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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 sourceAllegans 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 faithBona vacantia - Goods without an ownerBoni 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 - ConnectionNihil 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 - UnlessNon compus mentis - Not of sound mind and understandingNon constat - It is not certainNon 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 deedNon 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 followNullus 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 motivatorReprobata 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. |