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This letter is sometimes used for "I," as the initial letter of "Institutiones," in references to the Institutes of Justinian.

JAC. An abbreviation for "Jacobus," the Latin form of the name James; used principally in citing statutes enacted in the reigns of the English kings of that name; e.g., "St. 1 Jac. II." Used also in citing the second part of Croke's reports; thus, "Cro. Jac." denotes "Croke's reports of cases in the time of James I."

JACENS. Lat. Lying in abeyance, as in the phrase "hæreditas jacens," which is an inheritance or estate lying vacant or in abeyance prior to the ascertainment of the heir or his assumption of the succession.

JACENS HÆREditAS. See Hæreditas Jacens.

JACET IN ORE. Lat. In old English law. It lies in the mouth. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 5, § 49.

JACK. A kind of defensive coat-armor worn by horsemen in war; not made of solid iron, but of many plates fastened together. Some tenants were bound by their tenure to find it upon invasion. Cowell.


JACOBUS. A gold coin an inch and three-eighths in diameter, in value about twenty-five shillings, so called from James I., in whose reign it was first coined. It was also called broad, laurel, and broad-piece. Its value is sometimes put at twenty-four shillings, but Macaulay speaks of a salary of eight thousand Jacobuses as equivalent to ten thousand pounds sterling. Hist. Eng. ch. xv.

JACTITATION. Boasting of something which is challenged by another. Moz. & W. A false boasting; a false claim; assertions repeated to the prejudice of another's right.

The species of defamation or disparagement of another's title to real estate known at common law as "slander of title" comes under the head of jactitation, and in some jurisdictions (as in Louisiana) a remedy for this injury is provided under the name of an "action of jactitation."

The action in jactitation of title is governed by the rules prescribed by the Code of Practice, under the title, "Possessory Actions," and differs materially from the common-law action of slander of title. Bill v. Saunders, 139 La. 1037, 72 So. 727, 729.


Jactitation of a right to a church sitting appears to be the boasting by a man that he has a right or title to a pew or sitting in a church to which he has legally no title.

Jactitation of marriage. In English ecclesiastical law. The boasting or giving out by a party that he or she is married to some other, whereby a common reputation of their matrimony may ensue. To defeat that result, the person may be put to a proof of the actual marriage, failing which proof, he or she is put to silence about it. 3 Bl. Comm. 93. The Scotch suit of a declarator of putting to silence is equivalent to jactitation of marriage.

Jactitation of tithes is the boasting by a man that he is entitled to certain tithes, to which he has legally no title. Rog. Ecc. L. 482.

JACTIVUS. Lost by default; tossed away. Cowell.

JACTURA. In the civil law. A throwing of goods overboard in a storm; jettison. Loss from such a cause. Calvin.

JACTUS. A throwing goods overboard to lighten or save the vessel, in which case the goods so sacrificed are a proper subject for general average. Dig. 14, 2, "de lege Rhodia de Jactu;" Barnard v. Adams, 10 How. 303, 13 L.Ed. 417.

JACTUS LAPILLI. The throwing down of a stone. One of the modes, under the civil law, of interrupting prescription. Where one person was building on another's ground, and in this way acquiring a right by usucapio, the true owner challenged the intrusion and interrupted the prescriptive right by throwing down one of the stones of the building before witnesses called for the purpose. Tray. Lat. Max.

JAIL. A gaol; a prison; a building designated by law, or regularly used, for the confinement of persons held in lawful custody. State v. Bryan, 50 N.C. 534; Adle v. Herald Co., Sup., 36 N.Y.S.2d 905, 907. See Gaol.

A "jail" is therefore distinguishable both in law and in common understanding from a temporary place of detention, like a police station or lockup. People ex rel. Murphy v. Holcomb, 181 N.Y.S. 780, 783, 111 Misc. 460. While the primary function of a "jail" is a place of detention for persons committed thereto, under sentence of a court, it is also the proper and usual place where persons under arrest or awaiting trial are kept until they appear in court and
the charge is disposed of. Grab v. Lucas, 156 Wis. 504, 116 N.W. 504, 505.

JAIL DELIVERY. See Gaol.

JAIL LIBERTIES. See Gaol.

JAILER. A keeper or warden of a prison or jail. Lefman v. Schuler, 317 Mo. 671, 296 S.W. 808, 814.

JAKE. A low colloquialism applied to liquor reputed to be composed of a mixture of Jamaica ginger and some other beverage or beverages. Skeiton v. State, 31 Okl.Cr. 343, 239 P. 159, 190.

JAMB. A side post or side of a doorway, window, opening, or fire place; a side or vertical piece of any opening or aperture in a wall which helps to bear an overhead member. Superior Skylight Co. v. Zerbe Const. Co., D.C.N.Y., 5 F.2d 992, 996.

JAMBEAUX. In old English and feudal law. Leg-armor. Blount.

JAMMA, JUMMA. In Hindu law. Total amount; collection; assembly. The total of a territorial assignment.

JAMMABUNDY, JUMMABUNDY. In Hindu law. A written schedule of the whole of an assessment.

JAMMUNDLING. See Jamundling.

JAMPNUM. Furse, or grass, or ground where furze grows; as distinguished from "arable," "pasture," or the like. Co. Litt. 5a.

JAMUNDLING, JAMUNDLING. Freemen who delivered themselves and property to the protection of a more powerful person, in order to avoid military service and other burdens. Spelman. Also a species of serfs among the Germans. Du Cange. The same as "commendati".


In modern law. A person employed to take charge of rooms or buildings, to see that they are kept clean and in order, to lock and unlock them, and generally to care for them. Fagan v. New York, 84 N.Y. 352; Kramer v. Industrial Acc. Commission of State of California, 31 Cal.App. 673, 161 P. 278.

JANUS-FACED. An argument looking in both directions at the same time, e.g., urging jurors not to be swayed by sympathy, but adding that any sympathy should be in favor of the arguing counsel's client. Davis v. Franson, 296 P.2d 600, 606; 141 Cal.App.2d 263.

JAQUES. In old English law. Small money.

JASON CLAUSE. Clause in bills of lading which obligates cargo owners to contribute in general average in cases of danger, damage, or disaster resulting from faults or errors in navigation or in management of vessel, her machinery or appurtenances, provided that ship owner shall have exercised due diligence to make vessel in all respects seaworthy, and to have her properly manned, equipped, and supplied. Merklen v. Johnson & Higgins, D.C.N.Y., 3 F.Supp. 897, 898.

JAVELIN-MEN. Yeomen retained by the sheriff to escort the judge of assize.


Also, crossing a street between intersections, or at a place other than a crosswalk.

JEDBURGH JUSTICE. Summary justice inflicted upon a marauder or felon without a regular trial, equivalent to "lynch law." So called from a Scotch town, near the English border, where raiders and cattle lifters were often summarily hung. Also written "Jeddart" or "Jedwood" justice.


JEMAN. In old records. Yeoman. Cowell; Blount.

JENNY. With names of animals, often used to denote a female; also short for "jenny ass," "jenny wren," etc. Likewise short for "spinning jenny." Webster, Dict.; O'Rear v. Richardson, 17 Ala.App. 87, 81 So. 865, 866.

JEFOAILE. L. Fr. I have failed; I am in error. An error or oversight in pleading.

Certain statutes are called "statutes of amendments and jeofailes" because, where a pleader perceives any slip in the form of his proceedings, and acknowledges the error, (jeofaile,) he is at liberty, by those statutes, to amend it. 3 Bl.Com. 107; 1 Saund. p. 228, no. 1.

Jeofaile is when the parties to any suit in pleading have proceeded so far that they have joined issue which shall be tried or is tried by a jury or inquest, and this pleading or issue is so badly pleaded or joined that it will be error if they proceed. Then some of the said parties may, by their counsel, show it to the court, as well after verdict given and before judgment as before the jury is charged. And the counsel shall say: "This inquest ye ought not to take." And if it be after verdict, then he may say: "To judgment you ought not to go." Termes de la Ley.

JEOPARDY. Danger; hazard; peril.

The danger of conviction and punishment which the defendant in a criminal action incurs when a valid indictment has been found, and a petit jury has been impaneled and sworn to try the case and give a verdict in a court of competent jurisdiction. State v. Nelson, 26 Ind. 368; State v. Emery, 58 N.C. 749, 750; People v. Terrill, 133 Cal. 497, 64 P. 894; Mitchell v. State, 42 Ohio St. 283; Grogan v. State, 44 Ala. 9; Ex parte Glenn, C.C.W.Va., 111 F. 208; State v. Mc Kee, 1 Bail., S.C., 655, 21 Am. Dec. 499; State v. Yokum, 155 La. 846, 99 So. 621, 631.

The peril in which a prisoner is put when he is regularly charged with a crime before a tribunal properly organized and competent to try him. Com. v. Fitzpatrick, 121 Pa. 109, 15 A. 466, 1 L.R.A. 451; Peavey v. State, 153 Ga. 119,
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111 S.E. 420. The situation of a defendant when the jury is impaneled and sworn and the issues presented to a valid indictment or information in a court of competent jurisdiction. State v. Thompson, 58 Utah 291, 199 P. 161, 163, 38 A.L.R. 697. The condition of a person when he is put upon trial, before a court of competent jurisdiction, upon an indictment or information which is sufficient in form and substance to sustain a conviction, and a jury has been charged with his deliverance. Allen v. State, 13 Okla.Cr. 533, 165 P. 745, 748, L.R.A.1917E, 1095; State v. Runyon, 100 W.Va. 647, 131 S.E. 466, 467; Commonwealth v. Grey, 349 Ky. 36, 60 S.W.2d 133.

Defendant is not in "jeopardy" until jury has been duly impaneled and charged with his deliverance, but conviction or acquittal by any competent tribunal, whether after jury trial or not, satisfies requirement of jeopardy. Pepin v. State ex rel. Chambers, 217 Wis. 568, 259 N.W. 410.

The terms "jeopardy of life and liberty for the same offense," "jeopardy of life or limb," "jeopardy for the same offense," "in jeopardy of punishment," and other similar provisions used in the various Constitutions, are to be construed as meaning substantially the same thing. Stout v. State, 130 P. 553, 556, 36 Okl. 744, 45 L.R.A.N.S., 884, Ann.Cas.1916E, 838.

JERGUES. In English law. An officer of the Custom-house who oversees the waiting. Techn. Dict.

JERK. A sharply arrested pull, thrust, push, push, motion, a sudden movement or lurch;—"lurch" being used, however, with specific reference to sidewise movements. St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co. v. Texas v. Farris, Tex.Civ.App., 166 S.W. 463; Trite v. Phelps Petroleum Co., 140 Kan. 671, 37 P.2d 996.

The ordinary jerks and jolts of a motorbus in starting or stopping are among the usual incidents of travel, and for injuries to passengers resulting from them the motor carrier is not liable. Blashfield, Cyclopedia of Automobile Law and Practice, Perm. Ed., § 215.

JESSE. A large brass candlestick, usually hung in the middle of a church or choir. Cowell.


JETSAM. Goods which, by the act of the owner, have been voluntarily cast overboard from a vessel, in a storm or other emergency, to lighten the ship. 1 C.B. 113.

Jetsam is where goods are cast into the sea, and there sink and remain under water. 1 Bl.Com. 292.

The sense of "goods thrown overboard and sunk at sea" is an error arising apparently in the attempt to distinguish "jetsam" from "flotsam," the latter being properly wreckage of a ship or its cargo found floating on the sea. Webster, Dict.


A carrier by water may, when in case of extreme peril it is necessary for the safety of the ship or cargo, throw overboard, or otherwise sacrifice, any or all of the cargo or appurtenances of the ship. Throwing property overboard for such purpose is called "jettison," and the loss incurred thereby is called a "general average loss." Civil Code Cal. § 2148; Civil Code Dak. § 1245 (Comp. Laws 1913, N.D. § 6235; Rev.Code 1919, S.D. § 1147).

JETTY. A projection of stone or other material serving as a protection against the waves. Storm v. Town of Wrightsville Beach, 189 N.C. 673, 128 S.E. 17, 19.

JEUX DE BOURSE. Fr. In French law. Speculation in the public funds or in stocks; gambling speculations on the stock exchange; dealings in "options" and "futures.

A kind of gambling or speculation, which consists of sales and purchases which bind neither of the parties to deliver the things which are the object of the sale, and which are settled by paying the difference in the value of the things sold between the day of the sale and that appointed for delivery of such things. 1 Pardessus, Droit Com. n. 162.

JEWEL. An ornament of the person, such as ear-rings, pearls, diamonds, etc., prepared to be worn. Com. v. Stephens, 14 Pick., Mass., 373; Robbins v. Robertson, C.C.N.Y., 33 F. 710; Cavendish v. Cavendish, 1 Brown Ch. 409; Ramaley v. Leland, 43 N.Y. 541, 3 Am.Rep. 728; Gile v. Libby, 36 Barb., N.Y., 77. An ornament made of precious metal or a precious stone. Wagner v. Congress Square Hotel Co., 115 Me. 190, 98 A. 660, 662.


JEWISH SABBATH. A period which begins at sundown Friday night and ends at sundown Saturday night, and does not conform to a full statutory day according to the Christian calendar. Cohen v. Webb, 175 Ky. 1, 192 S.W. 828, 829.

JIGGERS BOSS. In mining parlance, a "pusher" or kind of foreman engaged for the purpose of encouraging or hastening the men. Ryan v. Manhattan Big Four Mining Co., 38 Nev. 92, 145 P. 907, 908.

JITNEY. A self-propelled vehicle, other than a street car, traversing the public streets between certain definite points or termini, and, as a common carrier, conveying passengers at a five-cent or some small fare, between such termini and intermediate points, and so held out, advertised, or announced. City of Memphis v. State, 133 Tenn. 83, 179 S.W. 631, 634, L.R.A.1916B, 1151, Ann.Cas. 1917C, 1056. A motor vehicle carrying passengers for hire. Ft. Lee, etc., Transp. Co. v. Borough of Edgewater, 99 N.J.Eq. 850, 133 A. 424, 425. Also called "jitney bus." Huston v. City of Des Moines, 176 Iowa 455, 156 N.W. 883, 888.

JOB. The whole of a thing which is to be done. "To build by plot, or to work by the job, is to undertake a building for a certain stipulated price." Civ.Code La. art. 2727 (Civil Code, art. 2756).

JOBS. One who buys and sells goods for others; one who buys or sells on the stock exchange; a dealer in stocks, shares, or securities. One who buys and sells articles in bulk and resells them to dealers. A merchant buying and selling in job lots. Wasserstrom v. Cohen, Frank & Co., 165
JOBMASTER. In English law, one who carries on the business of letting out carriages and horses or other vehicles with drivers for hire; a livery stable keeper. Hyman v. Nye, 6 Queen's Bench, 685.

JOCALIA. In old English law. Jewels. This term was formerly more properly applied to those ornaments which women, although married, call their own. When these jocalia are not suitable to her degree, they are assets for the payment of debts. 1 Rolle, Abr. 911.

JOCELET. A little manor or farm. Cowell.


JOCUS PARTITUS. In old English practice. A divided game, risk, or hazard. An arrangement which the parties to a suit were anciently sometimes allowed to make by mutual agreement upon a certain hazard, as that one should lose if the case turned out in a certain way, and, if it did not, that the other should gain. Bract. fols. 211b, 379b, 432, 434, 200b.

JOHN DOE. A fictitious name frequently used to indicate a person for the purpose of argument or illustration, or in the course of enforcing a fiction in the law. The name which was usually given to the fictitious lessee of the plaintiff in the mixed action of ejectment. He was sometimes called "Goodtitle." So the Romans had their fictitious personages in law proceedings, as Titius, Setius.

The name "John Doe" is, and for some centuries has been, used in legal proceedings as a fictitious name to designate a party until his real name can be ascertained. State v. Ressigson, 22 Wash. 2d 19, 153 P.2d 852, 855.

JOIN. To unite; to come together; to combine or unite in time, effort, action; to enter into an alliance. Lowery v. Westheimer, 58 Okl. 560, 160 P. 496, 500.

JOINDER. Joining or coupling together; uniting two or more constituents or elements in one; uniting with another person in some legal step or proceeding; union; concurrence.

Joinder in demurrer. When a defendant in an action tenders an issue of law, (called a "demurrer;") the plaintiff, if he means to maintain his action, must accept it, and this acceptance of the defendant's tender, signified by the plaintiff in a set form of words, is called a "joinder in demurrer." Brown; Co. Litt. 71 b; Thompson v. Goodlock, 10 Rich., S.C., 49.

Joinder in issue. In pleading. A formula by which one of the parties to a suit joins in or accepts an issue in fact tendered by the opposite party. Steph. Pl. 57, 236. More commonly termed a "similiter." (q. v.)

Joinder in pleading. Accepting the issue, and mode of trial tendered, either by demurrer, error, or issue, in fact, by the opposite party.

Joinder of actions. This expression signifies the uniting of two or more demands or rights of action in one action; the statement of more than one cause of action in a declaration. Sickler v. City of Broken Bow, 143 Neb. 542, 10 N.W.2d 462, 464.

Joinder of error. In proceedings on a writ of error in criminal cases, the joinder of error is a written denial of the errors alleged in the assignment of errors. It answers to a joinder of issue in an action.

Joinder of issue. The act by which the parties to a cause arrive at that stage of it in their pleadings, that one asserts a fact to be so, and the other denies it.

Joinder of offenses. The uniting of several distinct charges of crime in the same indictment or prosecution.

Joinder of parties. The uniting of two or more persons as co-plaintiffs or as co-defendants in one suit.

MISJOINER. The improper joining together of parties to a suit, as plaintiffs or defendants, or of different causes of action. Burstall v. Bey fus, 53 L.J. Ch. 567; Phenix Iron Foundry v. Lockwood, 21 R.I. 556, 45 A. 546.

Misjoinder of actions is the joining several demands which the law does not permit to be joined, to enforce by one proceeding several distinct, substantive rights of recovery. Gould, Pl. c. 4, § 98; Archib. Civ. Pl. 61; Dane, Abr. In equity, it is the joinder of different and distinct claims against one defendant; Adams, Eq. 309; 7 Sim. 241; Newland v. Rogers, 3 Barb. Ch., N.Y., 432.

