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| A mensa et thoro - From bed and board.  A vinculo matrimonii - From the bond of matrimony.  Ab extra - From outside.  Ab initio - From the beginning.  Absoluta sententia expositore non indiget - An absolute judgment needs no expositor.  Abundans cautela non nocet - Abundant caution does no harm.  Accessorium non ducit sed sequitur suum principale - An accessory does not draw, but follows its principal.  Accessorius sequitur - One who is an accessory to the crime cannot be guilty of a more serious crime than the principal offender.  Acta exteriora iudicant interiora secreta - Outward acts indicate the inward intent.  Actio non accrevit infra sex annos - The action has not accrued within six years.  Actio non datur non damnificato - An action is not given to one who is not injured.  Actio personalis moritur cum persona - A personal action dies with the person.  Actiones legis - Law suits.  Actori incumbit onus probandi - The burden of proof lies on the plaintiff.  Actus nemini facit injuriam - The act of the law does no one wrong.  Actus non facit reum nisi mens sit rea - The act does not make one guilty unless there be a criminal intent.  Actus reus - A guilty deed or act.  Ad ea quae frequentius acciduunt jura adaptantur - The laws are adapted to those cases, which occur more frequently.  Ad hoc - For this purpose.  Ad infinitum - Forever, without limit, to infinity.  Ad perpetuam rei memoriam - For a perpetual memorial of the matter.  Ad quaestionem facti non respondent judices; ad quaestionem legis non respondent juratores - The judges do not answer to a question of fact; the jury do not answer to a question of Law.  Aedificare in tuo proprio solo non licet quod alteri noceat - It is not lawful to build on one's own land what may be injurious to another.  Aequitas legem sequitur - Equity follows the law.  Aequitas nunquam contravenit legem - Equity never contradicts the law.  Alibi - At another place, elsewhere.  Alienatio rei praefertur juri accrescendi - Alienation is preferred by law rather than accumulation.  Aliunde - From elsewhere, or, from a different source  Allegans contraria non est audiendus - One making contradictory statements is not to be heard.  Allegans suam turpitudinem non est audiendus - One alleging his own infamy is not to be heard.  Allegatio contra factum non est admittenda - An allegation contrary to a deed is not to be heard.  Ambiguitas contra stipulatorem est - An ambiguity is most strongly construed against the party using it.  Ambiguitas verborum patens nulla verificatione excluditur - A patent ambiguity is never helped by averment.  Amicus curiae - A friend of the Court.  Angliae jura in omni casu libertati dant favorem - The laws of England are favorable in every case to liberty.  Animo furandi - With an intention of stealing.  Animo testandi - With an intention of making a will.  Annus luctus - The year of mourning.  Ante - Before.  Aqua currit et debet currere, ut currere solebat - Water runs and ought to run.  Arbitrium est judicium - An award is a judgment.  Arbor dum crescit; lignum cum crescere nescit - A tree while it grows, wood when it cannot grow.  Argumentum ab auctoritate fortissimum est in lege - An argument drawn from authority is the strongest in law.  Argumentum ab impossibilii plurimum valet in lege - An argument from impossibility is very strong in law.  Argumentum ad hominem - An argument directed at the person.  Argumentum ad ignoratiam - An argument based upon ignorance (i.e. of one's adversary).  Arma in armatos sumere jura sinunt - The laws permit the taking up of arms against the armed.  Assentio mentium - The meeting of minds, i.e. mutual assent.  Assignatus utitur jure auctoris - An assignee is clothed with rights of his assignor.  Audi alteram partem - Hear the other side.  Aula regis - The King's Court. |
| **B**  Benignior sententia in verbis generalibus seu dubiis est preferenda - The more favorable construction is to be placed on general or doubtful words.  Bis dat qui cito dat - He gives (pays) twice who pays promptly.   Bona fide - Sincere, in good faith  Bona vacantia - Goods without an owner  Boni judicis est ampliare jurisdictionem - It is the part of a good judge to enlarge his jurisdiction, i.e. remedial authority.  Boni judicis est judicium sine dilatione mandare executioni - It is the duty of a good judge to cause execution to issue on a judgment without delay.  Boni judicis lites dirimere est - It is the duty of a good judge to prevent litigation.  Bonus judex secundum aequum et bonum judicat et aequitatem stricto juri praefert - A good judge decides according to justice and right and prefers equity to strict law.  Breve judiciale non cadit pro defectu formae - A judicial writing does not fail through defect of form. |
