payable | admit | aliquot | arbiter |
| accounts receivable | adopt | allegation | arbitrary |
| accretion | adoption | allege | arbitration |
| accrue | <i>ad seriatim</i> | all the estate I own | arbitrator |
| accusation | adultery | alluvion | <i>arguendo</i> |
| accused | <i>ad valorem</i> | alter ego | argumentative |
| acknowledge | advance | alternative pleading | arm's length |
| acknowledgment | advancement | ambiguity | arraign |
| | adverse | amend | arraignment |

arrears
 arrest
 arrest warrant
 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

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

contempt of court
contiguous
contingency
contingent
contingent beneficiary
contingent fee
contingent interest
contingent remainder
continuance
continuing objection
continuing trespass
contra
contract
contract of adhesion
contractor
contribution
contributory negligence
control
controlled substance
controlling law
controversy
conversion
convey
conveyance
convict
conviction
cooperative
cooperative housing
cop a plea
copartner
copyright
coroner
corporate opportunity
corporation
corpus
corpus delicti
corpus juris
corroborate
corroborating evidence
cosign
cost bill
cost of completion
costs
cotenancy
cotenant

co-trustee
counsel
counsellor
count
counterclaim
counterfeit
counter offer
counterpart
course
course of employment
court
court calendar
court costs
court docket
court-martial
court of appeals
Court of Customs and Patent Appeals
court of equity
court of law
court trial ("non-jury trial")
covenant
covenants, conditions and restrictions
covenant not to compete
covenant that runs with the land
credibility
credible witness
creditor
creditor's claim
creditor's rights
crime
crime against nature
crime of passion
criminal
criminal attorney
criminal calendar
criminal justice
criminal law
cross-complaint
cross-examination
cruel and unusual punishment
cruelty
cruelty to animals
culpability

culpable
cumis counsel
cumulative sentence
cumulative voting
curtesy
custody
Customs Court
cut a check
cy pres doctrine

D

D.A.
damages
dangerous
dangerous weapon
date rape
day in court
d.b.a.
deadly weapon
dealer
death penalty
death row
debenture
debt
debtor
debtor in possession
deceased
decendent
deceit
deception
decide
decision
declarant
declaration
declaration of mailing
declaration of trust
declaratory judgment
declaratory relief
decree
decriminalization
dedication
deduction
deed
deed of trust
de facto

de facto corporation
defalcation
defamation
default
default judgment
defeasance
defect
defective
defective title
defendant
defense
defense attorney
deficiency judgment
deficit
defraud
degree of kinship
de jure
de jure corporation
delayed exchange
delegate
deleterious
deliberate
deliberation
delinquent
deliver
delivery
demand
demand note
de minimis
demise
demonstrative evidence
demurrer
denial
de novo
dependent
depletion
deponent
deportation
depose
deposition
depreciate
depreciation
depreciation reserve
derelict
dereliction

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

exclusionary rule
 exculpatory
 excusable neglect
ex delicto
 execute
 executed
 execution
 executive clemency
 executive order
 executive privilege
 executor
 executory
 executory interest
 executrix
 exemplary damages
 exemption
 exhibit
ex officio
ex parte
 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 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
 habitable
 habitual criminal
 half blood

harass
 harassment
 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 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
 infeasible
 indemnify
 indemnity
 indenture
 independent contractor

indeterminate sentence
indicia
 indictable offense
 indictment
 indigent
 indispensable party
 indorse
 indorsement
in extremis
 infancy
 in fee simple
 inference
in forma pauperis
 information
 information and belief
 informed consent
infra
 infringement
 ingress
in haec verba
 inherit
 inheritance
 injunction
 injunctive relief
 injury
 in kind
 in lieu
in limine
in loco parentis
 innocent
 innuendo
in pari delicto
 in perpetuity
in personam
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
 interest
 interim order
 interlineation
 interlocutory
 interlocutory decree
 international law
 interpleader
 interrogation
 interrogatories
in terrorem clause
inter se
 interstate commerce
 intervene
 intervening cause
 intervention
inter vivos
inter vivos trust
 intestacy
 intestate
 intestate succession
in toto
 intoxication
 intrinsic fraud
 inure
 invasion of privacy
 inverse condemnation
 invest
 investment
 invitee
 involuntary
ipse dixit
ipso facto
 irreconcilable differences

irrelevant
irreparable damage or injury
issue

J

J
jaywalking
Jane Doe
J.D.
jeopardy
jobber
John Doe
joinder
joinder of issue
joint
joint adventure
joint and several
joint custody
joint enterprise
joint liability
joint powers agreement
joint tenancy
joint tortfeasors
joint venture
Jones Act
judge
judge advocate
judge advocate general (J.A.G.)
judgment
judgment by default
judgment creditor
judgment debt
judgment debtor
judgment notwithstanding the verdict (N.O.V.)
judicial
judicial discretion
judicial foreclosure
judicial notice
judicial proceedings
judicial sale
jump bail
jurat
jurisdiction
jurisdictional amount

jurisprudence
Juris Doctor (J.D.)
jurist
juror
jury
jury box
jury fees
jury of one's peers
jury panel
jury selection
jury stress
jury tampering
jury trial
just compensation
justice
justice of the peace (JP)
justiciable
justifiable homicide
juvenile court
juvenile delinquent