Misjoinder of parties is the joining, as plaintiffs or defendants, parties who have not a joint interest. Billy v. McGill, 113 Okl. 153, 240 P. 119, 121; Gagle v. Besser, 162 Iowa 227, 144 N.W. 3, 4.

Misjoinder in a criminal prosecution is the charging in separate counts of separate and distinct offenses arising out of wholly different transactions having no connection or relation with each other. Optner v. U. S., C.C.A.Mich., 73 F.2d 11, 13.

Nonjoinder. The omission to join some person as party to a suit, whether as plaintiff or defendant, who ought to have been so joined, according to the rules of pleading and practice. Bardock Iron & Steel Co. v. Tenenbaum, 136 Va. 163, 118 S.E. 502, 505.

JOINT. United; combined; undivided; doae by or against two or more unitedly; shared by or between two or more; coupled together in interest or liability.

The term is used to express a common property interest enjoyed by a common liability incurred by two or more
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persons. Thus, it is one in which the obligors (being two or more in number) bind themselves jointly but not severally, and which must therefore be prosecuted in a joint action against them all—distinguished from "joint and several" obligation.

A place of meeting or resort for persons engaged in evil and secret practices of any kind, as a tramps’ joint, an "opium joint," or, generally speaking, a rendezvous for persons of evil habits and practices. State v. Shook, 179 N.C. 744, 103 S.E. 705, 706, 9 A.L.R. 429.

In masonry, the permanent meeting surface of two bodies, as stones or blocks, held together by cement or otherwise, and, in paving blocks, the space between the side faces of the blocks brought together or nearly in touch. Central Union Stock Yards Co. v. Usdile Asphalt Paving Co., 82 N.E. 246, 87 A. 225, 229.

As used in Income tax statute authorizing filing of joint return by spouses, means that both spouses should be liable for resulting tax. Moore v. United States, Ct.Cl., 37 F.Supp. 136, 140.


As to joint stock banks, see Bank; joint stock company, see Company; joint stock corporation, see Corporation.

JOINT ACCOUNT. An account in two or more names. Harbour v. Harbour, 207 Ark. 551, 181 S.W.2d 805, 807.

In order to bank that “my checking account be made joint” with another “for him to check on only in case of my death,” means that other person should take as survivor as joint tenant. First Nat. Bank v. Mulch, 83 Colo. 518, 266 P. 1110, 1111.

JOINT ACTION. An action brought by two or more as plaintiffs or against two or more as defendants.

JOINT AND SEVERAL. A liability is said to be joint and several when the creditor may sue one or more of the parties to such liability separately, or all of them together at his option. Dicey, Parties 230.

A joint and several bond or note is one in which the obligors or makers bind themselves both jointly and individually to the obligee or payee, so that all may be sued together for its enforcement, or the creditor may select one or more as the object of his suit. See Mitchell v. Davies, 3 Brev. S.C., 145; Rice v. Gove, 22 Pick., Mass., 158, 33 Am.Dec. 724.

JOINT AUTHORITY. As to literary property, where there exists a common design to the execution of which several persons contribute. Mere alterations, additions or improvements, whether with or without the sanction of the author, will not entitle the person making them to claim to be a joint author of the work. 18 C.J.S., Copyright and Literary Property, § 11, p. 145.


JOINT CAUSE OF ACTION. This term, as used in Equity Rule 26 (see Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules 18, 20, 21, 28 U.S.C.A.), does not mean a technical legal privity, such as a joint contract, but the rule will be satisfied where there is a single question of law and fact common to all the complainants, as where in a suit to quiet title they claim separate parcels of land under a common source of title. Commodores Point Terminal Co. v. Hudnall, D.C.Fla., 283 F. 150, 171.


JOINT DEBTORS’ ACTS. Statutes enacted in many of the states, which provide that judgment may be given for or against one or more of several plaintiffs, and for or against one or more of several defendants, and that, "in an action against several defendants, the court may, in its discretion, render judgment against one or more of them, leaving the action to proceed against the others, whenever a several judgment is proper." The name is also given to statutes providing that where an action is instituted against two or more defendants upon an alleged joint liability, and some of them are served with process, but jurisdiction is not obtained over the others, the plaintiff may still proceed to trial against those who are before the court, and, if he recovers, may have judgment against all of the defendants whom he shows to be jointly liable. 1 Black, J Dunn. §§ 208, 235. And see Hall v. Lanning, 91 U.S. 168; 23 L.Ed. 271.

JOINT ENTERPRISE. Also called “common enterprise.” The joint prosecution of common purpose under such circumstances that each has authority express or implied to act for all in respect to the control, means or agencies employed to execute such common purpose. Hines v. Welch, Tex.Civ.App., 229 S.W. 681, 683. Greenwell’s Adm’t v. Burbia, 298 Ky. 255, 182 S.W.2d 436, 441; Illingworth v. Madden, 135 Me. 519, 192 A. 273, 276, 110 A.L.R. 1090. An enterprise participated in by associates acting together. Howard v. Zimmerman, 120 Kan. 77, 242 P. 131, 132. There must be a community of interests in the objects or purposes of the undertaking, and an equal right to direct and govern the movements and conduct of each other with respect thereto; each must have some voice and right to be heard in its control or management. St. Louis & S. F. R. Co. v. Bell, 58 Okl. 54, 159 P. 336, 337; L.R.A. 1917A. 543; Trumpfeller v. Cran dall, 130 Me. 279, 155 A. 646, 650; Murphy v. Keating, 204 Minn. 269, 283 N.W. 399, 392, 393; Bloom v. Leech, 120 Ohio St. 239, 166 N.E. 137, 138.

JOINT ESTATE. “Joint estate” involves unity of interest, unity of title, unity of time, and unity of possession, and joint tenants must have the same interest accruing under the same conveyance, commencing at the same time, and held under the same undivided possession. Des Lauriers v. Senecal, 331 Ill. 437, 163 N.E. 327, 329, 62 A.L.R. 511.

At common law, estates in which there were a plurality of tenants were described as “joint estates” which designation includes estates in coparcenary, tenancies in common and joint tenancies, within which class are included ten-

JOINT EXECUTORS. Co-executors; two or more who are joined in the execution of a will. See, also, Coexecutor.

JOINT FEASORS IN PARI DELICTO. Phrase means as between persons who by concert of action intentionally commit the wrong complained of; there is no right of contribution. Commercial Cas. Ins. Co. v. Leonard, 210 Ark. 575, 196 S.W.2d 919, 920.

JOINT INDUSTRY OF HUSBAND AND WIFE. This phrase, as applied in Oklahoma statutes to property passing by descent, means the industry of a husband and wife each, in his or her recognized sphere of marital activity, and not that both must pursue jointly the same business or calling. In re Stone's Estate, 86 Okl. 33, 206 P. 246, 247. See, also, Chamberlain v. Chamberlain, 121 Okl. 145, 247 P. 604, 507.

JOINT INTEREST. This term within federal rule requiring persons having a joint interest to be made parties, refers to parties designated as necessary or indispensable under former practice, and means an interest which must be directly affected by adjudication in the case. Platte County v. New Amsterdam Cas. Co., D.C.Neb., 6 F.R.D. 475, 482.

JOINT INVENTIONS. These are made when two or more persons jointly work or collaborate in devising and putting into practical form the subject-matter of patent. Altoona Publix Theatres v. American Tri-Ergon Corporation, C.C.A.Fa., 72 F.2d 53, 56.

JOINT LIABILITY. One wherein joint obligor has right to insist that co-obligor be joined as a codefendant with him, that is, that they be sued jointly. Schram v. Perkins, D.C.Mich., 38 F.Supp. 404, 407.

JOINT LIVES. This expression is used to designate the duration of an estate or right which is granted to two or more persons to be enjoyed so long as they both (or all) shall live. As soon as one dies, the interest determines. See Highey v. Allen, 3 Mo.App. 524.

JOINT NEGLIGENCE. In case of "joint negligence" of several persons, proximately causing accident, they act together in concert and either do something together which they are not to do or fail to do something which they are together obligated to do under circumstances. Russo v. Au-colin, La.App., 7 So.2d 744, 747.

JOINT OFFENSE. One offense committed by two or more persons jointly. Jacoby v. State, 212 Ind. 465, 8 N.E.2d 978, 797; State ex rel. Flaherty v. Ermston, 209 Ind. 117, 197 N.E. 908, 911.


JOINT STOCK INSURANCE COMPANY. An insurance company having a subscribed capital and policyholders having nothing to do with management. Ohio Farmers Indemnity Co. v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue, C.C.A.6, 108 F.2d 665, 667.

JOINT TORT. Where two or more persons owe to another the same duty and by their common neglect such other is injured, the tort is "joint." Boyd v. Maxwell, 190 S.C. 103, 2 S.E.2d 395, 397; Leishman v. Brady, 9 W.W.Harr. 559, 3 A.2d 338, 120; Walder v. Manahan, 21 N.J.Misc. 1, 29 A.2d 395, 396.

JOINT VENTURE. See Adventure.


PERSONS ARE "JOINTLY BOUND" IN A BOND OR NOTE WHERE BOTH OR ALL MUST BE SUED IN ONE ACTION FOR ITS ENFORCEMENT, NOT EITHER ONE AT THE ELECTION OF THE CREDITOR.


JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY. See Joint and Several.

JOINTRESS, JOINTURESS. A woman who has an estate settled on her by her husband, to hold during her life, if she survive him. Co.Litt. 46.

JOINTURE. A freehold estate in lands or tenements secured to the wife, and to take effect on the decease of the husband, and to continue during her life at the least, unless she be herself the cause of its determination. Vance v. Vance, 21 Me. 369.
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A competent livelihood of freehold for the wife, of lands and tenements, to take effect, in profit or possession, presently after the death of the husband, for the life of the wife at least. Comstock v. Comstock, 146 Ark. 266, 225 S.W. 621, 622; Co. Litt. 36b; 2 Bl.Comm. 137; Gercke v. Gercke, 331 Ill. 413, 163 N.E. 323, 325. A competent livelihood for the wife in the husband's property to take effect after his death; it is an estate conveyed or devised to the wife in lieu of dower and it must be in satisfaction of it. Maynard's Admission v. Maynard, 285 Ky. 75, 146 S.W.2d 343, 344.

A jointure strictly signifies a joint estate limited to both husband and wife, and such was its original form; but, in its more usual form, it is a sole estate limited to the wife only, expectant upon a life-estate in the husband. 2 Bl. Comm. 137; 1 Steph.Comm. 255.

In England, before the time of Henry VIII., in order to protect a wife who was deprived of dower by conveyances to uses, it was the usual custom of the husband before marriage to take an estate from his foeces and limit it to himself and his intended wife for their lives in joint tenancy or dower; or by way of the wife in case of his death, and St. 27 Henry VIII prohibited the widow from having both dower and jointure, which has been continued as part of law by Acts Va. 1765, c. 65 (1 Henings's St. at Large, p. 162), Rev. Code 1819, c. 107, and Code 1849, c. 110 (Code 1839, § 5117 et seq.). Jacobs v. Jacobs, 100 W. Va. 985, 131 S. E. 449, 453.

JOKER. In political usage, a clause in a law offers an ambiguous or apparently immaterial, inserted to render it inoperative or uncertain without arousing opposition at the time of passage. Bennent v. Commercial Advertiser Ass'n, 230 N.Y. 125, 129 N.E. 343, 344.

JOLT. A sudden shock or jerk; a jolting motion, as in a vehicle moving over a rough street or highway; the effect produced by a sudden start or quick increase in the speed of a vehicle. 48 C.J.S. p. 939. See Jerk, supra.

JONCARIA, or JUNCARIA. In English law. Land where rushes grow. Co.Litt. 5a.

JONRALE. In Old English law. As much land as could be plowed in one day. Spelman.

JOSH. To ridicule or tease, or make fun of in a joke, to lure or tease by misrepresenting the facts. State v. Powers, 181 Iowa 452, 164 N.W. 856, 861.

JOSTLE. To push or crowd in passing. Baker v. Chicago, B. & Q. R. Co., 327 Mo. 986, 39 S.W.2d 535, 543.

JOUR. A French word, meaning to enjoy; to have enjoyment of; or to possess. Allison v. Maroun, 193 La. 286, 190 So. 408, 411.

JOUR. A French word, signifying "day."

It is used in our old law-books; as "lout jour," forever. It is also frequently employed in the composition of words: as, journal, a daybook: journey-man, a man who works by the day; journeys account.

JOUR EN BANC. A day in banc. Distinguished from "jour en pais", (a day in the country,) otherwise called "jour en nisi prius."

JOUR IN COURT. In old practice. Day in court; day to appear in court; appearance day. "Every process gives the defendant a day in court." Hale, Anal. § 8.

JOURNAL. A daily book; a book in which entries are made or events recorded from day to day.

In maritime law, the journal (otherwise called "log" or "log-book") is a book kept on every vessel, which contains a brief record of the events and occurrences of each day of a voyage, with the nautical observations, course of the ship, account of the weather, etc. In the system of double-entry bookkeeping, the journal is an account-book into which are transcribed, daily or at other intervals, the items entered upon the day-book, for more convenient posting into the ledger. In the usage of legislative bodies, the journal is a daily record of the proceedings of either house. It is kept by the clerk, and in it are entered the appointments and actions of committees, introduction of bills, motions, votes, resolutions, etc., in the order of their occurrence. See Montgomery's Bottling Works v. Gaston, 126 Ala. 425, 28 So. 497, 51 L.R.A. 396, 85 Am.St.Rep. 42.

The daily printed pamphlets which contain the record of the proceedings of each house of the Legislature are the "Journals" of the respective houses. Amos v. Moseley, 74 Fla. 555, 77 So. 619, 621, L.R.A.1918C. 482.

A "journal" is a permanent record, and the daily minutes kept by the secretary of the Senate or the journal clerk from which the permanent record is finally made up, does not constitute a part of the Journal. Niven v. Road Improvement Dist. No. 14 of Jefferson County, 132 Ark. 240, 200 S.W. 997, 998.

JOURNAL ENTRY RULE. Regularity of enactment of statute may be inquired into by examining legislative journals. Freeman v. Goff, 206 Minn. 49, 287 N.W. 238, 240.

JOURNEY. Originally, a day's travel. The word is now applied to a travel by land from place to place, without restriction of time. But, when thus applied, it is employed to designate a travel which is without the ordinary habits, business, or duties of the person, to a distance from his home, and beyond the circle of his friends or acquaintances. Gholson v. State, 53 Ala. 521, 25 Am.Rep. 652.

JOURNEY-HOPPERS. In English law. Regraters of yarn. 8 Hen. VI. c. 5.

JOURNEYMAN. A workman hired by the day, or other given time. Hart v. Aldridge, 1 Cowp. 56; Butler v. Clark, 46 Ga. 468.

JOURNEYS ACCOUNT. In English practice. A new writ which the plaintiff was permitted to sue out within a reasonable time after the abatement, without his fault, of the first writ. This time was computed with reference to the number of days which the plaintiff must spend in journeying to reach the court; hence the name of journeys account, that is, journeys accomplished or counted. Co.Litt. fol. 9b; English v. T. H. Rogers Lumber Co., 68 Okl. 238, 173 P. 1046, 1048.

This mode of proceeding has fallen into disuse, the practice now being to permit that writ to be quashed, and to sue out another. See Termes de la Ley; Bacon, Abr. Abatement (Q); 14 Viner, Abr. 558; 4 Com.Dig. 714; 7 M. & C. 762; Richards v. Ins. Co., 8 Cranch, 84, 3 L.Ed. 496.

JOUSTS. See Justs.

JUBERE. Lat. In the civil law. To order, direct, or command. Calvin. The word jubeo (I order,) in a will, was called a "word of direction,"
as distinguished from "precatory words." Cod. 6, 43, 2.
To assure or promise.
To decree or pass a law.

JUBILACION. In Spanish law. The privilege of a public officer to be retired, on account of infirmity or disability, retaining the rank and pay of his office (or part of the same) after twenty years of public service, and on reaching the age of sixty.

JUDEUS, JUDEUS. Lat. A Jew.


JUDEX. Lat.
In Roman law. A private person appointed by the prætor, with the consent of the parties, to try and decide a cause of action commenced before him. He received from the prætor a written formula instructing him as to the legal principles according to which the action was to be judged. Calvin. Hence the proceedings before him were said to be in judicio, as those before the prætor were said to be in jure. A judge who conducted the trial from beginning to end; magistratus.

The practice of calling in judexes was disused before Justinian's time; therefore, in the Code, Institutes, and Novels, judex means judge in its modern sense. Helveticus, Elem. Jur. Civ. § 1327. The term judex is used with very different significations at different periods of Roman law.

In later and modern Civil law. A judge in the modern sense of the term.

In old English law. A juror. A judge, in modern sense, especially—as opposed to justiciarius, i. e., a common-law judge—to denote an ecclesiastical judge. Bract. fol. 401, 402.

JUDEX A QUO. In modern civil law. The judge from whom, as judex ad quem is the judge to whom, an appeal is made or taken. Halifax, Civ. Li. Law, b. 3, c. 11, no. 34.

JUDEX AD QUEM. A judge to whom an appeal is taken.


JUDEX ANTE OCULOS AQUITATEM SEMPER HABERE DEBET. A judge ought to have equity before his eyes. Jenk. Cent. p. 58.

JUDEX BONUS NIHIL EX ARBITRIO SUO FACIAT, NEO PROPOSITO DOMESTICÆ VOLUNTATIS, SED JUXTA LEGES ET JURA PRONUNCIET. A good judge should do nothing of his own arbitrary will, nor on the dictate of his personal inclination, but should decide according to law and justice. 7 Coke, 27a.

JUDEX DAMNATUR CUM NOCENS ABSOLVITUR. The judge is condemned when a guilty person escapes punishment.

JUDEX DATUS. In Roman law. A judge given, that is, assigned or appointed, by the prætor to try a cause.

JUDEX DEBET JUDICARE SECUNDUM ALLEGATA ET PROBATA. The judge ought to decide according to the allegations and the proofs.

JUDEX DELEGATUS. A delegated judge; a special judge.

JUDEX EST LEX LOQUENS. A judge is the law speaking, [the mouth of the law.] 7 Coke, 4a.