| **C**  Cadit quaestio - The matter admits of no further argument.  Cassetur billa (breve) - Let the writ be quashed.  Casus fortuitus non est spectandus; et nemo tenetur divinare - A fortuitous event is not to be foreseen and no person is bound to divine it.  Catalla reputantur inter minima in lege - Chattels are considered in law among the minor things.  Causa proxima, non remota spectatur - The immediate, and not the remote cause is to be considered.  Caveat emptor - Let the purchaser beware.  Caveat venditor - Let the seller beware.  Cepi corpus et est languidum - I have taken the body and the prisoner is sick.  Cepi corpus et paratum habeo - I have taken the body and have it ready.  Ceteris paribus - Other things being equal.  Consensu - Unanimously or, by general consent.  Consensus ad idem - Agreement as to the same things.  Consuetudo loci observanda est - The custom of the place is to be observed.  Contemporanea expositio est optima et fortissima in lege - A contemporaneous exposition is best and most powerful in law.  Contra - To the contrary.  Contra bonos mores - Against good morals.  Contra non valentem agere nulla currit praescriptio - No prescription runs against a person not able to act.  Contractus est quasi actus contra actum - A contract is an act as it were against an act.  Conventio et modus vincunt legem - A contract and agreement overcome the law.  Conventio privatorum non potest publico juri derogare - An agreement of private persons cannot derogate from public right.  Coram Domino Rege - In the presence of our Lord the King.  Coram non judice - Before one who is not a judge.  Corpus - Body.  Corpus delicti - The body, i.e. the gist of crime.  Corpus humanum non recipit aestimationem - A human body is not susceptible of appraisement.   Crescente malitia crescere debet et poena - Vice increasing, punishment ought also to increase.  Crimen omnia ex se nata vitiat - Crime vitiates everything, which springs from it.  Crimen trahit personam - The crime carries the person.  Cujus est dare, ejus est disponere - He who has a right to give has the right to dispose of the gift.  Cujus est solum, ejus est usque ad coelam; et ad inferos - He who owns the soil owns it up to the sky; and to its depth.  Cum duo inter se pugnantia reperiuntur in testamentis ultimum ratum est - When two things repugnant to each other are found in a will, the last is to be confirmed.  Cursus curiae est lex curiae - The practice of the court is the law of the court.  Custos morum - A guardian of morals. |
| **D**  Damnum sine injuria - damage without legal injury.  De bonis asportatis - Of goods carried away.  De bonis non administratis - Of goods not administered.  De die in diem - From day to day.  De facto - In fact.  De futuro - In the future.  De integro - As regards the whole.  De jure - Rightful, by right.  De minimis lex non curat - The law does not notice trifling matters.  De novo - Starting afresh.  Debile fundamentum fallit opus - Where there is a weak foundation, the work fails.  Debita sequuntur personam debitoria - Debts follow the person of the debtor.  Debitor non praesumitur donare - A debtor is not presumed to make a gift.  Debitum et contractus sunt nullius loci - Debt and contract are of no particular place.  Debitum in praesenti, solvendum in futuro - A present debt is to be discharged in the future.  Delegata potestas non potest delegari - A delegated authority cannot be again delegated.  Derivativa potestas non potest esse major primitiva - The power which is derived cannot be greater than that from which it is derived.  Deus solus haeredem facere potest, non homo - God alone, not man, can make an heir.  Dies Dominicus non est juridicus - Sunday is not a day in law.  Discretio est discernere per legem quid sit justum - Discretion is to discern through law what is just.  Doli incapax - Incapable of crime.  Dominium - Ownership.  Domus sua cuique est tutissimum refugium - Every man s house is his safest refuge.  Dona clandestina sunt semper suspiciosa - Clandestine gifts are always suspicious.  Dormiunt leges aliquando, nunquam moriuntur - The laws sometimes sleep, but never die.  Doti lex favet; praemium pudoris est; ideo parcatur - The law favors dower; it is the reward of chastity, therefore let it be preserved.  Dubitante - Doubting the correctness of the decision.  Duo non possunt in solido unam rem possidere - Two cannot possess one thing each in entirety. |