K

K
kangaroo court
kidnapping
kin

L

labor and materials (time and materials)
laches
land
landlady
landlocked
landlord
landlord's lien
landlord and tenant
lapse
larceny
last antecedent rule
last clear chance
last will and testament
latent defect
lateral support

law
law and motion calendar
law book
law of admiralty
law of the case
law of the land
lawsuit
lay a foundation
leading
leading question
leading the witness
lease
leasehold
legacy
legal
legal action
legal advertising
legal age
legal aid society
legal duty
legalese
legal fiction
legal separation
legal services
legal tender
legatee
legitimate
lemon law
lessee
lesser crime
lesser-included offense
lessor
let
letter of credit
letters
letters of administration
letters testamentary
leverage
levy
lewd and lascivious
liability
liable
libel
libel *per se*
liberty

license
licensee
licensor
lie detector test
lien
lienor
life estate
life without possibility of parole
limitation of actions
limited jurisdiction
limited partnership
limited liability
lineal descendant
lineup
liquidate
liquidated damages
lis pendens
literary property
litigant
litigation
litigious
living trust
living will
locus
loiter
long-arm statute
long cause
loss
loss of bargain
loss of consortium
loss of use
lower court

M

magistrate
Magna Carta
mail box rule
maim
majority
make
make one whole
maker
malfeasance
malice

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| malice aforethought | merchantable | motion for dismissal (nonsuit) | <i>nolo contendere</i> |
| malicious prosecution | merger | motion for a summary judgment | nominal damages |
| malpractice | mesne | motion <i>in limine</i> | nominal party |
| <i>malum in se</i> | mesne profits | motion to strike | nominee |
| <i>malum prohibitum</i> | metes and bounds | motion to suppress | <i>non compos mentis</i> |
| <i>mandamus</i> | military law | motive | non-conforming use |
| mandate | mining claim | mouthpiece | non-contestability clause |
| mandatory | ministerial act | movant | non-contiguous |
| mandatory joinder | minor | move | non-discretionary trust |
| manifest | minority | multifarious | non-feasance |
| Mann Act | minutes | multiplicity of suits | non-profit corporation |
| manslaughter | Miranda warning | municipal | <i>non sequitur</i> |
| marital deduction | “mirror” wills | municipal court | nonsuit |
| marital rights | misadventure | muniment of title | no-par stock |
| maritime law | misappropriation | murder | notary |
| mark | misdemeanor | mutual | notary public |
| marked for identification | misfeasance | mutual wills | note |
| marketable title | misjoinder | | not guilty |
| market value | misnomer | | not guilty by reason of insanity |
| marriage | misprision of a felony | N | notice |
| marshal | misrepresentation | National Labor Relations Board | notice of default |
| martial law | mistake | natural law | notice to quit |
| Massachusetts Trust | mistrial | natural person | notorious possession |
| master | mitigating circumstances | necessary | N.O.V. |
| master and servant | mitigation of damages | necessary inference | novation |
| material | M’Naughten rule | necessary party | noxious |
| material representation | M. O. | negative declaration | nugatory |
| material witness | modification | negative pregnant | nuisance |
| matter of record | modus operandi | negligence | nullity |
| maturity | moiety | negligence <i>per se</i> | <i>nunc pro tunc</i> |
| may | molestation | negligent | |
| mayhem | monopoly | negotiable instrument | O |
| McNabb-Mallory rule | month-to-month | negotiation | oath |
| mechanic’s lien | monument | net | <i>obiter dicta</i> |
| mediation | moot | net estate | object |
| mediator | moot court | new matter | objection |
| meet and confer | moot point | next friend | obligation |
| meeting of the minds | moral certainty | next of kin | obligee |
| memorandum | moral turpitude | <i>nihil</i> | obligor |
| <i>mens rea</i> | moratorium | <i>nil</i> | obscene |
| mental anguish | mortgage | <i>nisi prius</i> | obstruction of justice |
| mental competency | mortgagee | no contest | occupancy |
| mental cruelty | mortgagor | no fault insurance | occupant |
| mental suffering | motion | no fault divorce | occupation |
| mercantile law | motion for a new trial | <i>nolle prosequi</i> | |