JUDEX FISCALIS. A fiscal judge; one having cognizance of matters relating to the fiscus, (q. v.).

JUDEX HABERE DEBET DUOS SALES—SAL-EM SAPIENTIÆ, NE SIT INSIPIDUS; ET SAL-EM CONSCIENCÆ, NE SIT DIABOLUS. A judge should have two salts,—the salt of wisdom, lest he be insipid [or foolish]; and the salt of conscience, lest he be devilish. 3 Inst. 147; Bart. Max. 189.

JUDEX NON POTEST ESSE TESTIS IN PROPRIA CAUSA. A judge cannot be a witness in his own cause. 4 Inst. 279.

JUDEX NON POTEST INJURIAM SIBI DATAM PUNIRE. A judge cannot punish a wrong done to himself. See 12 Coke, 114.

JUDEX NON REDEMIT PLUS QUAM QUOD PENUM BERT IPSE REQUIRIAT. A judge does not give more than what the complaining party himself demands. 2 Inst. 286.

JUDEX ORDINARIUS. In the civil law. An ordinary judge; one who had the right of hearing and determining causes as a matter of his own proper jurisdiction, (ex propriâ jurisdictione,) and not by virtue of a delegated authority. Calvin. According to Blackstone judges ordinarii determined only questions of fact. 3 Bl.Com. 315.

JUDEX PEDANEUS. In Roman law. Inferior judge; deputy judge. The judge who was commissioned by the prætor to hear a cause was so-called, from the low seat which he ancietly occupied at the foot of the prætor's tribunal.

JUDEX QUESTIONIS. A magistrate who decided the law of a criminal case, when the prætor himself did not sit as a magistrate. Morey, Rom. L. 88. The director of the criminal court under the presidency of the prætor. Harper's Lat. Dict.; Cic. Brut. 76, 264.

JUDEX SELECTUS. A select or selected judex or judge. The judges in criminal suits selected by the prætor. Harper's Lat Dict.; Cic. Verr. 2, 2, 13, § 32. These judices selecti were used in criminal causes, and between them and modern jurors many points of resemblance have been noticed; 3 Blia. Comm. 366.
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JUDGE. An officer so named in his commission, who presides in some court; a public officer, appointed to preside and to administer the law in a court of justice; the chief member of a court, and charged with the control of proceedings and the decision of questions of law or discretion. Todd v. U. S., 15 S. Ct. 388, 158 U.S. 725, 39 L.Ed. 958; Foot v. Stiles, 57 N.Y. 405; State v. Le Blond, 103 Ohio St. 126, 140 N.E. 510, 512. A public officer who, by virtue of his office, is clothed with judicial authority. State ex rel. Mayer v. City of Cincinnati, 60 Ohio App. 119, 19 N.E.2d 902. Presiding officer of court. State v. Horn, 336 Mo. 524, 70 S.W.2d 1044, 1045. Any officer authorized to function as or for judge in doing specified acts. In re Roberts' Estate, 49 Cal.App.2d 71, 120 P.2d 933, 937.

The term is sometimes held to include all officers appointed to decide litigated questions while acting in that capacity, including justices of the peace, and even jurors who are judges of the facts. Com. v. Dallas, 4 Dall. 229, 1 L.Ed. 812; In re Hess, 20 N.J.Misc. 12, 23 A.2d 298, 300, 301; Webster v. Buyer, 51 Or. 485, 159 P. 1166, Ann.Cas. (1915D) 218; but see note to Sec. 12A U.C.C. 127, A. 911, 915; Vollmer v. Board of Com'rs of Dubois County, 55 Ind.App. 149, 101 N.E. 321, 322. In ordinary legal use, however, the term is limited to the sense of the first of the definitions here given. People v. Wilson, 15 Ill. 388; and it has been held that a surrogate is not a "judge" within a statute providing for additional compensation to a judge for his services in drawing jurors. People ex rel. Noble v. Mitchell, 170 App.Div. 379, 155 N.Y.S. 650, 662; nor are United States commissioners, judges, although they at times act in a quasi judicial capacity and exercise the power of a court, in so far as an act of Congress has conferred specific authority or imposed the performance of a special duty, United States v. Jones, D.C.N.Y., 230 F. 262, 264.


"Judge" and "court" are often synonymous or interchangeable. In re Slattery, 310 Mich. 498, 17 N.W.2d 351, 251 N.W. 672, 325 Pa. 497, 191 A. 905, but see holding that a judge is not a court. State ex rel. Mayer v. City of Cincinnati, 60 Ohio App. 119, 19 N.E.2d 953.

"Judge" and "justice" (q. v.) are often used in substantially the same sense.

JUDGE ADVOCATE. An officer of a court-martial, whose duty is to swear in the other members of the court, to advise the court, and to act as the public prosecutor; but he is also so far the counsel for the prisoner as to be bound to protect him from the necessity of answering criminating questions, and to object to leading questions when propounded to other witnesses.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL. The adviser of the government in reference to courts-martial and other matters of military law. In England, he is generally a member of the house of commons and of the government for the time being.

JUDGE DE FACTO. One who holds and exercises the office of a judge under color of lawful authority and by a title valid on its face, though he has not full right to the office, as where he was appointed under an unconstitutional statute, or by an usurper of the appointing power, or has not taken the oath of office. State v. Miller, 111 Mo. 542, 20 S.W. 243; Walcott v. Wells, 21 Nev. 47, 24 P. 367, 9 L.R.A. 59, 37 Am.St.Rep. 478; Dredella v. Baache, 60 Neb. 655, 83 N.W. 916; Caldwell v. Barrett, 71 Ark. 310, 74 S.W. 748.

In Missouri, a special judge is a "judge de facto". State ex rel. McLaugherty v. Grayston, 349 Mo. 700, 165 S.W.2d 335, 337.

JUDGE-MADE LAW. A phrase used to indicate judicial decisions which construe away the meaning of statutes, or find meanings in them the legislature never intended. It is sometimes used as meaning, simply, the law established by judicial precedent. Cooley, Const.Lim., 4th ed. 70, note.

JUDGE ORDINARY. By St. 20 & 21 Vict. c. 85, § 9, the judge of the court of probate was made judge of the court for divorce and matrimonial causes created by that act, under the name of the "judge ordinary".

In Scotland, the title "judge ordinary" is applied to all those judges, whether supreme or inferior, who, by the nature of their office, have a fixed and determinate jurisdiction in all actions of the same general nature, as contrasted with the old Scotch privy council, or from those judges to whom some special matter is committed; such as common commissioners for taking proofs, and messengers at arms. Bell.

JUDGE PRO TEMPORE. One appointed for the term or some part thereof, during which time he exercises all the functions of the regular judge. State ex rel. Hodshire v. Bingham, 218 Ind. 490, 33 N.E.2d 771, 134 A.L.R. 1126.

JUDGER. A Cheshire juryman. Jacob.

JUDGE'S CERTIFICATE. In English practice. A certificate, signed by the judge who presided at the trial of a cause, that the party applying is entitled to costs. In some cases, this is a necessary preliminary to the taxing of costs for such party. A statement of the opinion of the court, signed by the judges, upon a question of law submitted to them by the chancellor for their decision. See 3 Bl.Comm. 453.

JUDGE'S MINUTES, OR NOTES. Memoranda usually taken by a judge, while a trial is proceeding, of the testimony of witnesses, of documents offered or admitted in evidence, of offers of evidence, and whether it has been received or rejected, and the like matters.

JUDGE'S ORDER. An order made by a judge at chambers, or out of court.


The conclusion in a syllogism having for its major and minor premises issues raised by the pleadings and the proofs thereon. Barlow v. Scott, Mo.Sup., 55 S.W.2d 504, 517.

The formation of an opinion or notion concerning some thing by exercising the mind upon it.
Cleveland Clinic Foundation v. Humphrys, C.C.A. Ohio, 97 F.2d 849, 857.


The term “judgment” is also used to denote the reason which the court gives for its decision; but this is more properly denominated an “opinion”.


An allowance or discharge of a claim may be a judgment. United States v. Paisley, D.C.Ill., 26 F.Supp. 237, 238; In re Hillier’s Estate, 171 Or. 428, 137 P.2d 528, 830; State ex rel. Spellman v. Commercial State Bank of Omaha, 12 Neb. 690, 10 N.W.2d 288.


Commitment to institution, etc., as a judgment. People ex rel. McCarthy v. Snyder, Sup., 54 N.Y.S.2d 40, 41; Ex parte Herrera, 143 P.2d 345, 348 Cal.2d 206.


To constitute a court order, "judgment" suffered by debtor must be one that has become lien and, as such, a legal preference. Elks Reflector Corporation v. Savory, Inc., C.C.A.N.Y., 57 F.2d 161, 162.

Judgments, considered with regard to the method of obtaining them, may be classified as follows.

Admission of facts by the parties, leaving only issues of law to be determined. Such judgments are: judgment upon a demurrer; judgment on a case stated; judgment on a general verdict subject to a special case; judgment on a special verdict.
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Admissions or confessions of one only of the parties; judgments based on. Such judgments when for defendant upon the admissions of the plaintiff are: judgment of nolle proseque; judgment of retraxit; judgment on leave of court to discontinue; a stet processus. Judgments for the plaintiff upon facts admitted by the defendant are: judgment by cognovit actionem; cognovit or confession.

Trial of an issue of fact. Judgments upon facts found are: Judgment of null and void; judgment upon verdict; judgment non obstante verdicto; judgment of repleader.

Alternative judgment. One that by its terms might be satisfied by doing either of several acts at the election of the party or parties against whom the judgment is rendered and from whom performance is by the judgment required. Henderson v. Arkansas, 71 Okl. 253, 176 P. 751, 754. A judgment for one thing or another which does not specifically and in a definite manner determine the rights of the parties. State v. Wilson, 216 N.C. 130, 4 S.E.2d 440, 442.

Assets in futuro, judgment of. One against an executor or heir, who holds at the time no property on which it can operate. See Quando Accident.

Case stated, judgment on. It sometimes happens that though the adverse parties are agreed as to the facts, and only differ as to the law arising out of them, still these facts do not so clearly appear on the pleadings as to enable them to obtain the opinion of the court by way of demurrer; for on demurrer the court can look at nothing whatever except the pleadings. In such circumstances the statute 3 & 4 Will. IV, c. 42, § 25, which has been imitated in most of the states, allows them after issue joined, and on obtaining the consent of a single judge, to state the facts in a special case for the opinion of the court, and agree that a judgment shall be entered for the plaintiff or defendant by confession or nolle prosequi immediately after the decision of the case; and judgment is entered accordingly, called judgment on a case stated.

Cassettur breve or billa, judgment of (that the writ or bill be quashed) is a judgment rendered in favor of a party pleading in abatement at a writ on action. Steph.Pl. 130, 131.

Cognovit. See Cognovit.

Cognovit actionem. See Cognovit Actionem.

Conditional judgment. One whose force depends upon the performance of certain acts to be done in the future by one of the parties; as, one which may become of no effect if the defendant appears and pleads according to its terms, or one which orders the sale of mortgaged property in a foreclosure proceeding unless the mortgagor shall pay the amount decreed within the time limited. Mahoney v. New South Building & Loan Ass'n, C.C.Va., 70 F. 513; Simmons v. Jones, 118 N.C. 472, 24 S.E. 114.

Confession. At common law, judgment entered where defendant, instead of entering plea, confessed action, or withdrew plea and confessed action. Information Buying Co. v. Miller, 173 Ga. 786, 161 S.E. 617, 618. Judgment where a defendant gives the plaintiff a cognovit or written confession of the action by virtue of which the plaintiff enters judgment. The act of a debtor in permitting judgment to be entered against him by his creditor, for a stipulated sum, by a written statement to that effect or by warrant of attorney, without the institution of legal proceedings of any kind; voluntary submission to court's jurisdiction. O'Hara v. Manley, 140 Pa.Super. 39, 12 A.2d 820, 822.

Consent judgment. A judgment, the provisions and terms of which are settled and agreed to by the parties to the action. Hargis v. Hargis, 252 Ky. 198, 66 S.W.2d 59; Andrews v. Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America, 55 R.I. 341, 151 A. 403; Matthews v. Looney, 132 Tex. 313, 129 S.W.2d 871, 872.

It is not the judgment of the court, it is the agreement of the parties, entered upon the record with the sanction and approval of the court, and is their act rather than that of the court. Andrews v. Indemnity Ins. Co. of North America, 55 R.I. 341, 151 A. 403; Cason v. Shute, 211 N.C. 185, 189 S.E. 494, 495.

Consent judgments are, in effect, merely contracts acknowledged in open court and ordered to be recorded, but as such they bind the parties as fully as do other judgments. Prince v. Frost-Johnson Lumber Co., Tex.Civ.App., 250 S.W. 785, 789; Beicher v. Cobb, 169 N.C. 680, 68 S.E. 600, 602.

Contradictory judgment. A judgment which has been given after the parties have been heard, either in support of their claims or in their defense. Cox's Exrs. v. Thomas, 11 La. 366.

It is used in Louisiana to distinguish such judgments from those rendered by default.

De mellioribus damnis. See De Mellioribus Damnis.

Default and inquiry, judgment by. It establishes right of action of kind properly pleaded in complaint, determines right of plaintiff to recover at least nominal damages and costs, and precludes defendant from offering any evidence on execution of inquiry to show that plaintiff has no right of action. De Hoff v. Black, 206 N.C. 687, 175 S.E. 179.


Default judgment. A judgment rendered in consequence of the non-appearance of the defendant. Beard v. Sovereign Lodge, W. O. W., 184 N.C. 154, 113 S.E. 661; In re Smith, 38 Idaho, 746, 225 P. 495, 496; Brame v. Nolen, 139 Va. 413, 124 S.E. 299, 301. One entered upon the failure of a party to appear or plead at the appointed time. The term is also applied to judgments entered under statutes or rules of court, for want of affidavit of defense, plea, answer, and the like, or for failure to take some required step in the case.
Judgments rendered on defendant's default are: Judgment by default; judgment by non sum informati; judgmentavit dictum. Judgments rendered on plaintiff's default are: Judgment of non pros. (from non prosequitor) and judgment of nonsuit (from non sequitur, or no suit put).

Deficiency judgment. See Deficiency.

Demurrer, judgment on. Concludes party demurring, because by demurring, a party admits the facts alleged in the pleadings of his adversary and relies on their insufficiency in law. See Demurrer.

Discontinuance. A "judgment of discontinuance" is one of dismissal of plaintiff's action based on interruption in proceedings occasioned by failure of plaintiff to continue suit regularly from time to time. Steele v. Beaty, 215 N.C. 689, 2 S.E.2d 854, 855.

A plaintiff sometimes, when he finds he has misconceived his action, obtains leave from the court to discontinuance, on which there is a judgment against him and he has to pay costs; but he may commence a new action for the same cause.

Dismissal, judgment of. See Dismissal.

Domestic judgment. A judgment is domestic in the courts of the same state or country where it was originally rendered; in other states or countries it is called foreign. The federal court sitting for the state is a domestic court, and its judgments within the scope of its jurisdiction are domestic judgments. Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Talli, 203 Ala. 370, 83 So. 114, 117.

Dormant judgment. One which has not been satisfied or extinguished by lapse of time, but which has remained so long unexecuted that execution cannot now be issued upon it without first reviving the judgment. Draper v. Nixon, 93 Ala. 436, 9 So. 481; General Electric Co. v. Hurd, C.C. Or., 171 F. 994; Burlington State Bank v. Marlin Nat. Bank, Tex.Civ.App., 207 S.W. 954, 956. One which has lost its lien on land from the failure to issue execution on it or take other steps to enforce it within the time limited by statute. 1 Black, Judgm. (2d Ed.) § 462.

Error, judgment in. A judgment rendered by a court of error on a record sent up from an inferior court.

It is either in affirmance of the former judgment; in recall of it for error in fact; in reversal of it for error in law; that the plaintiff be barred of his writ of error, where a plea of release of errors or of the statute of limitations is found; or the defendant; or that there be a venire facias de novo, which is an award of a new trial.

Execution of judgment. See Execution of Judgment or Decree.

Face of judgment. See Face of Judgment.

Final judgment. One which puts an end to a suit or action.


Foreign judgment. One rendered by the courts of a state or country politically and judicially distinct from that where the judgment or its effect is brought in question. One pronounced by a tribunal of a foreign country, or of a sister state. K. v. Kunkle, 24 Minn. 313, G. 268; Gulick v. Loder, 13 N.J.L. 62, 23 Am-Dec. 711; Grover & B. Sewing Mach. Co. v. Radcliffe, 137 U.S. 287, 11 S.Ct. 92, 34 L.Ed. 760.

General verdict subject to a special case, judgment on. Where at the trial the parties agree on the facts and the only question is one of law and a verdict pro forma is taken and the jury find for the plaintiff generally but subject to the opinion of the court on a special case.

In personam or inter partes. See Judgment in Personam or Inter Parties.

In rem. See Judgment in Rem.

Interlocutory judgment. One given in the progress of a cause upon some plea, proceeding, or default which is only intermediate and does not finally determine or complete the suit. 3 Bl.Com. 396. One which determines some preliminary or subordinate point or plea, or settles some step, question, or default arising in the progress of the cause, but does not adjudicate the ultimate rights of the parties, or finally put the case out of court. Thus, a judgment or order passed upon any provisional or accessory claim or contention is, in general, merely interlocutory, although it may finally dispose of that particular matter. 1 Black, Judgm. § 21; Hartford Fire Ins. Co. v. McDonald, 177 Ky. 838, 198 S.W. 225, 226; Frank P. Miller Paper Co. v. Keystone Coal & Coke Co., 275 Pa. 40, 118 A. 565, 566.

Junior judgment. One which was rendered or entered after the rendition or entry of another judgment, on a different claim, against the same defendant.

Merits, judgment on. One rendered after argument and investigation, and when it is determined which party is in the right, as distinguished from a judgment rendered upon some preliminary or formal or merely technical point, or by default and without trial. Bell Grocery Co. v. Booth, 250
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Ky. 21, 61 S.W.2d 879; State ex rel. National Lead Co. v. Smith, Mo.App., 134 S.W.2d 1061, 1068.