| **E**  Ei incumbit probatio qui - The onus of proving a fact rests upon the man.  Ei incumbit probatio qui dicit, non qui negat - The burden of the proof lies upon him who affirms, not he who denies.  Error, qui non resistitur approbatur - An error not resisted is approved.  Et cetera - Other things of that type.  Ex cathedra - With official authority.  Ex concessis - In view of what has already been accepted/  Ex dolo malo actio non oritur - A right of action cannot arise out of fraud.  Ex facie - On the fact of it.  Ex gratia - Out of kindness, voluntary.  Ex nihilo nil fit - From nothing nothing comes.  Ex nudo pacto actio non oritur - No action arises on a contract without a consideration.  Ex parte - Proceeding brought by one person in the absence of another.  Ex post facto - By reason of a subsequent act.  Ex praecedentibus et consequentibus optima fit interpretatio - The best interpretation is made from things preceding and following.  Ex turpi causa non oritur actio - No action arises on an immoral contract.  Exceptio probat regulam - An exception proves the rule.  Executio est executio juris secundum judicium - Execution is the fulfilment of the law in accordance with the judgment.  Executio est finis et fructus legis - An execution is the end and the fruit of the law.  Executio legis non habet injuriam - Execution of the law does no injury.  Extra legem positus est civiliter mortuus - One out of the pale of the law (i.e. an outlaw) is civilly dead. |
| **F**  Faciendum - Something which is to be done.  Factum - An act or deed.  Facultas probationum non est angustanda - The right of offering proof is not to be narrowed.  Falsa demonstratio non nocet - A false description does not vitiate.  Fatetur facinus qui judicium fugit - He who flees judgment confesses his guilt.  Felix qui potuit rerum cognoscere causas - Happy is he who has been able to understand the causes of things.  Felonia implicatur in qualibet proditione - Felony is implied in every treason.  Festinatio justitiae est noverca infortunii - The hurrying of justice is the stepmother of misfortune.  Fictio cedit veritati; fictio juris non est, ubi veritas - Fiction yields to truth. Where truth is, fiction of law does not exist.  Fides servanda est - Good faith is to be preserved.  Fieri facias (abreviated fi. fa.) - That you cause to be made.  Filiatio non potest probari - Filiation cannot be proved.  Firmior et potentior est operatio legis quam dispositio hominis - The operation of law is firmer and more powerful than the will of man.  Forma legalis forma essentialis est - Legal form is essential form.  Fortior est custodia legis quam hominis - The custody of the law is stronger than that of man.  Fractionem diei non recipit lex - The law does not regard a fraction of a day.  Fraus est celare fraudem - It is a fraud to conceal a fraud.  Fraus est odiosa et non praesumenda - Fraud is odious and is not to be presumed.  Fraus et jus nunquam cohabitant - Fraud and justice never dwell together.  Fructus naturales - Vegetation which grows naturally without cultivation.  Frustra probatur quod probatum non relevat - That is proved in vain which when proved is not relevant.  Furor contrahi matrimonium non sinit, quia consensus opus est - Insanity prevents marriage from being contracted because consent is needed. |
| **G**  Generale nihil certum implicat - A general expression implies nothing certain.  Generalia praecedunt, specialia sequuntur - Things general precede, things special follow.  Generalia specialibus non derogant - Things general do not derogate from things special.  Generalis regula generaliter est intelligenda - A general rule is to be generally understood.  Gravius est divinam quam temporalem laedere majestatem - It is more serious to hurt divine than temporal majesty. |
| **I**  Id est (i.e) - That is.  Id quod commune est, nostrum esse dicitur - That which is common is said to be ours.  Idem - The same person or thing.  Idem nihil dicere et insufficienter dicere est - It is the same to say nothing as not to say enough.  Ignorantia facti excusat, ignorantia juris non excusat - Ignorance of fact excuses, ignorance of law does not excuse.  Imperium in imperio - A sovereignty within a sovereignty.  Impotentia excusat legem - Impossibility is an excuse in the law.  Impunitas semper ad deteriora invitat - Impunity always leads to greater crimes.  In aequali jure melior est conditio possidentis - When the parties have equal rights, the condition of the possessor is better.  In alta proditione nullus potest esse acessorius; sed principalis solum modo - In high treason no one can be an accessory; but a principal only.  