occupational disease
 occupational hazard
 occupy the field
 of counsel
 off calendar
 offender
 offense
 offer
 offeree
 offer of proof
 offeror
 officer
 officer of the court
 official
 official misconduct
 officious intermeddler
 offset
 offshore corporation
 omission
 omnibus clause
 on all fours
 on demand
 on file
 on or about
 on or before
 on the merits
 on the stand
 open court
 opening statement
 operation of law
 opinion
 option
 or
 O.R.
 oral contract
 order
 order to show cause
 ordinance
 ordinary
 ordinary course of business
 original jurisdiction
 orphan
 O.S.C.
 ostensible agent
 ostensible authority

ouster
 outbuilding
 out of court
 outlaw
 out-of-pocket expenses
 output contract
 overcharge
 overrule
 overt act
 owe
 own
 owner
 ownership
 own recognizance (O.R.)

P

paid into court
 pain and suffering
 palimony
 pander
 panderer
 panel
 paper hanger
 par
 paralegal
 paramount title
 parcel
 pardon
parens patriae
 parent
 parental neglect
pari delicto
 parish
 parody
 parol
 parole
 parol evidence rule
 partial
 partial breach
 partial disability
 partial verdict
 participate
 partition
 partner
 partnership

party
 party of the first part
 party of the second part
 party wall
 passenger
 passion
 passive
 patent
 patent ambiguity
 patent defect
 patent infringement
 patent pending
 paternity suit
 pawn
 pay
 payable
 payable on demand
 payee
 payment in due course
 payment in full
 payor (payer)
 peaceable possession
 peace bond
 peculation
 pecuniary
 pedophilia
 peeping tom
 peer
 peer review
 penal
 penalty
pendente lite
 pendent jurisdiction
 penitentiary
 people
per
per capita
per curiam
per diem
 peremptory
 peremptory challenge
 peremptory writ of mandate
 (or *mandamus*)
 perfect
 perfected
 perform

performance
 perjurer
 perjury
 permanent disability
 permanent injunction
 permanent injury
 permissive
 permit
 perpetuity
per se
 person
 personal effects
 personal property
 personal service
 personal services
 personalty
per stirpes
 petition
 petitioner
 petit jury
 petty larceny
 physician-patient privilege
 picketing
 pierce the corporate veil
 pilferage
 pimp
 pink slip
 piracy
 plagiarism
 plain error
 plaintiff
 plaintiff's attorney
 plain view doctrine
 plea
 plea in abatement
 plea bargain
 plead
 pleading
 pledge
 plenary
 police court
 police powers
 political question
 polygamy
 polygraph

pornography
 positive law
posse comitatus
 possess
 possession
 possession of stolen goods
 possessory interest
 possibility of a reverter
 post
 postdated check
post mortem
 pot
 pour over will
 power
 power of acceptance
 power of appointment
 power of attorney
 practicable
 practice
 pray
 prayer
 precatory
 precedent
 predecease
 preemption
 preemptive right
 preference
 preferred dividend
 preferred stock
 preliminary hearing
 preliminary injunction
 premeditation
 premises
 premium
 prenuptial agreement
 preponderance of the evidence
 prerogative writ
 prescription
 prescriptive easement
 presentment
 presiding judge
 presumption
 presumption of innocence
 pretermitted heir
 pretrial discovery