Money judgment. One which adjudges the payment of a sum of money, as distinguished from one directing an act to be done or property to be restored or transferred. Fuller v. Aylesworth, Mich., 75 F. 694, 21 C.C.A. 505; Pendleton v. Cline, 35 Cal. 142, 24 P. 639.

Ordinary "judgment for money" merely determines amount due. State ex rel. Lang v. Superior Court for King County, 176 Wash. 472, 30 P.2d 237, 239.


Nihil dict. See Nihil Dicit.

Nil capiit per breve or per billa (that he take nothing by his writ, or by his bill). A judgment in favor of the defendant upon an issue raised upon a declaration or peremptory plea.

Nil dicit, judgment by. One rendered where defendant fails to plead, or where, having pleaded, plea is stricken, withdrawn, or abandoned and no further defense is made. Grand Lodge Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen v. Ware, Tex.Civ.App., 73 S.W.2d 1076, 1077; Reliance Equipment Co. v. Montgomery, 27 Ala.App. 539, 175 So. 703.

At common law, it may be taken against defendant who omits to plead or answer whole or any separable substantial portion of declaration. Chonts v. Spurway, 194 Fla. 340, 139 So. 896, 897. It amounts to judgment by confession with reference to cause of action stated. Grand Lodge Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen v. Ware, Tex.Civ.App., 73 S.W.2d 1076, 1077. For judgment nihil dicit, see Nihil Dict. Judgment rendered on plea of guilty is not judgment nihil dicit, which is substantially identical with default judgment. Stevens v. State, 100 Vt. 814, 136 A. 887.

Nisi. At common law, judgment nisi was a judgment entered on the return of the nisi prius record, which, according to the terms of the postea indorsed thereon was to become absolute unless otherwise ordered by the court within the first four days of the next succeeding term. See U.S. v. Winstead, D.C.N.C., 12 F. 51; Young v. McPherson, 3 N.J.L. 897.


Non obstante veredicto. See Non Obstante Vere- dicto.

Non pros (non prosequitur [he does not follow up, or pursue]). See Non Prosequitur.

Non sum informatus. See Non Sum Informa- tus.

Nonsuit. See Nonsuit.

Nul tiel record. See Nul Tiell Record.

Nunc pro tunc. One entered on a day subsequent to the time at which it should have been entered, as of the latter date. See Nunc Pro Tunc.

Personal judgment. One imposing on the defendant a personal liability to pay it, and which may therefore be satisfied out of any of his property which is within the reach of process, as distinguished from one which may be satisfied only out of a particular fund or the proceeds of particular property.

Thus, in a mortgage foreclosure suit, there may be a personal judgment against the mortgagee for any deficiency that may remain after the sale of the mortgaged premises. See Bardwell v. Collins, 44 Minn. 97, 46 N.W. 315, 3 L.R.A. 152.

Pocket judgment. A statute-merchant which was enforceable at any time after non-payment on the day assigned, without further proceedings. Wharton.

Pro retomo habendo. A judgment that the party have a return of the goods.

Quando acciderrint. See Quando Acerrerrint.

Quod computat. See Quod Computat.

Quod partes replacient. See Quod Partes Re- placient.

Quod partitiio stat. Interlocutory judgment in a writ of partition, that partition be made.

Quod recuperet. See Quod Recuperet.

Relicta verificatione. See Relicta Verificatio- ne.

Repleader, judgment of. See Repleader.

Respondent ouster. When the issue in law arises on a dilatory plea, and is determined for the plaintiff, the judgment is only that the defendant "do answer over," called a judgment of respondent ouster; it is interlocutory only.

Retractit. See Retractit.

Special verdict, judgment on. Where at the trial the parties find that they agree on the facts and the only question is one of law and a verdict pro forma is taken, and the jury state the facts as they find them, concluding that the opinion of the court shall decide in whose favor the verdict shall be, and that they assess the damages accordingly.

Stet Processus. See Stet Processus.

Verdict, judgment on. The most usual of the judgments upon facts found, and is for the party obtaining the verdict.

Warrant of attorney. See Warrant.

JUDGMENT-BOOK. A book required to be kept by the clerk, among the records of the court, for the entry of judgments. In re Weber, 4 N.D. 119, 59 N.W. 523, 25 L.R.A. 621.

JUDGMENT CREDITOR. One who has obtained a judgment against his debtor, under which he

JUDGMENT DEBT. One which is evidenced by matter of record. Colonial Building-Loan Ass'n v. Mongiello Bros., 120 N.J. Eq. 270, 270, 184 A. 653, 657. A debt, whether on simple contract or by specialty, for the recovery of which judgment has been entered, only upon a cognovit or upon a warrant of attorney or as the result of a successful action. Brown.

JUDGMENT DEBTOR. A person against whom judgment has been recovered, and which remains unsatisfied. The term has been construed to include a judgment debtor's successors in interest. Bateman v. Kellogg, 59 Cal.App. 464, 211 P. 46, 51; but see, contra, Northwest Trust & Safe Deposit Co. v. Butcher, 98 Wash. 158, 167 P. 46, 47.

JUDGMENT DEBTOR SUMMONS. Under the English bankruptcy act, 1861, §§ 76–85, these summonses might be issued against both traders and non-traders, and, in default of payment of, or security or agreed composition for, the debt, the debtors might be adjudicated bankrupt. This act was repealed by 32 & 33 Vict. c. 83, § 20. The 32 & 33 Vict. c. 71, however, (bankruptcy act, 1869,) provides (section 7) for the granting of a "debtor's summons," at the instance of creditors, and, in the event of failure to pay or compound, a petition for adjudication may be presented, unless in the events provided for by that section. Wharton.

JUDGMENT DOCKET. A list or docket of the judgments entered in a given court, methodically kept by the clerk or other proper officer, open to public inspection, and intended to afford official notice to interested parties of the existence or lien of judgments.

JUDGMENT, ESTOPPEL BY. The estoppel raised by the rendition of a valid judgment by a court having jurisdiction. 2 Bl.Judgm. § 504; State v. Torinus, 28 Minn. 175, 9 N.W. 725. See, also, Verdict, Judgment By.


Elements or essentials are or may include former judgment between some parties or their privies. Postelneck v. Edbro Realty Co., 228 App.Div. 511, 228 N.Y.S.2d 178, 179; former judgment must relate to same question and must clearly decide it, First Nat. Bank of Atlanta v. Williams, 62 Ga.App. 205, 6 S.E.2d 552, 565; former judgment must be on the merits, Stowers v. Harris, 194 Ga. 636, 22 S.E.2d 408; Postelneck v. Edbro Realty Co., 228 App.Div. 105, 239 N.Y.S.2d 173, 175; identity of parties actually or in the same capacity, Ford v. Danla Lumber & Supply Co., 150 Fla. 435, 7 So.2d 594, 595; material facts necessary in arriving at conclusion must be properly in issue, Palco & Williams Co. v. Baldwin Rubber Co., C.C.A.Mich., 113 F.2d 840, 842, 843; matters litigated and determined in prior case must have been within scope of the pleadings, Stowers v. Stow, 190 Ga. 229, 9 S.E.2d 70, 71, 121 A.L.R. 156; mutuality of estoppel, Stewart v. City of Springfield, 350 Mo. 254, 165 S.W.2d 668, 670; Eider v. Missouri Express, 284 N.Y. 350, 31 N.E.2d 188, 189, 133 A.L.R. 176; precise facts or questions must have been determined by former judgment, Skolnik v. Petelli, 389 Ill. 366, 62 N.E.2d 825, 826; Flint v. Kimbrough, 45 N.M. 342, 115 P.2d 94, 96; subsequent suit must be between same parties or their privies. Harris v. Jacksonville Paper Co., 27 Ga.App. 729, 21 S.E.2d 537, 541; Woods v. Duval, 151 Kan. 472, 99 P.2d 804, 808; substantial identity of parties, Curtis v. Maryland Baptist Union Ass'n, 174 Md. 430, 5 A.2d 538, 539, 121 A.L.R. 1516.


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Where subsequent proceeding is on same cause of action between same parties a former adjudication is conclusive. Kimpton v. Spellman, 351 Mo. 674, 173 S.W.2d 888, 891.

JUDGMENT EXECUTION. In the judgment on which it issues, it is a species of execution process, but as to the garnishee who becomes a party defendant therein it is an original process—a summons commanding him to appear and show cause, if any he has, why judgment in favor of the plaintiff should not be levied on the goods and effects of defendant in his hands. Shane v. Commercial Casualty Ins. Co., D.C.Pa., 48 F.Supp. 151, 156.

JUDGMENT IN PERSONAM OR INTER PARTES. A judgment against a particular person, as distinguished from a judgment against a thing or a right or status.


Various definitions have been given of a judgment in rem, but all are criticised as either incomplete or comprehending too much.

"A very able writer says: 'The distinguishing characteristic of judgments in rem is that, wherever their obligation is recognized and enforced as against any person, it is equally recognized and enforced as against all persons.' It seems to us that the true definition of a 'judgment in rem' is 'an adjudication against some person or thing, or upon the status of some subject-matter; which, wherever and whenever binding upon any person, is equally binding upon all persons.'" Bartero v. Real Estate Savings Bank, 10 Mo.App. 78.
JUDICATURE ACTS (IRELAND). The act of 40 & 41 Vict. c. 57, which went into operation Jan. 1, 1878, established a supreme court of judicature in Ireland, under which acts and subsequent ones a system essentially similar in its constitution to that in England is in force.

JUDGES. Lat. Judges. See Judex.

JUDICES NON TENENTUR EXPRIMERE CAUSA AM SENTENTIAE SUÆ. Judges are not bound to explain the reason of their sentence. Jenk.Cent. 75.

JUDICES ORDINARI. Lat. Plural of judex ordinarius (q. v.).

JUDICES PEDANEI. Lat. Plural of judex pedaneus (q. v.).

JUDICES SELECTI. Lat. Plural of judex selectus (q. v.).

JUDICI OFFICIUM SUUM EXCEDENTI NON PARETUR. A judge exceeding his office (or jurisdiction) is not to be obeyed. Jenk.Cent. p. 139, case 84. Said of void judgments.

JUDICI SATIS PENÆA EST, QUOD DEUM HABET ULTOREM. It is punishment enough for a judge that he has God as his avenger. 1 Leon. 295.

JUDICIA; JUDICIA PUBLICA. Lat. In Roman law. Judicial proceedings; trials. Judicia publica, criminal trials. Dig. 48, 1. See, also, Judicium.

JUDICIA IN CURIA REGIS NON ADNihilentur, SED STENT IN ROBORE SUO QUOUSQUE PER ERROREM AUT ATTINCTUM ADNulleTUR. Judgments in the king's court are not to be annihilated, but to remain in force until nullified by error or attain. 2 Inst. 539.

JUDICIA IN DELIBERATIONIBUS CREBRO MATURESCUNT, IN ACCELERATO PROCESSU NUNquam. Judgments frequently become matured by deliberations, never by hurried process or precipitation. 3 Inst. 210.

JUDICIA POSTERIORA SUNT IN LEGE FORMI. The later decisions are the stronger in law. 8 Coke, 97.

JUDICIA SUNT TANquAM JURIS DICTA, ET PRO VERITATE ACCIPiUNTUR. Judgments are, as it were, the sayings of the law, and are received as truth. 2 Inst. 537.

JUDICIAL. Belonging to the office of a judge; as judicial authority.

Relating to or connected with the administration of justice; as a judicial officer.

Having the character of judgment or formal legal procedure; as a judicial act.

Proceeding from a court of justice; as a judicial writ, a judicial determination.

Involving the exercise of judgment or discretion; as distinguished from ministerial.
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Of or pertaining to or appropriate to the administration of justice, or courts of justice, or a judge thereof, or the proceedings therein; as, judicial proceedings, judicial proceedings. State v. Freitag, 53 Idaho 726, 27 P.2d 290.


As to quasi judicial, see Quasi Judicial.


It is also defined as an act by court or magistrate touching rights of parties or property brought before it or him by voluntary appearance, or by prior action of ministerial officers. Flournoy v. Jeffersonville, 17 Ind. 173, 79 Am.Dec. 468; Union Pac. R. Co. v. U. S., 99 U.S. 700, 715, 25 L.Ed. 496; United States v. Ward, C.C.A.Okl., 257 F. 372, 377; Board of Com'r's of Atoka County v. Cyvert, 65 Okl. 168, 166 P. 195, 198; an act by member of judicial department in construing law or applying it to a particular state of facts. State ex rel. Tharei v. Board of Com'r's of Creek County, 188 Okl. 184, 107 P.2d 542, 549; an act of administrative board if it goes to determination of some right, protection of which is peculiar office of courts. Belk's Dept. Store v. Gulfport County, 222 N.C. 441, 3 S.E.2d 897, 905; an act which imposes burdens or confers privileges according to finding of some person or body whether a general rule is applicable or according to discretionary judgment as to propriety. Stevens ex rel. Kuberski v. Haussermann, 113 N.J.L. 162, 172 A. 738, 741; an act which undertakes to determine a question of right or obligation of property as foundation on which it proceeds. Pearson v. Reed, 6 Cal.App.2d 277, 44 P.2d 592, 597; determination of what the law is and what rights of parties are with reference to transactions already had or thing already done or happened. Nider v. Homan, 32 Cal.App.2d 11, 89 P.2d 136, 139; Nash v. Brooks, 251 App.Div. 618, 297 N.Y.S. 853; State v. Ramirez, 34 Idaho 629, 203 P. 278, 282, 29 A.L.R. 297: the action of judge in trying a case and rendering a decision, Application of Gilet, 178 Misc. 186, 156 N.Y.S.2d 629, 630, 631.

The act of an administrative or ministerial officer does not become a judicial simply because it requires some discretion and judgment, but becomes judicial only when there is opportunity to be heard, and the production and weighing of evidence and a decision thereon. People ex rel. Argus Co. v. Hugo, 101 Misc. 49, 105 N.Y.S. 25, 27; Sweeney v. Young, 82 N.H. 150, 131 A. 155, 157, 42 A.L.R. 757.


JUDICIAL ACTION. An adjudication upon rights of parties who in general appear or are brought before tribunal by notice or process and upon which claims of some decision or judgment is rendered. Southeastern Greyhound Lines v. Georgia Public Service Commission, 181 Ga. 75, 181 S.E. 334, 102 A.L.R. 517. Action of a court upon a cause, by hearing it, and determining what shall be adjudged or decreed between the parties, and with which is the right of the case. Rhode Island v. Massachusetts, 12 Pet. 718, 9 L.Ed. 1233; Kerosene Lamp Heater Co. v. Monitor Oil Stove Co., 41 Ohio St. 293. When an inferior officer or board is charged with an administrative act, the performance of which depends upon and requires the existence or ascertainment of facts, the investigation and determination of such facts is so-called judicial action. Austin v. Eddy, 41 S.D. 640, 172 N.W. 517, 518.


JUDICIAL ADMISSION. See Admissions.

JUDICIAL AUTHORITY. The power and authority appertaining to the office of a judge; jurisdiction; the official right to hear and determine questions in controversy.

JUDICIAL BUSINESS. Such as involves the exercise of judicial power, or the application of the mind and authority of a court to some contested matter, or the conduct of judicial proceedings, as distinguished from such ministerial and other acts, incident to the progress of a cause may be performed by the party, counsel, or officers of the court without application to the court or judge. See Heisen v. Smith, 138 Cal. 216, 71 P. 180, 94 Am.St.Rep. 39; Merchants' Nat. Bank v. Jaffrey, 36 Neb. 288, 54 N.W. 258, 19 L.R.A. 316; State v. California Min. Co., 13 Nev. 214.

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT. As used in a state constitution, a term referring to the subdivisions of the state to each of which one judge shall be assigned to exercise therein the judicial power conferred by the constitution upon circuit courts. State v. Butler, 70 Fla. 102, 69 So. 771, 779.

JUDICIAL COGNIZANCE. Judicial notice, or knowledge upon which a judge is bound to act without having it proved in evidence.

JUDICIAL COMITY. Principle in accordance with which courts of one state or jurisdiction give effect to laws and judicial decisions of another state out of deference and respect, not obligation. Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co. v. City of Thomasville, 100 Fla. 748, 130 So. 7, 8.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL. In English law. A tribunal established in 1833, composed of members of the privy council, being judges or retired judges, which acts as the king's adviser in matters of law referred to it, and exercises a certain appellate jurisdiction, though its power in this respect was curtailed by the judiciary act of 1873.

It consists of the Lord Chancellor, the six Lords of Appeal, if Privy Councillors, and such other members of the privy council as have held any high judicial office in the United Kingdom, India, or the colonies. It is the court of final appeal from the ecclesiastical courts, from the courts of India, the colonies, dominions, etc., the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, administering all the different systems of law of the countries under its appellate juris-
JUDICIAL CONVENTION. An agreement entered into in consequence of an order of court; as, for example, entering into a bond on taking out a writ of sequestration. Penniman v. Barrymore, 6 Mart. N.S., La., 494.

JUDICIAL CY PRS. Doctrine of "judicial cy pres" is a principle of construction based on a judicial finding of donor's intention as applied to new conditions. Rohiff v. German Old People's Home, 143 Neb. 636, 10 N.W.2d 686, 691.

When only minor features of a trust for charity become impossible or impracticable of performance and it cannot properly be said that general scheme of testator has failed, doctrine of "judicial cy pres" operates to avoid failure of charity. Noel v. Olds, 78 U.S.App.D.C. 135, 138 P.2d 581, 586, 587.

JUDICIAL DECISION. An opinion or determination of the judges in causes before them, particularly in appellate courts. Le Blanc v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 73 Miss. 463, 19 So. 211. Application by a court or tribunal exercising judicial authority of competent jurisdiction of the law to a state of facts proved, or admitted to be true, and a declaration of the consequences which follow. In re KnoUer's Estate, 73 Ohio App. 383, 52 N.E.2d 667, 668.


JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT. The branch of government which is intended to interpret, construe and apply the law. Board of Com'r's of Wyandotte County v. General Securities Corporation, 157 Kan. 64, 138 P.2d 479, 487.

JUDICIAL DICTUM. A dictum made by a court or judge in the course of a judicial decision or opinion. Com. v. Paine, 207 Pa. 45, 56 A. 317. See Dicitum.