In Anglia non est interregnum - In England there is no interregnum.  In camera - In private.  In casu extremae necessitatis omnia sunt communia - In a case of extreme necessity everything is common.   In criminalibus probationes debent esse luce clariores - In criminal cases the proofs ought to be cleared than the light.  In curia domini regis, ipse in propria persona jura discernit - In the King s Court, the King himself in his own person dispenses justice.  In delicto - At fault.  In esse - In existence.  In extenso - At full length.  In fictione legis aequitas existit - A legal fiction is consistent with equity.  In foro conscientiae - In the forum of conscience.  In futoro - In the future.  In jure non remota causa sed proxima spectatur - In law not the remote but the proximate cause is looked at.  In limine - At the outset, on the threshold.  In loco parentis - In place of the parent.  In mortua manu - In a dead hand.  In novo casu novum remedium apponendum est - In a new case a new remedy is to be applied.  In omni re nascitur res quae ipsam rem exterminat - In everything is born that which destroys the thing itself.  In omnibus - In every respect.  In pari delicto potior est conditio possidentis - When the parties are equally in the wrong the condition of the possessor is better.  In personam - Against the person.  In pleno - In full.  In quo quis delinquit in eo de jure est puniendus - In whatever thing one offends in that he is to be punished according to law.  In re dubia magis inficiatio quam affirmatio intelligenda - In a doubtful matter the negative is to be understood rather than the affirmative.  In republica maxime conservanda sunt jura belli - In a State the laws of war are to be especially observed.  In situ - In its place.  In terrorem - As a warning or deterrent.  In testamentis plenius testatoris intentionem scrutamur - In wills we seek diligently the intention of the testator.  In traditionibus scriptorum non quod dictum est, sed quod gestum est, inspicitur - In the delivery of writings (deeds), not what is said but what is done is to be considered.  In verbis, non verba sed res et ratio quaerenda est - In words, not words, but the thing and the meaning are to be inquired into.  Indicia - Marks, signs.  Injuria non excusat injuriam - A wrong does not excuse a wrong.  Intentio inservire debet legibus, non leges intentioni - Intention ought to be subservient to the laws, not the laws to the intention.  Inter alia - Amongst other things.  Interest reipublicae res judicatas non rescindi - It is in the interest of the State that things adjudged be not rescinded.  Interest reipublicae suprema hominum testamenta rata haberi - It is in the interest of the State that men s last wills be sustained.  Interest reipublicae ut quilibet re sua bene utatur - It is in the interest of the State that everyone use properly his own property.  Interest reipublicase ut sit finis litium - It is in the interest of the State that there be an end to litigation.  Interim - Temporary, in the meanwhile.  Interpretare et concordare leges legibus est optimus interpretandi modus - To interpret and harmonize laws is the best method of interpretation.  Interpretatio fienda est ut res magis valeat quam pereat - Such a construction is to be made that the thing may have effect rather than it should fail.  Interruptio multiplex non tollit praescriptionem semel obtentam - Repeated interruption does not defeat a prescription once obtained.  Invito beneficium non datur - A benefit is not conferred upon one against his consent.  Ipsissima verba - The very words of a speaker.  Ipso facto - By that very fact.  Ira furor brevis est - Anger is brief insanity.  Iter arma leges silent - In war the laws are silent. |
| **J**  Judex est lex loquens - A judge is the law speaking.  Judex non potest esse testis in propira causa - A judge cannot be witness in his own cause.  Judex non potest injuriam sibi datam punire - A judge cannon punish a wrong done to himself.  Judex non reddit plus quam quod petens ipse requirit - A judge does not give more than the plaintiff himself demands.  Judiciis posterioribus fides est adhibenda - Faith must be given to later decisions.  Judicis est judicare secundum allegata et probata - It is the duty of a judge to decide according to the allegations and the proofs.  Judicium non debet esse illusorium, suum effectum habere debet - A judgment ought not to be illusory; it ought to have its proper effect.  Juduces non tenentur exprimere causam sententiae suae - Judges are not bound to explain the reason of their judgment.  