prevailing party
 price fixing
prima facie
prima facie case
 prime suspect
 primogeniture
 principal
 principal place of business
 prior(s)
 priority
 prior restraint
 privacy
 private carrier
 private nuisance
 private parts
 private property
 private road
 privilege
 privilege against self
 incrimination
 privileged communication
 privileges and immunities
 privity
 probable cause
 probate
 probation
 probative
 probative facts
 probative value
pro bono
 procedure
 proceeding
 process
 process server
 proctor
 product liability
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| real estate investment trust | registry of deeds | reservation | right to privacy |
| real party in interest | regulations | reserve | riparian |
| real property | rehearing | reserve fund | riparian rights |
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| reasonable | release | residence | ripe |
| reasonable care | release on one's own recognizance | resident | risk |
| reasonable doubt | relevancy | residuary bequest | risk of loss |
| reasonable reliance | relevant | residue | roadside test |
| reasonable speed | reliance | <i>res ipsa loquitur</i> | robbery |
| reasonable time | reliction | resisting arrest | rogatory letters |
| reasonable wear and tear | relief | <i>res judicata</i> | royalty |
| rebate | remainder | resolution | rule |
| rebuttable presumption | remainderman | <i>respondeat superior</i> | rule against perpetuities |
| rebuttal | remand | respondent | rules of court |
| recapture | remedy | responsible | ruling |
| receipt | remise | Restatement of the Law | running with the land |
| receiver | remitter | restitution | running at large |
| receivership | remote | restraining order | |
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| recidivist | renewal | restraint of trade | said |
| reciprocal discovery | rent | restriction | sale |
| reciprocity | rental value | restrictive covenant | salvage |
| reckless | renunciation | restrictive endorsement | sanction |
| reckless disregard | reorganization | result | satisfaction |
| reckless driving | repair | resulting trust | satisfaction of judgment |
| reconveyance | repeal | retainer | satisfaction of mortgage |
| record | replevin | retire | save harmless |
| records | reply brief | retraction | savings and loan |
| recording acts | reports | retrial | <i>scienter</i> |
| recoupment | repossess | retroactive | scintilla |
| recourse | represent | return of service | scope of employment |
| recover | representation | revenue ruling | scrivener |
| recoverable | representative | reversal | seal |
| recovery | reprieve | reversible error | sealed verdict |
| recusal | repudiation | reversion | sealing of records |
| recuse | reputation | reverter | search |
| redeem | reputed | review | search and seizure |
| redemption | request | revival | search warrant |
| reentry | requirements contract | revocation | secondary boycott |
| referee | <i>res</i> | revoke | second degree murder |
| referendum | <i>res adjudicata</i> | RICO | secret rebate |
| reformation | resale | rider | secured transaction |
| refresh one's memory | rescind | right | securities |
| register | rescission | rights | security deposit |
| registration statement | rescue doctrine | right of way | security interest |

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| sedition | shareholder | specific performance | subordination |
| seduction | shareholders' agreement | speculative damages | subordination agreement |
| seisin | shareholders' derivative action | speedy trial | subornation of perjury |
| seized | shareholders' meeting | spendthrift clause | subpena |
| seizure | sharp practice | spot zoning | subpena <i>duces tecum</i> |
| self-dealing | Shepardize | spontaneous exclamation | subpoena |
| self-defense | sheriff | spousal support | subrogation |
| self-executing | sheriff's sale | springing interest | subrogee |
| self-help | shield laws | stakeholder | subrogor |
| self-incrimination | shifting the burden of proof | standard of care | subscribe |
| self-serving | short cause | standing | substantial performance |
| sell | shortening time | star chamber proceedings | substantive law |
| seller | show cause order | <i>stare decisis</i> | substituted service |
| senior lien | sidebar | state | substitute in |
| sentence | sign | state action | substitution |
| separate property | silent partner | state of domicile | substitution of attorney |
| separation | similarly situated | status conference | succession |
| separation agreement | simple trust | statute | successive sentences |
| sequester | simultaneous death act | statute of frauds | suffering |
| sequestration | <i>sine qua non</i> | statute of limitations | suicide |
| <i>seriatim</i> | situs | statutory offer of settlement | <i>sui generis</i> |
| servant | slander | statutory rape | suit |
| service | small claims court | stay | sum certain |
| service by FAX | sodomy | stay away order | summation |
| service by mail | sole proprietorship | stay of execution | summary adjudication of issues |
| service by publication | solicitation | stipulation | summary judgment |
| service of process | solicitor | stock | summons |
| services | Solicitor General | stock certificate | Superior Court |
| servient estate | solitary confinement | stockholder | <i>supersedeas</i> |
| session | solvency | stockholders' derivative action | superseding cause |
| set | sound mind and memory | stock in trade | supplemental |
| set aside | sounds in | stock option | suppression of evidence |
| setoff (offset) | speaking demurrer | stop and frisk | supra |
| setting | special | straw man | supremacy clause |
| settle | special administrator | street | Supreme Court |
| settlement | special appearance | strict construction (narrow construction) | surcharge |
| settlor | special circumstances | strict liability | surety |
| severable contract | special damages | strike | surplusage |
| several liability | special master | structure | surrebutal |
| severance | special prosecutor | <i>sua sponte</i> | surrender |
| sex offender | special verdict | subchapter S corporation | surrogate |
| sexual harassment | specific bequest | subcontractor | surrogate court |
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| share | specific finding | sublease | survivorship |
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trader
trade secret
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uninsured motorist clause
unissued stock
unjust enrichment
unlawful
unlawful assembly
unlawful detainer
unreasonable search and seizure
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use tax
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usury
utter
uxor

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venue
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vested
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