JUDICIAL DISTRICT. One of the circuits or precincts into which a state is commonly divided for judicial purposes, a court of general original jurisdiction being usually provided in each of such districts, and the boundaries of the district marking the territorial limits of its authority; or the district may include two or more counties, having separate and independent county courts, but in that case they are presided over by the same judge. See Ex parte Gardner, 22 Nev. 280, 39 P. 570; Lindsey v. Coahoma County Sup'r's, 69 Miss. 813, 11 So. 396; Com. v. Hoar, 121 Mass. 377; Consolidated Flour Mills Co. v. Muegge, 127 Ohio 295, 290 P. 745, 752.

JUDICIAL DIVORCE. One granted by the sentence of a court of justice, pursuant to general law. Maclay v. Maclay, 147 Fla. 77, 2 So.2d 361, 363.

JUDICIAL DUTY. One that requires exercise of judgment or choice of alternatives in its perform-

ance. Board of Education of Nebo School Dist. v. Jeffson, 74 Utah 576, 250 P. 1065, 1069. One that requires exercise of judgment or decision of a question of fact. State ex rel. Coast Holding Co. v. Ekwall, 144 Or. 672, 26 P.2d 52. One that requires use of discretion or examination of evidence and decision of questions of law and fact. Taylor County Farm Bureau v. Board of Sup'r's of Taylor County, 218 Iowa 937, 252 N.W. 449; one that legitimately pertains to an officer in judicial department. Harding v. McCullough, 236 Iowa 556, 19 N.W.2d 613, 617; Ex parte Lewis, 328 Mo. 843, 42 S.W.2d 21, 22.

JUDICIAL ERRORS. Errors into which the court itself falls are "judicial errors." An error of this character occurs when the judgment rendered is erroneous in some particular, requiring it to be changed. Connecticut Mortgage & Title Guaranty Co. v. Di Francesco, 112 Conn. 673, 151 A. 491, 492.


It is based on bad faith, and cannot be asserted unless sworn statement was made knowingly, or with degree of negligence authorizing imputation of knowledge. Broyles v. Scottish Union & National Ins. Co., 19 Tenn.App. 331, 45 S.W. 517.

The rule may be invoked only where the prior and subsequent litigation involves the same parties and where one party has relied on the former testimony and changed his position by reason of it. Tracy Loan & Trust Co. v. Openshaw Inv. Co., 102 Utah 502, 132 P.2d 385, 390, 391. But see holding that judicial estoppel is based on public policy and not on prejudice to adverse party. Sartain v. Dixie Coal & Iron Co., 150 Tenn. 633, 266 S.W. 313, 315.

JUDICIAL EVIDENCE is the means, sanctioned by law, of ascertaining in a judicial proceeding the truth respecting a question.

JUDICIAL FUNCTION. The exercise of the judicial faculty or office. The capacity to act in the specific way which appertains to the judicial power, as one of the powers of government.

The term is used to describe generally those modes of action which appertain to the judiciary as a department of organized government, and through and by means of which it accomplishes its purposes and exercises its peculiar powers. See State v. Kelly, 27 N.M. 412, 202 P. 524, 528, 21 A.L.R. 156; Lyon v. City of Fayette, 38 Idaho 705, 204 P. 783, 794; People v. Hersey, 69 Colo. 492, 196 P. 150, 181, 14 A.L.R. 631; Sauekelonis v. Herding, 89 Conn. 298, 94 A. 368, 369. While ordinarily a case or judicial controversy within the meaning of Conat. art. 3, § 2, results in a judgment requiring award of process of execution to carry it into effect, such relief is not an indispensable adjunct to the exercise of the "judicial function." Fidelity Nat. Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City v. Swope, 274 U.S. 123, 47 S.Ct. 511, 514, 71 L.Ed. 959.

JUDICIAL INQUIRY. Such inquiry investigates, declares, and enforces liabilities as they stand on present or past facts and under laws supposed already to exist. Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. v. Wilson & Co. of Oklahoma, C.C.A.Okl., 54 P.2d
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596, 598; In re Turnock's Estate, 238 Wis. 438, 300 N.W. 153, 156.

JUDICIAL KNOWLEDGE. Knowledge of that which is so notorious that everybody, including judges, knows it, and hence need not be proved. Ex parte Ferguson, 112 Tex.Cr.R. 132, 15 S.W.2d 650, 652.

JUDICIAL LEGISLATION. See Judge-Made Law.

JUDICIAL NOTICE. The act by which a court, in conducting a trial, or framing its decision, will, of its own motion, and without the production of evidence, recognize the existence and truth of certain facts, having a bearing on the controversy at bar, which, from their nature, are not properly the subject of testimony, or which are universally regarded as established by common notoriety, e.g., the laws of the state, international law, historical events, the constitution and course of nature, main geographical features, etc. North Hempstead v. Gregory, 53 App.Div. 350, 65 N.Y.S. 467; State v. Main, 69 Conn. 123, 37 A. 80, 36 L.R. A. 623, 61 Am.St.Rep. 30. The cognizance of certain facts which judges and jurors may properly take and act upon without proof, because they already know them. United States v. Hammers, D. C.Fla., 241 F. 542, 543.

The true conception of what is "judicially known" is that of something which is not, or rather need not be, unless the tribunal wishes it, the subject of either evidence or argument. Chiulla de Luca v. Board of Park Comrs of City of Hartford, 94 Conn. 7, 107 A. 611, 612. The limits of "judicial notice" cannot be prescribed with exactness, but notoriety is, generally speaking, the ultimate test of facts sought to be brought within the realm of judicial notice: in general, it covers matters so notorious that a production of evidence would be unnecessary, matters which the judicial function supposes the judge to be acquainted with actually or theoretically, and matters not strictly included under either of such heads. Gottstein v. Lister, 88 Wash. 462, 188 P. 696, 696, Ann.Cas.1917D, 1006.

JUDICIAL OATH. See Oath.

JUDICIAL OFFICE. Offices which relate to the administration of justice; Waldo v. Wallace, 12 Ind. 569; and which should be exercised by persons of sufficient skill and experience in the duties which appertain to them. A general term including courts of record and courts not of record. Buckley v. Holmes, 259 Pa. 176, 102 A. 497, 500.

A term used in 34 & 35 Vict. c. 91, to define qualifications of additional members of the judicial committee of the Privy Council.

JUDICIAL OFFICER. The term, in the popular sense, applies generally to an officer of a court, but in the strictly legal sense applies only to an officer who determines causes between parties or renders decision in a judicial capacity. Hitt v. State, 182 Miss. 134, 171 So. 331; Alexander v. Holmes, 180 Ga. 397, 179 S.E. 77, 78. One who exercises judicial function. Adams v. State, 214 Ind. 603, 17 N.E.2d 84, 118 A.L.R. 1095. A person in whom is vested authority to decide causes or exercise powers appropriate to a court. Settle v. Van Evreah, 49 N.Y. 294; People v. Wells, 2 Cal. 203; Reid v. Flood, 2 Nott & McC., S.C., 170, 10 Am. Dec. 582.

JUDICIAL OPINION. A term synonymous with what has been adjudged or decreed and final in its character. Alleghany Corporation v. Aldeep Corporation, 173 Md. 472, 196 A. 418, 421. See, also, Opinion.

JUDICIAL ORDER. One which involves exercise of judicial discretion and affects final result of litigation. Happy Coal Co. v. Brashear, 263 Ky. 257, 92 S.W.2d 23, 27. See, also, Order.

JUDICIAL POWER. The authority exercised by that department of government which is charged with declaration of what law is and its construction. People v. Bruner, 343 Ill. 146, 175 N.E. 400, 404. The authority vested in courts and judges, as distinguished from the executive and legislative power. Gilbert v. Priest, 63 Barb., N.Y. 448; State ex rel. Jamison v. Denny, 118 Ind. 382, 21 N.E. 252, 1 L.R.A. 79.

It is a power that cannot be brought within ring fence of a definition. Batty v. Arizona State Dental Board, 57 Ariz. 239, 112 P.2d 570, 873. A power involving exercise of judgment and discretion in determination of questions of right in specific cases affecting interests of person or property, as distinguished from ministerial power involving no discretion. Stanton v. State Tax Commission, 114 Ohio St. 658, 151 N.E. 760, 764; Ward v. Board of Comrs of Oskaloosa County, 114 Okl. 246, 246 P. 378, 378; Inherent authority not only to decide, but to make binding orders or judgments. Fewel v. Fewel, 23 Cal.2d 431, 144 P.2d 592, 594; power to decide and pronounce a judgment and carry it into effect be partners or parties who bring a case before court for decision, Millen, Const. U.S. 314; Stuart v. Nornie, 26 Ariz. 493, 266 P. 908, 909; Shea v. North-Butte Mining Co., 55 Mont. 522, 179 P. 493, 503; Rohde v. City of Newport, 246 Ky. 476, 66 S.W.2d 368, 387 A.L.R. 701; power to declare what law is or has been, Gorham v. Robinson, 57 R.I. 1, 196 A. 832, 842; State v. Leaders, 214 N.C. 558, 200 S.E. 22, 23, power to determine constitutionality and validity of legislative acts, Cohen v. Virginia, 6 Wheat. 264, 3 L.Ed. 297; Alexander v. Holmes, 180 Ga. 397, 179 S.E. 77, 78. One who exercises judicial function. Adams v. State, 214 Ind. 603, 17 N.E.2d 84, 118 A.L.R. 1095. A person in whom is vested authority to decide causes or exercise powers appropriate to a court. Settle v. Van Evreah, 49 N.Y. 294; People v. Wells, 2 Cal. 203; Reid v. Flood, 2 Nott & McC., S.C., 170, 10 Am. Dec. 582.

A general term for proceedings relating to, practiced in, or proceeding from, a court of justice; or the course prescribed to be taken in various cases for the determination of a controversy or for legal redress or relief. See Martin v. Simpkins, 20 Colo. 438, 38 P. 1092; Mullen v. Reed, 64 Conn. 249, 29 A. 478, 34 L.R.A. 664, 42 Am.St.Rep. 174; Aldrich v. Kinsey, 4 Conn. 380, 10 Am.Dec. 151. A proceeding in a legally constituted court. Garrett v. State, 18 Ga.App. 380, 39 S.E. 380. A proceeding wherein there are parties, who have opportunity to be heard, and wherein the tribunal proceeds either to a determination of facts upon evidence or of law upon proved or conceded facts. Michel v. Crospay, 177 App.Div. 663, 191 N.Y.S. 336, 338.

JUDICIAL QUESTION. One proper for the determination of a court of justice, as distinguished from such questions as belong to the decision of the legislative or executive departments of government and with which the courts will not interfere, called “political” or “legislative” questions. See Patton v. Chattanooga, 108 Tenn. 197, 65 S.W. 414.

JUDICIAL REMEDY. Such as is administered by the courts of justice, or by judicial officers empowered for that purpose by the constitution and laws of the state. Code Civ.Proc.Cal. § 20; Code Civ.Proc.Mont.1895, § 3469 (Rev.Codes 1921, § 8685).

JUDICIAL SEPARATION. A separation of man and woman by decree of court, less complete than an absolute divorce. A “limited divorce” or a “divorce a mensa et thoro,” Maclay v. Maclay, 147 Fla. 77, 2 So.2d 361, 363.

JUDICIAL STATISTICS. In English law. Statistics, published by authority, of the civil and criminal business of the United Kingdom, and matters appertaining thereto. Annual reports are published separately for England and Wales, for Ireland, and for Scotland.

JUDICIARY, adj. Pertaining or relating to the courts of justice, to the judicial department of government, or to the administration of justice.

JUDICIARY, n. That branch of government invested with the judicial power; the system of courts in a country; the body of judges; the bench. That branch of government which is intended to interpret, construe and apply the law. Board of Com’rs of Wyandotte County v. General Securities Corporation, 157 Kan. 64, 138 P.2d 479, 487.

JUDICIARY ACT. The name commonly given to the act of congress of September 24, 1789, (1 St. at Large. 73,) by which the system of federal courts was organized, and their powers and jurisdiction defined.

JUDICIS POSTERIORIBUS FIDES EST ADHIBENDA. Faith or credit is to be given to the later judgments. 13 Coke, 1d.

JUDICIO SISTI. Lat. A caution, or security, given in Scotch courts for the defendant to abide judgment within the jurisdiction. Stin.Law Gloss.


JUDICIS EST IN PRONUNTIANDO SEQUI REGULAM, EXCEPTIONE NON PROBATA. The judge in his decision ought to follow the rule, when the exception is not proved.

JUDICIS EST JUS DICERE, NON DARE. It is the province of a judge to declare the law, not to give it. 5 Loftt, Append. 42.

JUDICIS OFFICIUM EST OPUS DEI IN DIE SUO PERFICERE. It is the duty of a judge to finish the work of each day within that day. Dyer, 12.

JUDICIS OFFICIUM EST UT RES, ITA TERRA PERPETUAERIT, QUÆRERE. It is the duty of a judge to inquire into the times of things, as well as into things themselves. Co.Litt. 171.

JUDICIM Lat. Judicial authority or jurisdiction; a court or tribunal; a judicial hearing or other proceeding; a verdict or judgment; a proceeding before a judex or judge. State v. Whitford, 54 Wis. 150, 11 N.W. 424.

JUDICIAM A NON SUO JUDICE DATUM NULIUS EST MOMENTI. 10 Coke, 70. A judgment given by one who is not the proper judge is of no force.


JUDICIA DEI. In old English and European law. The judgment of God; otherwise called “divinum judicium,” the “divine judgment.” A term particularly applied to the ordeals by fire or hot iron and water, and also to the trials by the cross, the eucharist, and the corroded, and the duellum or trial by battle. (q. v.) It being supposed that the interposition of heaven was directly manifest, in these cases, in behalf of the innocent. Spelman; Burrill.

JUDICIAM EST QUASI JURIS DICITUM. Judgment is, as it were, a declaration of law.

JUDICIAM NON DEBIT ESSE ILLUSORIVM; SUUM EFFECTUM HABERE DEBIT. A judgment ought not to be illusory; it ought to have its proper effect. 2 Inst. 341.

JUDICIAM PARIUM. In old English law. Judgment of the peers; judgment of one’s peers; trial by jury. Magna Charta, c. 39.

JUDICIAM REDDITUR IN INVITUM. Co.Litt. 248b. Judgment is given against one, whether he will or not.
JUDICUM

JUDICUM (SEMPER) PRO VERITATE AC-CIPITUR. A judgment is always taken for truth [that is, as long as it stands in force it cannot be contradicted]. 2 Inst. 380; Co.Litt. 39a, 168a.

JUG. In old English law. A watery place. Domesday; Cowell.

JUGE. In French law. A judge.

JUGE DE PAIX. An inferior judicial functionary, appointed to decide summarily controversies of minor importance, especially such as turn mainly on questions of fact. He has also the functions of a police magistrate. Ferrière.

JUGE D’INSTRUCTION. See Instruction.

JUGERUM. An acre. Co.Litt. 5b. As much as a yoke (jugum) of oxen could plow in one day.

JUGULATOR. In old records. A cutthroat or murderer. Cowell.

JUGUM. Lat. In the civil law. A yoke; a measure of land; as much land as a yoke of oxen could plow in a day. Nov. 17, c. 8.

JUGUM TERRÆ. In old English law. A yoke of land; half a plow-land. Domesday; Co.Litt. 5a; Cowell.

JUICIO. In Spanish law. A trial or suit. White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 4, c. 1.

JUICIO DE APEO. The decree of a competent tribunal directing the determining and marking the boundaries of lands or estates.

JUICIO DE CONCURSO DE ACREDORES. The judgment granted for a debtor who has various creditors, or for such creditors, to the effect that their claims be satisfied according to their respective form and rank, when the debtor's estate is not sufficient to discharge them all in full. Escrache.

JULIAN LAW. See Lex Julia.

JUMENT. In old Scotch law. An ox used for til-lage. 1 Pite.Crim.Tr. pt. 2, p. 89.

JUMENTA. In the civil law. Beasts of burden; animals used for carrying burdens. This word did not include "oxen." Dig. 32, 65, 5.

JUMMABUNDY. See Jammabundy.

JUMP BAIL. To abscond, withdraw, or secrete one's self, in violation of the obligation of a bailbond.

The expression is colloquial, and is applied only to the act of the principal.

JUNCARIA. In old English law. The soil where rushes grow. Co.Litt. 5a; Cowell.


JUNGERE DUELLUM. In old English law. To join the duellum; to engage in the combat. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 51, § 10.

JUNIOR. Younger.

This has been held to be no part of a man’s name, but an addition by use, and a convenient distinction between a father and son of the same name. Cobb v. Lucas, 15 Pick. Mass. 9; Paddock v. Lawrence, 10 Paige, N.Y., 177, 40 Am. Dec. 232; Prentiss v. Blake, 34 Vt. 460; Maxwell v. State, 65 So. 732, 734, 11 Ala.App. 53.

As to junior “Barrister,” “Counsel,” “Creditor,” “Judgment,” and “Writ,” see those titles.

JUNIOR EXECUTION. One which was issued after the issuance of another execution, on a different judgment, against the same defendant.

JUNIOR RIGHT. A custom prevalent in some parts of England (also at some places on the continent) by which an estate descended to the youngest son in preference to his older brothers; the same as “Borough-English.”

JUNIPERUS SABINA. In medical jurisprudence. This plant is commonly called “savin.”

JUNK. Worn out and discarded material in general that may be turned to some use; especially old rope, chain, iron, copper, parts of machinery and bottles gathered or bought up by tradesmen called junk dealers; hence rubbish of any kind; odds and ends. City of Chicago v. Iroquois Steel & Iron Co., 284 Ill.App. 561, 1 N.E.2d 241, 243; Ex parte Scott, 130 Tex.Cr.R. 29, 91 S.W.2d 748, 749.

Articles that have outlived their usefulness in their original form, and are commonly gathered up and sold to be converted into another product, either of the same or of a different kind, City of Walske v. Blatt, 320 Ill.App. 191, 50 N.E.2d 593, 594; old iron, or other base metals, old rope, rags, waste paper, etc., and empty bottles, and all articles discarded or no longer used as a manufactured article composed of any one or more of the materials mentioned. Beskin v. City of Chicago, 341 Ill. 489, 173 N.E. 364, 367.