Jura naturae sunt immutabilia - The laws of nature are immutable.  Jura publica anteferenda privatis juribus - Public rights are to be preferred to private rights.  Juramentum est indivisibile et non est admittendum in parte verum et in parte falsum - An oath is indivisible and it is not to be held partly true and partly false.  Jurare est Deum in testem vocare, et est actus divini cultus - To swear is to call God to witness and is an act of divine worship.  Jus - A right that is recognised in law.  Jus accrescendi praefertur oneribus - The right of survivorship is preferred to incumbrances.  Jus ad rem; jus in re - A right to a thing; a right in a thing.  Jus dicere, non jus dare - To declare the law, not to make the law.  Jus est norma recti; et quicquid est contra normam recti est injuria - The law is a rule of right; and whatever is contrary to a rule of right is an injury.  Jus naturale - Natural justice.  Jus naturale est quod apud omnes homines eandem habet potentiam - Natural right is that which has the same force among all men.  Jus scriptum aut non scriptum - The written law or the unwritten law.  Jusjurandum inter alios factum nec nocere nec prodesse debet - An oath made between third parties ought to neither hurt nor profit.  Justitia est duplec; severe puniens et vere praeveniens - Justice is two-fold; severely punishing and in reality prohibiting (offences).  Justitia firmatur solium - The throne is established by justice.  Justitia nemini neganda est - Justice is to be denied to no one |
| **L**  Leges posteriores priores contrarias abrogant - Subsequent laws repeal prior conflicting ones.  Legibus sumptis desinentibus legibus naturae utendum est - When laws imposed by the State fail, we must use the laws of nature.  Lex aliquando sequitur aequitatem - The law sometimes follows equity.  Lex citius tolerare vult privatum damnum quam publicum malum - The law would rather tolerate a private injury than a public evil.  Lex dabit remedium - The law will give a remedy.  Lex dilationes abhorret - The law abhors delays.  Lex est judicum tutissimus ductor - The law is the safest guide for judges.  Lex est sanctio sancta jubens honesta et prohibens contraria - The law is a sacred sanction, commanding what is right and prohibiting the contrary.  Lex indendit vicinum vicini facta scire - The law presumes that one neighbour knows the acts of another.  Lex necessitatis est lex temporis i.e. instantis - The law of necessity is the law of time, that is time present.  Lex neminem cogit ad vana seu impossiblia - The law compels no one to do vain or impossible things.  Lex nil frustra facit - The law does nothing in vain.  Lex non a rege est violanda - The law must not be violated even by the King.  Lex non deficere potest in justitia exhibenda - The law cannot fail in dispensing justice.  Lex non novit patrem, nec matrem; solam veritatem - The law does not know neither father nor mother, only the truth.  Lex non oritur ex injuria - The law does not arise from a mere injury.  Lex non requirit verificari quod apparet curiae - The law does not require that to be proved which is apparent to the Court.  Lex non favet delicatorum votis - The law does not favor the wishes of the dainty.  Lex plus laudatur quando ratione probatur - The law is the more praised when it is supported by reason.  Lex prospicit not respicit - The law looks forwared, not backward.  Lex punit mendaciam - The law punishes falsehood.  Lex rejicit superflua, pugnatia, incongrua - The law rejects superfluous, contradictory, and incongruous things.  Lex spectat naturae ordinem - The law regards the order of nature.  Lex succurrit ignoranti - The law succors the ignorant.  Lex tutissima cassis, sub clypeo legis nemo decipitur - Law is the safest helmet; under the shield of the law no one is deceived.  Lex uno ore omnes alloquitur - The law speaks to all through one mouth.  Longa possessio est pacis jus - Long possession is the law of peace.  Longa possessio parit jus possidendi et tollit actionem vero domino - Long possession produces the right of possession and takes away from the true owner his action. |
| **M**  Magister rerum usus; magistra rerum experientia - Use is the master of things; experience is the mistress of things.  Major continet in se minus - The greater contains the less.  Majus est delictum se ipsum occidere quam alium - It is a greater crime to kill one’s self than another.  Mala fide - In bad faith.  Mala grammatica non vitiat chartam - Bad grammar does not vitiate a deed.  Mala in se - Bad in themselves.  Mala prohibita - Crimes prohibited.  Malitia supplet aesatem - Malice supplies age.  Malo animo - With evil intent.  Mandamus - We command.  Maximus magister erroris populus est - The people are the greatest master of error.  Melior est conditio possidentis, ubi neuter jus habet - Better is the condition of the possessor where neither of the two has the right.  Melior testatoris in testamentis spectanda est - In wills the intention of a testator is to be regarded.  Meliorem conditionem suam facere potest minor deteriorem nequaquam - A minor can make his position better, never worse.  Mens rea - Guilty state of mind.  Mentiri est contra mentem ire - To lie is to act against the mind.  Merito beneficium legis amittit, qui legem ipsam subvertere intendit - He justly loses the benefit of the law who seeks to infringe the law.  Minatur innocentibus qui parcit nocentibus - He threatens the innocent who spares the guilty.  Misera est servitus, ubi jus est vagum aut incertum - It is a miserable slavery where the law is vague or uncertain.  Mors dicitur ultimum supplicium - Death is called the extreme penalty.  Muilta exercitatione facilius quam regulis percipies - You will perceive many things more easily by experience than by rules. |
| **N**  Nam nemo haeres viventis - For no one is an heir of a living person.  Naturae vis maxima est - The force of nature is the greatest.  Necessitas inducit privilegium quoad jura privata - With respect to private rights necessity induces privilege.  Necessitas non habet legem - Necessity has no law.  Necessitas publica est major quam privata - Public necessity is greater than private necessity.  Negligentia semper habet infortuniam comitem - Negligence always has misfortune for a companion.  Nemo admittendus est inhabilitare se ipsum - No one is allowed to incapacitate himself.  Nemo bis punitur pro eodem delicto - No one can be twice punished for the same offence.  Nemo cogitur suam rem vendere, etiam justo pretio - No one is bound to sell his own property, even for a just price.  Nemo contra factum suum venire potest - No man can contradict his own deed.  Nemo debet esse judex in propria causa - No one can be judge in his own case.  Nemo plus juris transferre ad alium potest quam ipse habet - No one can transfer to another, a larger right than he himself has.  Nemo potest contra recordum verificare per patriam - No one can verify by the country, that is, through a jury, against the record.  Nemo potest esse tenens et dominus - No one can at the same time be a tenant and a landlord (of the same tenement).  Nemo potest facere per alium, quod per se non potest - No one can do through another what he cannot do himself.  Nemo potest mutare consilium suum in alterius injuriam - No one can change his purpose to the injury of another.  Nemo praesumitur esse immemor suae aeternae salutis et maxime in articulo mortis - No one is presumed to be forgetful of his eternal welfare, and particularly in the hour of death.  Nemo prohibetur pluribus defensionibus uti - No one is forbidden to make use of several defences.  Nemo punitur pro alieno delicto - No one is punished for the crime of another.  Nemo se accusare debet, nisi coram Deo - No one should accuse himself except in the presence of God.  Nemo tenetur accusare se ipsum nisi coram Deo - No one is bound to accuse himself except in the presence of God.  Nemo tenetur armare adversarium contra se - No one is bound to arm his adversary against himself.  Nexus - Connection  Nihil quod est inconveniens est licitum - Nothing inconvenient is lawful.  Nil facit error nominis cum de corpore constat - An error of name makes no difference when it appears from the body of the instrument.  Nisi - Unless  Non compus mentis - Not of sound mind and understanding  Non constat - It is not certain  Non decipitur qui scit se decipi - He is not deceived who knows that he is deceived.  Non definitur in jure quid sit conatus - What an attempt is, is not defined in law.  Non est arctius vinculum inter homines quam jusjurandum - There is no stronger link among men than an oath.  Non est factum - It is not his deed  Non est informatus - He is not informed.  Non facias malum ut inde veniat bonum - You shall not do evil that good may come of it.  Non jus, sed seisina, facit stipitem - Not right, but seisin makes a stock (from which the inheritance must descend).  Non refert quid notum sit judici si notum non sit in forma judicii - It matters not what is known to the judge if it is not known judicially.  Non sequitur - An inconsistent statement, it does not follow  Nullus commodum capere potest ex sua injuria propria - No one can derive an advantage from his own wrong.  Nullus recedat e curia cancellaria sine remedio - No one should depart from a Court of Chancery without a remedy. |