JUNK-SHOP. A shop where old cordage and ships’ tackle, old iron, rags, bottles, paper, etc., are kept and sold. A place or shop where odds and ends are purchased and sold. Charleston City Council v. Goldsmith, 12 Rich.Law (S.C.) 470; Grace Iron & Steel Corporation v. Ackerman, 123 N.J.L. 54, 7 A.2d 820, 821.

JUNTA, or JUNTO. A select council for taking cognizance of affairs of great consequence requiring secrecy; a cabal or faction.

This was a popular nickname applied to the Whig ministry in England, between 1663-1666. They clung to each other for mutual protection against the attacks of the so-called “Reactionist Stuart Party.” In this sense, more properly called “junto.”

JURA. Lat. Plural of “jus.” Rights; laws. 1 Bl.Comm. 123. See Jus.

JURA ECCLESIASTICA LIMITATA SUNT IN-FRA LIMITES SEPARATOS. Ecclesiastical laws are limited within separate bounds. 3 Bulst. 53.

JURA EODEM MODO DESITITUUNTUR QUO CONSTITUUNTUR. Laws are abrogated by the same means [authority] by which they are made. Broom, Max. 878.

JURA FISCALIA. In English law. Fiscal rights; rights of the exchequer. 3 Bl.Comm. 45.
JURA IN RE. In the civil law. Rights in a thing; rights which, being separated from the dominium, or right of property, exist independently of it, and are enjoyed by some other person than him who has the dominium. Mackeld. Rom.Law, § 237.

JURA MAJESTATIS. Rights of sovereignty or majesty; a term used in the civil law to designate certain rights which belong to each and every sovereignty and which are deemed essential to its existence. Gilmer v. Lime Point, 18 Cal. 250.

JURA MIXTI DOMINII. In old English law. Rights of mixed dominion. The king's right or power of jurisdiction was so termed. Hale, Anal. § 6.

JURA NATURÆ SUNT IMMUTABILIA. The laws of nature are unchangeable. Branch, Princ.

JURA PERSONARUM. Rights of persons; the rights of persons. Rights which concern and are annexed to the persons of men. 1 Bl.Comm. 122.

JURA PRÆDIORUM. In the civil law. The rights of estates. Dig. 50, 16, 86.

JURA PUBLICA ANTEFERENDA PRIVATIS. Public rights are to be preferred to private. Co. Litt. 130a. Applied to protections.

JURA PUBLICA EX PRIVATO [PRIVATIS] PROMISCUCE DECIDI NON DERENT. Public rights ought not to be decided promiscuously with private. Co. Litt. 130a, 181b.

JURA REGALIA. In English law. Royal rights or privileges. 1 Bl.Comm. 117, 119; 3 Bl.Comm. 44.

JURA REGIA. In English law. Royal rights; the prerogatives of the crown. Crabb, Com.Law, 174.

JURA REGIS SPECIALIA NON CONCEDUNTUR PER GENERALIA VERBA. The special rights of the king are not granted by general words. Jenk. Cent. p. 103.

JURA RERUM. Rights of things; the rights of things; rights which a man may acquire over external objects or things, unconnected with his person. 1 Bl.Comm. 122; 2 Bl.Comm. 1.

JURA SANGUINIS NULLO JURE CIVILI DIRIMI POSSUNT. The right of blood and kindred cannot be destroyed by any civil law. Dig. 50, 17, 9; Bac.Max. reg. 11; Broom. Max. 533; Jackson v. Phillips, 14 Alien (Mass.) 562.

JURA SUMMI IMPERII. Rights of supreme dominion; rights of sovereignty. 1 Bl.Comm. 49; 1 Kent, Comm. 211.

JURAL. 1. Pertaining to natural or positive right, or to the doctrines of rights and obligations; as "jural relations."

2. Of or pertaining to jurisprudence; juristic; juridical.

3. Recognized or sanctioned by positive law; embraced within, or covered by, the rules and enactments of positive law.

4. Founded in law; organized upon the basis of a fundamental law, and existing for the recognition and protection of rights.

The "jural sphere" is to be distinguished from the "moral sphere:" the latter denoting the whole scope or range of ethics or the science of conduct, the former embracing only such portions of the same as have been made the subject of legal sanction or recognition.

The term "jurisdiction" is used as the synonym of "state" or "organized political community."

JURAMENT:E CORPORALES. Lat. Corporal oaths. q. v.

JURAMENTUM. Lat. In the civil law. An oath.

JURAMENTUM CALUMNIÆ. In the civil and canon law. The oath of calumny.

An oath imposed upon both parties to a suit, as a preliminary to its trial, to the effect that they are not influenced by malice or any sinister motives in prosecuting or defending the same, but by a belief in the justice of their cause. It was also required of the attorneys and proctors.

JURAMENTUM CORPORALIS. A corporal oath. See Corporal Oath.

JURAMENTUM EST INDIVISIBILE; ET NON EST ADMITTENDUM IN PARTE VERUM ET IN PARTE FALSUM. An oath is indivisible; it is not to be held partly true and partly false. 4 Inst. 274.

JURAMENTUM IN LITEM. In the civil law. An assessment oath; an oath, taken by the plaintiff in an action, that the extent of the damages he has suffered, estimated in money, amounts to a certain sum, which oath, in certain cases, is accepted in lieu of other proof. Mackeld. Rom.Law, § 376.

JURAMENTUM JUDICIALE. In the civil law. An oath which the judge, of his own accord, defers to either of the parties.

It is of two kinds: First, that which the judge defers for the decision of the cause, and which is understood by the general name "juramentum judiciale," and is sometimes called "suppletory oath," "juramentum suppletorium;" second, that which the judge defers in order to fix and determine the amount of the compensation which he ought to pronounce, and which is called "juramentum in litem." Poth. Obl. p. 4, c. 3, § 3, art. 3.

JURAMENTUM NECESSARIUM. In Roman law. A compulsory oath.

A disclosure under oath, which the praeator compelled one of the parties to a suit to make, when the other, applying for such an appeal, agreed to abide by what his adversary should swear. 1 Whart. Ev. § 458; Dig. 12, 2, 5, 2.

JURAMENTUM VOLUNTARIUM. In Roman law. A voluntary oath.

A species of appeal to conscience, by which one of the parties to a suit, instead of proving his case, offered to abide by what his adversary should answer under oath. 1 Whart. Ev. § 458; Dig. 12, 2, 31, 6.

JURARE. Lat. To swear; to take an oath.

JURARE EST DEUM IN TESTEM VOCARE, ET EST ACTUS DIVINI CULTUS. 3 Inst. 165. To swear is to call God to witness, and is an act of religion.
JURAT


JURATA. In old English law. A jury of twelve men sworn. Especially, a jury of the common law, as distinguished from the assise.

The jury clause in a nisi prius record, so called from the emphatic words of the old forms: "Juratata ponitur in respectum," the jury is put in respect. Townsh.Fl. 487.

Also a jurat, (which see.)

JURATION. The act of swearing; the administration of an oath.

JURATO CREDITUR IN JUDICIO. He who makes oath is to be believed in judgment. 3 Inst. 79.

JURATOR. A juror; a compurgator, (q. v.).

JURATORES DEBENT ESSE VICINI, SUFFICIENTES, ET MINUS SUSPECTI. Jurors ought to be neighbors of sufficient estate, and free from suspicion. Jenk. Cent. 141.

JURATORES SUNT JUDICES FACTI. Jenk. Cent. 61. Juries are the judges of fact.

JURATORY CAUTION. In Scotch law. A description of caution (security) sometimes offered in a suspension or advocacy where the complainer is not in circumstances to offer any better. Bell.

JURATS. In English law. Officers in the nature of aldermen, sworn for the government of many corporations. The twelve assistants of the bailiff in Jersey are called "jurats."

JURE. Lat. By right; in right; by the law.

JURE BELLi. By the right or law of war. 1 Kent, Comm. 126; 1 C.Rob.Adm. 289.

JURE CIVILi. By the civil law. Inst. 1, 3, 4; 1 Bl.Commt. 423.

JURE CORONÆ. In right of the crown.

JURE DIVINO. By divine right. 1 Bl.Commt. 191.

JURE ECCLESÆ. In right of the church. 1 Bl.Commt. 401.

JURE EMPHYTEUTICO. By the right or law of emphyteusis. 3 Bl.Commt. 232. See Emphyteusis.

JURE GENTIUM. By the law of nations. Inst. 1, 3, 4; 1 Bl.Commt. 423.

JURE NATURÆÆQUUM EST NEMINEM CUM ALTERIUS DETRIMENTO ET INJURIA FIERI LOCUPLETIORI. By the law of nature it is not just that any one should be enriched by the detriment or injury of another.Dig. 50, 17, 206.

JURE PROPINQUITATIS. By right of propinquity or nearness. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 1019, § 2398.

JURE REPRESENTATIONIS. By right of representation; in the right of another person. 2 Bl. Comm. 224, 517; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 1019, § 2398.


JURI NON EST CONSONUM QUOD ALIQUIS ACCESSORIUS IN CURIA REGIS CONVINCATUR ANTEQUAM ALIQUIS DE FACTO FUERIT ATTINCTUS. It is not consonant to justice that any accessory should be convicted in the King's court before any one has been attainted of the fact. 2 Inst. 183.

JURIDICAL. Relating to administration of justice, or office of a judge.

Regular; done in conformity to the laws of the country and the practice which is there observed.

JURIDICAL DAY. Day on which court is in session. Black v. National Bank of Kentucky, 226 Ky. 152, 10 S.W.2d 629, 630.

JURIDICUS. Lat. Relating to the courts or to the administration of justice; juridical; lawful.

JURIS. Lat. Of right; of law.


JURIS ET DE JURE. Of law and of right.

A presumption juris et de jure, or an irrebuttable presumption, is one which the law will not suffer to be rebutted by any counter-evidence, but establishes as conclusive: while a presumption juris tantum is one which holds good in the absence of evidence to the contrary, but may be rebutted.

JURIS ET SEISINÆ CONJUNCTIO. The union of seisin or possession and the right of possession, forming a complete title. 2 Bl.Commt. 199, 311.

JURIS IGNORANTIA EST CUM JUS NOSTRUM IGNORAMUS. It is ignorance of the law when we do not know our own rights. Haven v. Foster, 9 Pick. (Mass.) 130, 19 Am.Dec. 353.

JURIS POSITIVI. Of positive law; a regulation or requirement of positive law, as distinguished from natural or divine law. 1 Bl.Commt. 439; 2 Steph.Commt. 286.

JURIS PRÆCEPTA SUNT HÆC: HONESTE VIVERE; ALTERUM NON LÆDERE; SUUM CUQUE TRIBUERE. These are the precepts of the law: To live honorably; to hurt nobody; to render to every one his due. Inst. 1, 1, 3; 1 Bl. Comm. 40.
JURISDICTION


"Jurisdiction of the person" is power to subject parties in a particular case to decisions and rulings made in such case, Collins v. Powell, 224 Iowa 1015, 277 N.W. 477, 481.


JURISDICTION CLAUSE. In equity practice. That part of a bill which is intended to give jurisdiction of the suit to the court, by a general averment that the acts complained of are contrary to equity, and tend to the injury of the complainant, and that he has no remedy, or not a complete remedy, without the assistance of a court of equity, is called the "jurisdiction clause." Mitf. Eq.Pl. 43.

JURISDICTIONAL. Pertaining or relating to jurisdiction; conferring jurisdiction; showing or disclosing jurisdiction; defining or limiting jurisdiction; essential to jurisdiction.


JURISDICTIONAL FACTS. Those matters of fact which must exist before the court can properly take jurisdiction of the particular case, as, that the defendant has been properly served with process, that the amount in controversy exceeds a certain sum, that the parties in privity exist, when taken collectively, etc. Noble v. Railroad Co., 147 U.S. 165, 13 S.Ct. 271, 37 L.Ed. 123.

JURISDICTIONAL PLEA. While all dilatory pleas are sometimes referred to as "jurisdictional pleas," yet, strictly speaking, only those pleas to the jurisdiction of the court are "jurisdictional." Howe v. Lisbon Sav. Bank & Trust Co., 111 Vt. 201, 14 A.2d 3, 10.

JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT. A statement in appellant's brief that concisely and clearly informs the Supreme Court of the exact ground on which the Supreme Court's jurisdiction is claimed to rest, and refers briefly to the constitutional provisions and decided cases sustaining such claim of jurisdiction. Andrew County v. Maxwell, 347 Mo. 156, 146 S.W.2d 621, 623.

JURISINCEPTOR. Lat. A student of the civil law.

JURISPIERUS. Lat. Skilled or learned in the law.

JURISPRUDENCE. The philosophy of law, or the science which treats of the principles of positive law and legal relations.

"The term is wrongly applied to actual systems of law, or to current views of law, or to suggestions for its amendment, but is the name of a science. This science is a formal, or analytical, rather than a material, one. It is the science of actual or positive law. It is wrongly divided into 'general' and 'particular,' or into 'philosophical' and 'historical.' It may therefore be defined as the formal science of positive law." Hoh.Jur. 12.

In the proper sense of the word, "jurisprudence" is the science of law, namely, that science which has for its function to ascertain the principles of positive law by which all cases are based, so as not only to classify those rules in their proper order, and show the relation in which they stand to one another, but also to set down the manner in which new or doubtful cases should be brought under the appropriate rules. Jurisprudence is more a formal than a material science. It has no direct concern with questions of moral or political policy, for they fall under the province of ethics and legislation; but, when a new or doubtful case arises to which two different rules seem, when taken literally, to be equally applicable, it may be, and often is, the function of jurisprudence to consider the ultimate effect which would be produced if each rule were applied to an indefinite number of similar cases, and to choose that rule which, when so applied, will produce the greatest advantage to the community. Sweet.
For “Comparative Jurisprudence” and “Medical Jurisprudence,” see those titles. For equity jurisprudence, see “Equity.”

JURISPRUDENTIA. Lat. In the civil and common law. Jurisprudence, or legal science.

JURISPRUDENTIA EST DIVINARUM ATQUE HUMANARUM RERUM NOTITIA, JUSTI ATQUE INJUSTI SCIENTIA. Jurisprudence is the knowledge of things divine and human, the science of what is right and what is wrong. Dig. 1, 1, 10, 2; Inst. 1, 1, 1. This definition is adopted by Bracton, word for word. Bract. fol. 3.

JURISPRUDENTIA LEGIS COMMUNIS ANGLIÆ EST SCIENTIA SOCIALIS ET COPIOSA. The jurisprudence of the common law of England is a science social and comprehensive. 7 Coke, 28a.

JURIST. One who is versed or skilled in law; answering to the Latin “jurisperitus,” (q. v.).

One who is skilled in the civil law, or law of nations. The term is now usually applied to those who have distinguished themselves by their writings on legal subjects.

JURISTIC. Pertaining or belonging to, or characteristic of, jurisprudence, or a jurist, or the legal profession.

JURISTIC ACT. One designed to have a legal effect, and capable thereof.

An act of a private individual directed to the origin, termination, or alteration of a right. Webster, Dict., citing T. E. Holland.

JURNEDUM. In old English law. A journey; a day’s traveling. Cowell.

JURO. In Spanish law. A certain perpetual pension, granted by the king on the public revenues, and more especially on the salt-works, by favor, either in consideration of meritorious services, or in return for money loaned the government, or obtained by it through forced loans. Escribí.

JUROR. One member of a jury.

The term is not inflexible, and besides a person who has been accepted and sworn to try a cause “juror” may also mean a person selected for jury service. Green v. Smither, Ky., 199 S.W. 1056; People v. Newmark, 312 Ill. 625, 144 N.E. 338, 340. The term may apply to special jurors as well as members of regular panel. Beavers v. State, 157 Ark. 722, 61 S.W.2d 1113. Sometimes, one who takes an oath; as in the term “non-juror,” a person who refuses certain oaths.


JUROR’S BOOK. A list of persons qualified to serve on juries.

JURY. In practice. A certain number of men, selected according to law, and sworn (jurati) to inquire of certain matters of fact, and declare the truth upon evidence to be laid before them. This definition embraces the various subdivisions of juries; as grand jury, petit jury, coroner’s jury, special jury, coroner’s jury, sheriff’s jury, (q. v.)

A jury is a body of men temporarily selected from the citizens of a particular district, and invested with power to present or indict a person for a public offense, or to try a question of fact. Code Civil Proc. Cal. § 196.


“Jury trial” is not merely a trial by twelve men, but by twelve men selected by law, with judge who passes on many legal questions and has limited supervision over trial. Universal Truck Loading Co. v. Taylor, 178 Miss. 143, 172 So. 756, 757.

The right to “jury trial” guaranteed by Federal Constitution is the right of trial by jury as it existed at common law. Diederich v. American News Co., C.C.A.Okl., 128 F.2d 144, 145, 146.

The right to “jury trial” of controverted issues implies a trial by an impartial and qualified jury. Alexander v. R. D. Crier & Sons Co., 181 Md. 415, 30 A.2d 757, 759.

The “jury trial” guaranteed by Federal Constitution means trial by jury of 12 men in presence and under superintendence of judge empowered to instruct them on the law and advise them on the facts and, except on acquittal of criminal charge, to set aside their verdict if in judge’s opinion it is contrary to law or evidence. Diederich v. American News Co., C.C.A.Okl., 128 F.2d 144, 145, 146.

The terms “jury” and “trial by jury,” as used in the constitution, mean twelve competent men, disinterested and impartial, not of kin, nor personal dependents of either of the parties, having their homes within the jurisdictional limits of the court, drawn and selected by officers free from all bias in favor of or against either party, duly impaneled and sworn to render a true verdict according to the law and the evidence. State v. McClear, 11 Nev. 28; H. Wagman & Co. v. Schafer Motor Freight Service, 4 N.Y.S.2d 526, 529, 167 Misc. 681.

Common Jury

In practice. The ordinary kind of jury by which issues of fact are generally tried, as distinguished from a special jury, (q. v.).

Fair and Impartial Jury

See Fair and Impartial Jury.

Foreign Jury

A jury obtained from a county other than that in which issue was joined.

Grand Jury

A jury of inquiry who are summoned and returned by the sheriff to each session of the criminal courts, and whose duty is to receive complaints and accusations in criminal cases, hear the evidence adduced on the part of the state, and find bills of indictment in cases where they are satisfied a trial ought to be had. They are first sworn, and instructed by the court.