| **O**  Omne sacramentum debet esse de certa scientia - Every oath ought to be of certain knowledge.  Omnia delicta in aperto leviora sunt - All crimes (committed) in the open are (considered) lighter.  Omnia praesumuntur contra spoliatorem - All things are presumed against a wrongdoer.  Omnis innovatio plus novitate perturbat quam utilitate prodeat - Every innovation disturbs more by its novelty than it benefits by its utility.  Optima legum interpres est consuetudo - The best interpreter of laws is custom.  Optimus interpres rerum est usus - The best interpreter of things is usage. |
| **P**  Pacta privata juri publico non derogare possunt - Private contracts cannot derogate from public law.  Par delictum - Equal fault.  Pari passu - On an equal footing.  Partus sequitur ventrem - The offspring follows the mother.  Pater est quem nuptiae demonstrant - The father is he whom the marriage points out.  Peccata contra naturam sunt gravissima - Wrongs against nature are the most serious.  Pendente lite nihil innovetur - During litigation nothing should be changed.  Per curiam - In the opinion of the court.  Per minas - By means of menaces or threats.  Per quod - By reason of which.  Post mortem - After death.  Prima facie - On the face of it.  Prima impressionis - On first impression.  Pro hac vice - For this occasion.  Pro rata - In proportion.  Pro tanto - So far, to that extent.  Pro tempore - For the time being.  Publici juris - Of public right. |
| **Q**  Quaeitur - The question is raised.  Quantum - How much, an amount.  Qui facit per alium, facit per se - He who acts through another act himself.  Qui haeret in litera, haeret in cortice - He who stices to the letter, sticks to the bark.  Qui in utero est, pro jam nato habetur, quoties de ejus commodo quaeritur - He who is in the womb is considered as already born as far as his benefit is considered.  Qui non habet potestatem alienandi, habet necessitatem retinendi - He who has not the power of alienating is under the necessity of retaining.  Qui non habet, ille non dat - He who has not, does not give.  Qui non improbat, approbat - He who does not disapprove, approves.  Qui non obstat quod obstare potest facere videtur - He who does not prevent what he is able to prevent, is considered as committing the thing.  Qui non prohibet quod prohibere potest assentire videtur - He who does not prohibit when he is able to prohibit, is in fault.  Qui peccat ebrius, luat sobrius - He who does wrong when drunk must be punished when sober.  Qui potest et debet vetare et non vetat jubet - He who is able and ought to forbid and does not, commands.  Qui prior est tempore potior est jure - He who is prior in time is stronger in right.  Qui sentit commodum, debet et sentire onus - He who derives a benefit ought also to bear a burden.  Qui tacet consentire videtur - He who is silent appears to consent.  Quid pro quo - Consideration. something for something.  Quidcquid plantatur solo, solo cedit - Whatever is planted in or affixed to the soil, belongs to the soil.  Quod ab initio non valet, in tractu temporis non convalescit - What is not valid in the beginning does not become valid by time.  Quod constat curiae opere testium non indiget - What appears to the Court needs not the help of witnesses.  Quod necessarie intelligitur, id non deest - What is necessarily understood is not wanting.  Quod necessitas cogit, defendit - What necessity forces it justifies.  Quod non apparet, non est - What does not appear, is not.  Quod non habet principium non habet finem - What has no beginning has no end.  Quod per me non possum, nec per alium - What I cannot do through myself, I cannot do through another.  Quod prius est verius est; et quod prius est tempore potius est jure - What is first is more true; and what is prior in time is stronger in law.  Quod vanum et inutile est, lex non requirit - The law does not require what is vain and useless.  Quoties in verbis nulla est ambiguitas, ibi nulla expositio contra verba expressa fienda est - When there is no ambiguity in words, then no exposition contrary to the expressed words is to be made. |