This is called a “grand jury” because it comprises a greater number of jurors than the ordinary trial jury or “petit jury.” At common law, a grand jury consisted of not less than twelve nor more than twenty-three men, and this is still the rule in many of the states, though in some the number is otherwise fixed by statute; thus in Oregon and Utah, the grand jury is composed of seven men; in South Dakota, not less than six nor more than eight; in Texas, twelve; in Idaho, sixteen; in Washington, twelve; in North Dakota, sixteen; in California, nineteen; in New Mexico, twenty-one. See Ex parte Bain, 121 U.S. 1, 7 S.Ct. 781, 30 L.Ed. 849; In re Gardiner, 64 N.Y. 760, 31 Misc. 364; Finley v. State, 61
JURY OF MATRONS. See Matrons, Jury Of.

JURY PROCESS. The process by which a jury is summoned in a cause, and by which their attendance is enforced.

JURY WHEEL. A machine containing the names of persons qualified to serve as grand and petit jurors, from which, in an order determined by the hazard of its revolutions, are drawn a sufficient number of such names to make up the panels for a given term of court.

JURYMAN. A juror; one who is impaneled on a jury.

JURYWOMAN. One member of a jury of matrons; a woman juror.

JUS. Lat. In Roman law. Right; justice; law; the whole body of law; also a right. The term is used in two meanings:

1. "Jus" means "law," considered in the abstract; that is, as distinguished from any specific enactment, the science or department of learning, or quasi-personified factor in human history or conduct or social development, which we call, in a general sense, "the law." Or it means the law taken as a system, an aggregate, a whole: "the sum total of a number of individual laws taken together." Or it may designate some one particular system or body of particular laws; as in the phrases "jus c utilis," "jus gentium," "jus prae torium."

2. In a second sense, "jus" signifies "a right;" that is, a power, privilege, faculty, or demand inherent in one person and incident upon another; or a capacity residing in one person of controlling, with the assent and assistance of the state, the actions of another. This is its meaning in the expressions "jus in rem," "jus accrescendae," "jus possessionis."

It is thus seen to possess the same ambiguity as the words "droit," "recht," and "right," (which see.)

Within the meaning of the maxim that "ignorantia juris non excusat" (ignorance of the law is no excuse), the word "jus" is used to denote the general law or ordinary law of the land, and not a private right. Churchill v. Bradley, 58 Vt. 403, 5 A. 199, 56 Am. Rep. 561; Cooper v. Fihba, L.R. 2 H.L. 149; Freichneck v. Meyer, 39 N.J.Eq. 561.

The continental jurists seek to avoid this ambiguity in the use of the word "jus," by calling its former signification "objective," and the latter meaning "subjective." Thus Mackeldy (Rom.Law, § 2) says: "The laws of the first kind [compulsory or positive laws] form law [jus] in its objective sense, [jus est norma agendi, law is a rule of conduct.] The possibility resulting from law in this sense to do or require another to do is law in its subjective sense. [jus est facultas agendi, law is a license to act.] The voluntary action of man in conformity with the precepts of law is called 'justice,' [justitia.]

Some further meanings of the word are:

An action. Bract. fol. 3. Or, rather, those proceedings in the Roman action which were conducted before the pretor.

Power or authority. Sui juris, in one's own power; independent. Inst. 1, 8, pr.; Bract. fol. 3. Aleni juris, under another's power. Inst. 1, 8, pr.

The profession (ars) or practice of the law. Jus positor pro ipsa arte. Bract. fol. 2b.

A court or judicial tribunal, (locus in quo redditur jus.) Id. fol. 3.

JUS ABSTINENDI. The right of renunciation; the right of an heir, under the Roman law, to renounce or decline the inheritance, as, for example, where his acceptance, in consequence of the necessity of paying the debts, would make it a burden to him. See Mackeld.Rom.Law, § 733.
JUS ABUTENDI. The right to abuse. By this phrase is understood the right to do exactly as one likes with property, or having full dominion over property. 3 Toullier, no. 86.

JUS ACCEDENDI. The right of survivorship. In re Brogan's Estate, 165 Misc. 111, 300 N.Y.S. 447, 455. The right of the survivor or survivors of two or more joint tenants to the tenancy or estate, upon the death of one or more of the joint tenants. In re Capria's Estate, 89 Misc. 101, 151 N.Y.S. 385, 386.

JUS ACCEDENDI INTER MERCATAEORES, PRO BENEFICIO COMMERCII, LOCUM NON HABET. The right of survivorship has no place between merchants, for the benefit of commerce. Co.Litt. 182a; 2 Story, Eq.Jur. § 1207; Broom, Max. 455. There is no survivorship in cases of partnership, as there is in joint-tenancy. Story, Partn. § 50.

JUS ACCEDENDI PRIÆFERUR ONERIBUS. The right of survivorship is preferred to incumbrances. Co.Litt. 185a. Hence no dower or curtesy can be claimed out of a joint estate. 1 Steph. Comm. 316.

JUS ACCEDENDI PRIÆFERUR ULTIMAE VOLUNTATI. The right of survivorship is preferred to the last will. Co.Litt. 185b. A devise of one's share of a joint estate, by will, is no severance of the jointure: for no testament takes effect till after the death of the testator, and by such death the right of the survivor (which accrued at the original creation of the estate, and has therefore a priority to the other) is already vested. 2 Bl.Comm. 186; 3 Steph.Comm. 316.

JUS ACTUS. In Roman law. A rural servitude giving to a person a passage for carriages, or for cattle.

JUS AD REM. A term of the civil law, meaning "a right to a thing;" that is, a right exercisable by one person over a particular article of property in virtue of a contract or obligation incurred by another person in respect to it, and which is enforceable only against or through such other person. It is thus distinguished from jus in re, which is a complete and absolute dominion over a thing available against all persons.

The disposition of modern writers is to use the term "jus ad rem" as descriptive of a right without possession, and "jus in re" as descriptive of a right accompanied by possession. Or, in a somewhat wider sense, the former denotes an inchoate or incomplete right to a thing; the latter, a complete and perfect right to a thing. See The Carlos F. Roses, 177 U.S. 655, 20 S.Ct. 809, 44 L.Ed. 929; The Young Mechanic, 30 Fed.Cas. 573.

In canon law. A right to a thing. An inchoate and imperfect right, such as is gained by nomination and institution; as distinguished from jus in re, or complete and full right, such as is acquired by corporal possession. 2 Bl.Comm. 312.

JUS AEELIANUM. A body of laws drawn up by Sextus Aurelius, and consisting of three parts, wherein were explained, respectively: (1) The laws of the Twelve Tables; (2) the interpretation of and decisions upon such laws; and (3) the forms of procedure. In date, it was subsequent to the jus Flavianum, (q. v.). Brown.

JUS AÆQUUM. Equitable law. A term used by the Romans to express the adaptation of the law to the circumstances of the individual case as opposed to jus strictum (q. v.).

JUS AÆSNECÆ. The right of primogeniture (q. v.).

JUS ALBINATUS. The droit d'aubaine (q. v.). See Albinitus Jus.

JUS ANGARLÆ. See Angaria; Angary, Right of.

JUS ANGLORUM. The laws and customs of the West Saxons, in the time of the Heptarchy, by which the people were for a long time governed, and which were preferred before all others. Whatton.

JUS AQUÆ HAUSTUS. In Roman law. A rural servitude giving to a person a right of watering cattle on another's field, or of drawing water from another's well.

JUS AQUÆDUCTUS. In the civil law. The name of a servitude which gives to the owner of land the right to bring down water through or from the land of another.

JUS BANCI. In old English law. The right of bench.

The right or privilege of having an elevated and separate seat of judgment, anciently allowed only to the king's judges, who hence were said to administer high justice, (sumnam administrant justitiam.) Blount.

JUS BELLII. The law of war. The law of nations as applied to a state of war, defining in particular the rights and duties of the belligerent powers themselves, and of neutral nations.

The right of war; that which may be done without injustice with regard to an enemy. Gro. de Jure B. lib. 1, c. 1, § 3.

JUS BELLIUM DICENDI. The right of proclaiming war.

JUS CANONICUM. The canon law.

JUS CIVILE. Civil law. The system of law peculiar to one state or people. Inst. 1, 2, 1. Particularly, in Roman law, the civil law of the Roman people, as distinguished from the jus gentium. The term is also applied to the body of law called, emphatically, the "civil law."

The jure civil and the jure gentium are distinguished in this way. All people ruled by statutes and customs use a law partly peculiar to themselves, partly common to all men. The law each people has settled for itself is peculiar to the state itself, and is called "jus civile," as being peculiar to that very state. The law, again, that natural reason has settled among all men,—the law that is guarded among all peoples alike,—is called the "jus gentium," and all nations use it as if law. The Roman people, therefore, use a law that is partly peculiar to itself, partly common to all men. Hunter, Rom.Law, 38.

But this is not the only, or even the general, use of the words. What the Roman jurists had chiefly in view, when they spoke of "jus civile," was not local as opposed to cosmopolitan law, but the old law of the city as contrasted
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with the newer law introduced by the prae
tor, (jus pra
torium, jus honorarium.) Largely, no doubt, the jus gen
tium corresponds with the jus prae
torium; but the cor
correspondence is not perfect. Id. 39.

JUS CIVILE EST QUOD SIBI POPULUS CON
STITUIT. The civil law is what a people estab
lishes for itself. Inst. 1, 2, 1; Jackson V. Jackson,
1 Johns., N.Y., 424, 426.

JUS CIVITATUS. The right of citizenship; the
freedom of the city of Rome. It differs from jus quiritium,
which comprehended all the privileges
of a free native of Rome. The difference is much
the same as between "denization" and "naturaliza
tion" with us. Wharton.

JUS CLOACE. In the civil law. The right of
sewerage or drainage. An easement consisting
in the right of having a sewer, or of conducting
surface water, through the house or over the
ground of one's neighbor. Mackeld. Rom. Law, §
317.

JUS COMMUNE.
In the Civil law. Common right; the com
mon and natural rule of right, as opposed to jus sin
In English law. The common law, answering
to the Saxon "folkeright." 1 Bl.Comm. 67.

JUS CONSTITUI OPORTET IN HIS QUÆ UT
PLURIMUM ACCIDENT NON QUE EX INOP
INATO. Laws ought to be made with a view to
those cases which happen most frequently, and
not to those which are of rare or accidental
 occurrence. Dig. 1, 3, 3; Broom, Max. 43.

JUS CORONE. In English law. The right of the
crown, or to the crown; the right of succe
ssion to the throne. 1 Bl.Comm. 191; 2 Steph.
Comm. 434.

JUS CUDENDÆ MONETÆ. In old English law.
The right of coinage money. 2 How. State Tr. 118.

JUS CURIALITATIS. In English law. The right
of curtesy. Spielman.

JUS DARE. To give or to make the law; the func
tion and prerogative of the legislati
er department.

JUS DELIBERANDI. In the civil law. The right
of deliberating.
A term granted by the proper officer at the request of
him who is called to the inheritance, (the heir,) within
which he has the right to investigate its condition and to
consider whether he will accept or reject it. Mackeld.Rom.

JUS DESCENDIT, ET NON TERRA. A right
descends, not the land. Co. Litt. 345.

JUS DEVOLUTUM. The right of the church of
presenting a minister to a vacant parish, in case
the patron shall neglect to exercise his right with
in the time limited by law.

JUS DICERE. To declare the law; to say what
the law is. The province of a court or judge. 2
Eden, 29; 3 P.Wms. 485.

JUS DICERE, ET NON JUS DARE. To declare
the law, not to make it. 7 Term 696; Arg. Barry
V. Mandell, 10 Johns., N.Y., 563, 566; 7 Exch. 543;
2 Eden 29; 4 C.B. 560, 561; Broom, Max. 140.

JUS DISPONENDI. The right of disposing.
An expression used either generally to signify the right
of alienation, as when we speak of depriving a married
woman of the jus disponendi over her separate estate, or
spatially in the law relating to sales of goods, where it is
often a question whether the vendor of goods has the
intention of reserving to himself the jus disponendi; i. e.
of preventing the ownership from passing to the pur
chaser, notwithstanding that he (the vendor) has parted
with the possession of the goods. Sweet.

JUS DISTRAHENDI. The right of sale of goods
pledged in case of non-payment. See Pledge; Dis
trust.

JUS DIVIDENDI. The right of disposing of real
ty by will. Du Cange.

JUS DUPLICATUM. A double right; the right of
possession united with the right of property; oth

JUS EDICERE, JUS EDICENDI. The right to
issue edicts. It belonged to all the higher magis
trates, but special interest is attached to the pra
to edicts in connection with the history of
Roman law. See Praetor.

JUS EST ARS BONI ET AEQUIT.
Law is the science of what is good and just. Dig. 1, 1, 1, 1;
Bract. fol. 2b.

JUS EST NORMA RECTI ET QUIQUID EST
CONTRA NORMAM RECTI EST INJURIA.
Law is a rule of right; and whatever is contrary to
the rule of right is an injury. 3 Bulst. 313.

JUS ET FRAUS NUNQUAM COHABITANT.
Right and fraud never dwell together. 10 Coke,
45α. Applied to the title of a statute. 1d.; Best,
Ev. p. 250, § 205.

JUS EX INJURIA NON ORITUR. A right does
(or can) not rise out of a wrong. Broom, Max.
738, note; 4 Bing. 639.

JUS EX NON SCRIPTO. Law constituted by cus
tom or such usage as indicates the tacit consent
of the community.

JUS FALCANDI. The right of mowing or cutting.
Fleta, lib. 4, c. 27, § 1. The right of cutting wood.
Bract. fol. 231.

JUS FECIALE. In Roman law. The law of arms,
or of heralds. A rudimentary species of interna
tional law founded on the rites and religious cer
emonies of the different peoples.

JUS FIDUCIARIUM. In the civil law. A right
in trust; as distinguished from jus legitimum, a
legal right. 2 Bl.Comm. 328.

JUS FLAVIANUM. In old Roman law. A body
of laws drawn up by Cneius Flavius, a clerk of
Appius Claudius, from the materials to which he
had access. It was a popularization of the laws.
JUS FLUMINUM. In the civil law. The right to the use of rivers. Locc. de Jure Mar. lib. 1, c. 6.

JUS FODIENDI. In the civil and old English law. A right of digging on another's land. Inst. 2, 3, 2; Bract. fol. 222.

JUS FUTURUM. In the civil law. A future right; an inchoate, incipient, or expectant right, not yet fully vested.

It may be either "jus delatum," when the subsequent acquisition or vesting of it depends merely on the will of the person in whom it is to vest, or "jus nondum delatum," when it depends on the future occurrence of circumstances or conditions. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 191.

JUS GENTIUM. The law of nations. That law which natural reason has established among all men is equally observed among all nations, and is called the "law of nations," as being the law which all nations use. Inst. 1, 2, 1; Dig. 1, 1, 9; 1 Bl.Comm. 43; 1 Kent, Comm. 7; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 125.

Although this phrase had a meaning in the Roman law which may be rendered by our expression "law of nations," it must not be understood as equivalent to what we now call "international law." Its scope being much wider. It was originally a system of law, or more properly equity, practiced by the early Roman lawyers and magistrates from the common ingredients in the customs of the old Italian tribes,—those being the nations, gentes, whom they had opportunities of observing,—to be used in cases where the jus civile did not apply: that is, in cases between foreigners or between a Roman citizen and a foreigner. The principle upon which they proceeded was that any rule of law which was common to all the nations they knew of must be intrinsically consonant to right reason, and therefore fundamentally valid and just. From this it was an easy transition to the converse principle, viz., that any rule which instinctively commended itself to their sense of justice and reason must be a part of the jus gentium. And so the latter term came eventually to be used synonymously with "equity," (as the Romans understood it,) or the system of praetorian law.

Modern jurists frequently employ the term "jus gentium privatum" to denote private international law, or that subject which is otherwise styled the "conflict of laws:" and "jus gentium publicum" for public international law, that is, the system of rules governing the intercourse of nations with each other as persons.

JUS GLADI. The right of the sword; the executory power of the law; the right, power, or prerogative of punishing for crime. 4 Bl.Comm. 177.

JUS HABENDI. The right to have a thing. The right to be in actual possession of property. Lewin, Trusts, 585.

JUS HABENDI ET RETINENDI. A right to have and to retain the profits, tithes, and offerings, etc., of a rectory or parsonage.

JUS HEREDITATIS. The right of inheritance.

JUS HAUERIENDI. In the civil and old English law. The right of drawing water. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 27, § 1.

JUS HONORARIUM. The body of Roman law, which was made up of edicts of the supreme magistrates, particularly the prœtors.

JUS HONORUM. In Roman law. The right of holding offices. See Jus Suffragii.

JUS IMAGINIS. In Roman law. The right to use or display pictures or statues of ancestors; somewhat analogous to the right, in English law, to bear a coat of arms.

JUS IMMUNITATIS. In the civil law. The law of immunity or exemption from the burden of public office. Dig. 50, 6.

JUS IN PERSONAM. A right against a person; a right which gives its possessor a power to oblige another person to give or procure, to do or not to do, something.

JUS IN RE. A right in a thing. Denver Joint Stock Land Bank of Denver v. Dixon, 57 Wyo. 523, 122 P.2d 842, 847, 140 A.L.R. 1270. A right existing in a person with respect to an article or subject of property, inherent in his relation to it, implying complete ownership with possession, and available against all the world. See Jus ad Rem.

JUS IN RE ALIENA. An easement on servitude, or right in, or arising out of, the property of another.

JUS IN RE INHERIT OSSIDIBUS USUFRUCTUARIIS. A right in the thing cleaves to the person of the usufructuary.

JUS IN RE PROPRIA. The right of enjoyment which is incident to full ownership or property, and is often used to denote the full ownership or property itself. It is distinguished from jus in re aliena, which is a mere easement or right in or over the property of another.

JUS INCOCITUM. An unknown law. This term is applied by the civilians to obsolete laws. Bowyer, Mod.Civil Law, 33.

JUS INDIVIDUUM. An individual or indivisible right; a right incapable of division. 36 Eng. Law & Eq. 25.