| **R**  Ratio est legis anima, mutata legis ratione mutatur et lex - Reason is the soul of the law; when the reason of the law changes the law also is changed.  Re - In the matter of.  Recognition is the greatest motivator - Agnitio est maioribus motivator  Reprobata pecunia leberat solventem - Money refused releases the debtor.  Res - Matter, affair, thing, circumstance.  Res gestae - Things done.  Res integra - A matter untouched (by decision).  Res inter alios acta alteri nocere non debet - Things done between strangers ought not to affect a third person, who is a stranger to the transaction.  Res judicata accipitur pro veritate - A thing adjudged is accepted for the truth.  Res nulis - Nobody s property.  Respondeat superior - Let the principal answer.  Rex est major singulis, minor universis - The King is greater than individuals, less than all the people.  Rex non debet judicare sed secundum legem - The King ought not to judge but according to the law.  Rex non potest peccare - The King can do no wrong.  Rex nunquma moritur - The King never dies.  Rex quod injustum est facere non potest - The King cannot do what is unjust. |
| **S**  Salus populi est suprema lex - The safety of the people is the supreme law.  Sciens - Knowingly.  Scienter - Knowingly.  Scire facias - That you cause to know.  Scribere est agere - To write is to act.  Se defendendo - In self-defence.  Secus - The legal position is different.  Semper praesumitur pro legitimatione puerorum - Everything is presumed in favour of the legitimacy of children.  Semper pro matriomonio praesumitur - It is always presumed in favour of marriage.  Sententia interlocutoria revocari potest, definitiva non potest - An interlocutory order can be revoked, a final order cannot be.  Servitia personalia sequuntur personam - Personal services follow the person.  Sic utere tuo ut alienum non laedas - So use your own as not to injure another’s property.  Simplex commendatio non obligat - A simple recommendation does not bind.  Stare decisis - To stand by decisions (precedents).  Stet - Do not delete, let it stand.  Sub modo - Within limits.  Sub nomine - Under the name of.  Sub silentio - In silence.  Sublata causa, tollitur effectus - The cause being removed, the effect ceases.  Sublato fundamento, cadit opus - The foundation being removed, the structure falls.  Subsequens matrimonium tollit peccatum praecedens - A subsequent marriage removes the preceding wrong.  Suggestio falsi - The suggestion of something that is untrue.  Sui generis - Unique.  Summa ratio est quae pro religione facit - The highest reason is that which makes for religion, i.e. religion dictates.  Suppressio veri - The suppression of the truth.  Suppressio veri expressio falsi - A suppression of truth is equivalent to an expression of falsehood. |
| **T**  Talis qualis - Such as it is.  Terra firma - Solid ground.  Testamenta latissimam interpretationem habere debent - Testaments ought to have the broadest interpretation.  Traditio loqui chartam facit - Delivery makes a deed speak.  Transit terra cum onere - The land passes with its burden |
| **U**  Ubi eadem ratio ibi idem jus, et de similibus idem est judicium - When there is the same reason, then the law is the same, and the same judgment should be rendered as to similar things.  Ubi jus ibi remedium est - Where there is a right there is a remedy.  Ubi non est principalis, non potest esse accessorius - Where there is no principal, there can be no accessory.  Ubi nullum matrimonium, ibi nulla dos es - Where there is no marriage, there is no dower.  Ultima voluntas testatoris est perimplenda secundum veram intentionem suam - The last will of a testator is to be fulfilled according to his true intentio.  Ut poena ad paucos, metus ad omnes, perveniat - That punishment may come to a few, the fear of it should affect all.  Utile per inutile non vitiatur - What is useful is not vitiated by the useless. |
| **V**  Verba chartarum fortius accipiuntur contra preferentem - The words of deeds are accepted more strongly against the person offering them.  Verba debent intelligi cum effectu - Words ought to be understood with effect.  Verba intentioni, non e contra, debent inservire - Words ought to serve the intention, not the reverse.  Verbatim - Word by word, exactly.  Vi et armis - With the force and arms.  Via antiqua via est tuta - The old way is the safe way.  Vice versa - The other way around.  Vide - See.  Vigilantibus non dormientibus jura subveniunt - The laws serve the vigilant, not those who sleep.  Vir et uxor consentur in lege una persona - A husband and wife are regarded in law as one person.  Visitationem commendamus - We recommend a visitation.  Volens - Willing.  Volenti non fit injuria - An injury is not done to one consenting to it.  Voluntas in delictis non exitus spectatur - In offences the intent and not the result is looked at.  Voluntas reputatur pro facto - The will is taken for the deed. |