JUS ITALICUM. A term of the Roman law descriptive of the aggregate of rights, privileges, and franchises possessed by the cities and inhabitants of Italy, outside of the city of Rome, and afterwards extended to some of the colonies and provinces of the empire, consisting principally in the right to have a free constitution, to be exempt from the land tax, and to have the title to the land regarded as Quiritarian property. See Gibbon, Rom. Emp. c. xvii; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 43.

JUS ITINERIS. In Roman law. A rural servitude giving to a person the right to pass over an adjoining field, on foot or horseback.

JUS JURANDI FORMA VERBIS DIFFERENTI, RE CONVENIT; HUNG ENIM SENSUM HABERE DEBET; UT DEUS INVOCEitur. Grot. de Jur. B., 1, 2, c. 13, § 10. The form of taking an oath differs in language, agrees in meaning; for it ought to have this sense: that the Deity is invoked.

JUS LATII. In Roman law. The right of Latium or of the Latins.

The principal privilege of the Latins seems to have been the use of their own laws, and their not being subject to
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the edicts of the praetor and that they had occasional access to the freedom of Rome, and a participation in her sacred rites. But. Hor. Jur. 41.

JUS LATIUM. In Roman law. A rule of law applicable to magistrates in Latium.

It was either majus Latium or minus Latium,—the majus Latium raising to the dignity of Roman citizen not only the magistrate himself, but also his wife and children; the minus Latium raising to that dignity only the magistrate himself. Brown.

JUS LEGITIMUM. A legal right. In the civil law. A right which was enforceable in the ordinary course of law. 2 Bl.Comm. 328.

JUS LIBERORUM. In Roman law. The privilege conferred upon a woman who had three or four children.

Another author defines this privilege as one by which exemption was given from all troublesome offices. Brown, L. Dict.

In order that she should be able to take all the property given her by will, she must have had this privilege conferred upon her. Sohm. Inst. Rom. L. § 86. In the time of Hadrian a decree was made conferring upon a mother, as such, who, being an ingenua, had the jus trium liberorum, or being a libertina, the jus quattuor liberorum, a civil law right to succeed her intestate children; id. § 98.

JUS MARITI. The right of a husband; especially the right which a husband acquires to his wife's movably estate by virtue of the marriage. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 1, p. 63.

JUS MERUM. In old English law. Mere or bare right; the mere right of property in lands, without either possession or even the right of possession. 2 Bl.Comm. 197; Bract. fol. 23.

JUS MORIBUS CONSTITUTUM. See Jus Ex Non Scripto.

JUS NATURÆ. The law of nature. See Jus Naturale.

JUS NATURALE. The natural law, or law of nature; law, or legal principles, supposed to be discoverable by the light of nature or abstract reasoning, or to be taught by nature to all nations and men alike; or law supposed to govern men and peoples in a state of nature, i. e., in advance of organized governments or enacted laws.

This concept originated with the philosophical jurists of Rome, and was gradually extended until the phrase came to denote a supposed basis or substratum common to all systems of positive law, and hence to be found, in greater or less purity, in the laws of all nations. And, conversely, they held that if any rule or principle of law was observed in common by all peoples with whose systems they were acquainted, it must be a part of the jus naturale, or derived from it. Thus the phrases "jus naturale" and "jus gentium" came to be used interchangeably.

JUS NATURALE EST QUOD APUD HOMINES EANDEM HABET POTENTIAM. Natural right is that which has the same force among all mankind. 7 Coke, 12.

JUS NAVIGANDI. The right of navigating or navigation; the right of commerce by ships or by sea. Locr. de Jure Mar. lib. 1, c. 3.

JUS NECIS. In Roman law. The right of death, or of putting to death. A right which a father anciently had over his children.

See Jus Vitae Necisque.

JUS NON HABENTI TUTE NON PARETUR. One who has no right cannot be safely obeyed. Hob. 146.

JUS NON PATITUR UT IDEM BIS SOLVATUR. Law does not suffer that the same thing be twice paid.

JUS NON SACRUM. In Roman law. That portion of the jus publicum which regulated the duties of magistrates.

Non-sacred law; that which dealt with the duties of civil magistrates, the preservation of public order, and the rights and duties of persons in their relation to the state. Morey, Rom.L. 223. It was analogous to that which would now be called the police power.

JUS NON SCRIPTUM. The unwritten law. 1 Bl. Comm. 64.

JUS OFFERENDI. In Roman law, the right of subrogation, that is, the right of succeeding to the lien and priority of an elder creditor on tendering or paying into court the amount due to him. See Mackeld. Rom.Law, § 355.

JUS ONERIS FERENDI. An urban servitude in the Roman Law, the owner of which had the right of supporting and building upon the house wall of another.

JUS PAPIRIANUM. The civil law of Papirius.

The title of the earliest collection of Roman leges curiae, said to have been made in the time of Tarquin, the last of the kings, by a pontifex maximus of the name of Sextus or Publius Papirius. Very few fragments of this collection now remain, and the authenticity of these has been doubted. Mackeld. Rom.Law, § 21.

JUS PASCENDI. In the civil and old English law. The right of pasturing cattle. Inst. 2, 3, 2; Bract. Is. 53b, 222.

JUS PATRONATUS. In English ecclesiastical law. The right of patronage; the right of presenting a clerk to a benefice. Blount.

A commission from the bishop, where two presentations are offered upon the same avoidance, directed usually to his chancellor and others of competent learning, who are to summon a jury of six clergymen and six laymen to inquire into and examine who is the rightful patron. 3 Bl.Comm. 246; 3 Steph.Comm. 517.

JUS PERSONARUM. Rights of persons. Those rights which, in the civil law, belong to persons as such, or in their different characters and relations; as parents and children, masters and servants, etc.

JUS PENITENDI. In Roman law, the right of rescission or revocation of an executory contract on failure of the other party to fulfill his part of the agreement. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 444.
JUS PORTUS. In maritime law. The right of port or harbor.

JUS POSSESSIONIS. The right of possession.

JUS POSSIDENDI. The right of possessing, which is the legal consequence of ownership. It is to be distinguished from the jus possessioinis (q. v.), which is a right to possess which may exist without ownership.

JUS POSTLIMINI. In the Civil law. The right of postliminy: the right or claim of a person who had been restored to the possession of a thing, or to a former condition, to be considered as though he had never been deprived of it. Digg. 49, 15, 5; 3 Bli.Comm. 107, 210.

In International law. The right by which property taken by an enemy, and recaptured or rescued from him by the fellow-subjects or allies of the original owner, is restored to the latter upon certain terms. 1 Kent, Comm. 108.

JUS RÆSSENS. In the civil law. A present or vested right; a right already completely acquired. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 191.

JUS PRÆTORIUM. In the civil law. The discretion of the prætor, as distinct from the leges, or standing laws. 3 Bli.Comm. 49. That kind of law which the prætors introduced for the purpose of aiding, supplying, or correcting the civil law, for the public benefit. Dig. 1, 7, 1. Called also, "jus honorarium," (q. v.).

JUS PRECARIUM. In the civil law. A right to a thing held for another, for which there was no remedy by legal action, but only by treaty or request. 2 Bli.Comm. 328.

JUS PRESENTATIONIS. The right of presentation.

JUS PRIVATUM. Private law; the law regulating the rights, conduct, and affairs of individuals, as distinguished from "public" law, which relates to the constitution and functions of government and the administration of criminal justice. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 124.

Also private ownership, or the right, title, or dominion of a private owner, as distinguished from "jus publicum," which denotes public ownership, or the ownership of property by the government, either as a matter of territorial sovereignty or in trust for the benefit and advantage of the general public. In this sense, a state may have a double right in given property, e. g., lands covered by navigable waters within its boundaries, including both "jus publicum," a sovereign or political title, and "jus privatum," a proprietary ownership. See Oakland v. Oakland Water Front Co., 118 Cal. 180, 50 P. 277; G. L. Webster Co. v. Steelman, 172 Va. 342, 2 S.E.2d 305, 311.

Sovereign's right of jurisdiction and dominion for governmental purposes over all lands and waters within its territorial limits, including tidal waters and their bottoms, is sometimes termed "jus publicum." Commonwealth v. City of Newport News, 158 Va. 221, 164 S.E. 689, 696.

JUS PUBLICUM ET PRIVATUM QUOD EX NATURALIBUS PRÆCEPTIS AUT GENTIUM AUT CIVILIBUS EST COLLECTUM; ET QUOD IN JURE SCRIPTO JUS APPELLATUR, ID IN LEGE ANGLÆ RECTUM ESSE DICitur. Co. Litt. 185. Public and private law is that which is collected from natural principles, either of nations or in states; and that which in the civil law is called "jus," in the law of England is said to be "right."

JUS PUBLICUM PRIVATORUM PACTIS MUTABILI NON POTEST. A public law or right cannot be altered by the agreements of private persons.

JUS QUÆSTITUM. A right to ask or recover; for example, in an obligation there is a binding of the obligor, and a jus quæstitum in the obligee. 1 Bell, Comm. 323.

JUS QUIRITIUM. The old law of Rome, that was applicable originally to patricians only, and, under the Twelve Tables, to the entire Roman people, was so called, in contradistinction to the jus prætorium, (q. v.), or equity. Brown.
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JUS QUO UNIVERSITATES UTUNTUR EST ID-EM QUOD HABENT PRIVATI. The law which governs corporations is the same which governs individuals. Foster v. Essex Bank, 16 Mass. 265, 8 Am.Dec. 135.

JUS RECOVERANDI. The right of recovering [lands.]

JUS RELICTÆ. In Scotch law. The right of a relict; the right or claim of a relict or widow to her share of her husband's estate, particularly the moveables. 2 Kames, Eq. 340; 1 Forb, Inst. pt. 1, p. 67.

JUS REPRESENTATIONIS. The right of representing or standing in the place of another, or of being represented by another.

JUS RERUM. The law of things. The law regulating the rights and powers of persons over things; how property is acquired, enjoyed, and transferred.

JUS RESPICIT AQUATUM. Law regards equity. Co. Litt. 24b; Broom, Max. 151.

JUS SACRUM. In Roman law. That portion of the public which has relation to public worship and including the regulation of sacrifices and the appointment of priests. There was a general division of the jus publicum into jus sacrum and jus non sacrum (q. v.).

JUS SANGUINIS. The right of blood. See Jus Soli.

JUS SCRIPTUM. In English law. Written law, or statute law, otherwise called "lex scripta," as distinguished from the common law, "lex non scripta." 1 Bl.Comm. 62.

In Roman law. Written law. Inst. 1, 2, 3. All law that was actually committed to writing, whether it had originated by enactment or by custom, in contradistinction to such parts of the law of custom as were not committed to writing. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 126.

After stating that the Roman law was written and unwritten just as it was among the Greeks, Justinian adds: "The written part consists of laws, plebiscita, senatus-consults, enactments of emperors, edicts of magistrates, and answers of jurisprudents." Sand.Inst.Just. 1, 2, 3. See Jus Ex Non Scripto.

JUS SINGULARE. In the civil law. A peculiar or individual rule, differing from the jus commune, or common rule of right, and established for some special reason. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 196.

JUS SOLI. The law of the place of one's birth as contrasted with jus sanguinis, the law of the place of one's descent or parentage. It is of feudal origin. Hershey. Int. L. 237.

JUS SPATIANDÆ. A right of way over land by the public by use merely for the purposes of recreation and instruction.

It is usually limited to the cases of highways, parks, and squares. The public were denied any right in the grounds containing the ancient druidical monuments at Stonehenge: Attorney-General v. Antrobus, [1905] 2 Ch. 188. See 19 Harv.L.Rev. 55. See Du Cange, Glossarium, for a definition under the word spatium.

JUS STAPULÆ. In old European law. The law of staple; the right of staple. A right or privilege of certain towns of stopping imported merchandise, and compelling it to be offered for sale in their own markets. Locq. de Jure Mar. lib. 1, c. 10.

JUS STILLCIDII VEFLUMINIS RECIPERI. D. In Roman law. An urban servitude giving the owner a right to project his roof over the land of another or to open a house drain upon it.

JUS STRICTUM. Strict law; law interpreted without any modification, and in its utmost rigor.

JUS SUFFRAGI. In Roman law. The right of voting. This and the jus honorum (q. v.) were the public rights of the Roman citizen.

JUS SUPERVENIENS AUCTORI ACCRESCT SUCCESSORI. A right growing to a possessor accrues to the successor. Halk. Lat. Max. 76.

JUS TERTII. The right of a third party.

A tenant, baillee, etc., who pleads that the title is in some person other than his landlord, bailor, etc., is said to set up a jus tertii. Dempsey Oil & Gas Co. v. Citizens' Nat. Bank, 110 Okl. 39, 223 P. 1304, 1197.

JUS TESTAMENTORUM PERTINET ORDINARIO. Y. B. 4 Hen. VII., 13b. The right of testaments belongs to the ordinary.

JUS TIGNI IMMITTENDI. In Roman law. An urban servitude which gave the right of inserting a beam into the wall of another.

JUS TRIPERTITUM. In Roman law. A name applied to the Roman law of wills, in the time of Justinian, on account of its three-fold derivation, viz., from the praetorian edict, from the civil law, and from the imperial constitutions. Maine, Anc. Law, 207.

JUS TRIPLEX EST,—PROPIETATIS, POSSIONIS, ET POSSIBILITATIS. Right is three-fold,—of property, of possession, and of possibility.

JUS TRIMUM LIBERORUM. In Roman law. A right or privilege allowed to the parent of three or more children. 2 Kent, Comm. 85; 2 Bl.Comm. 247. These privileges were an exemption from the trouble of guardianship, priority in bearing offices, and a treble proportion of corn. Adams, Rom. Ant. (Am. Ed.) 227.

JUS UTENDI. The right to use property without destroying its substance. It is employed in contradistinction to the jus abutendi. 3 Toullier, no. 86.

JUS VENANDI ET PISCANDI. The right of hunting and fishing.

JUS VENDIT QUOD USUS APPROBAVIT. Elems. Postn. 35. The law dispenses what use has approved.
JUS VITÆ NECISQUE. In Roman law. The right of life and death.

Originally a father, or his pater-familias if he was himself the father of a child, subject, could not arbitrarily, but judicially—whether or not to rear his child; and while this right became subject to certain restrictions, yet when the child had grown up, the father, in the exercise of his domestic jurisdiction, might visit his son’s misconduct, both in private and public life, with such punishment as he thought fit, even banishment, slavery, or death. In the early Empire these rights became relaxed, and they disappeared in the Justinian law. Murlhead, Roman Law, 28, 241, 417. See Patenaude.

JUSURANDI FORMA VERBIS DIFFERT, RE CONVENVIT; HUNG ENIM SENSUM HABERE DEBET, UT DEUS INVOCTOR. The form of taking an oath differs in language, agrees in meaning; for it ought to have this sense, that the Deity is invoked. Grotius, b. 2, c. 13, s. 10.

JUSURANDUM. Lat. An oath.

JUSURANDUM INTER ALIOS FACTUM NEC NOCERE NEO PRODESSE DEBET. An oath made between others ought neither to hurt nor profit. 4 Inst. 279.

JUST. In the sense of “joust,” see Justus, infra.


The words ‘just’ and ‘justly’ do not always mean ‘just’ and ‘justly’ in a moral sense, but they not unfrequently, in their connection with other words in a sentence, bear a very different signification. It is evident, however, that the word ‘just’ in the statute [requiring an affidavit for an attachment] and the definition that plaintiff’s claim is just means ‘just’ in a moral sense: and from its isolation, being made a separate subdivision of the section, it is intended to mean ‘moral’ just in the most emphatic terms. The claim must be morally just, as well as legally just, in order to entitle a party to an attachment.” Robinson v. Burton, 8 Kan. 300.

JUST BEYOND. Will directing erection of chapel “just beyond” the basin means barely beyond, scarcely beyond, or closely beyond, with the least practical space between it and the basin. Carroll v. Cave Hill Cemetery Co., 172 Ky. 204, 189 S.W. 186, 189.

JUST CAUSE. A cause outside legal cause, which must be based on reasonable grounds, and there must be a fair and honest cause or reason, regulated by good faith. Dubois v. Gentry, 182 Tenn. 103, 184 S.W.2d 369, 371; Quick v. Southern Churchman Co., 171 Va. 403, 199 S.E. 489, 494, 495. Fair, adequate, reasonable cause. In re Municipal Garage in and for City of Utica, 141 Misc. 15, 252 N.Y.S. 18, 32. Legitimate cause; legal or lawful ground for action; such reasons as will suffice in law to justify the action taken. State v. Langford, 50 Or. 251, 157 P. 197, 202; State v. Donzi, 133 La. 925, 63 So. 405, 406; State v. Wiler, 103 Kan. 62, 254 P. 317, 320; Boston Elevated Ry. Co. v. Commonwealth, 310 Mass. 528, 39 N.E.2d 87, 112, 124.

Under provision that no license shall be revoked without “just cause,” the words imply that charges should be made and notice of hearing given and an opportunity to be heard afforded. Carroll v. California Horse Racing Board, 16 Cal.2d 164, 105 P.2d 110, 111.

JUST CAUSE OF PROVOCATION. That which will constitute the homicide murder in the second degree, as distinguished from a lawful provocation, which will reduce it to manslaughter. State v. McCracken, 341 Mo. 697, 108 S.W.2d 372, 376.

JUST COMPENSATION

To arrive at fair indemnity, the interests of the public and of the owner, and all the circumstances of the particular appropriation, should be taken into consideration. Lewis, En.Dam. § 462. And see Butler Hard Rubber Co. v. Newman, 137 U.S. 231, 10 A. 224; Bauman v. Rose, 167 U.S. 548, 17 S.Ct. 966, 42 L.Ed. 270; Newman v. Metropolitan Ed. R. Co., 118 N.Y. 623, 23 N.E. 901, 7 L.R.A. 289. Evidence of reproduction cost of structures affected by condemnation, less depreciation, improvements made on the property, consequential damage to portions not appropriated, and the fair market value of the property taken as of the date of the appropriation, may be relevant in determining "just compensation," according to the situation in a particular case. In re Board of Water Supply of City of New York, 777 N.Y. 492, 14 N.E.2d 739.


On government's cancellation of contract, "just compensation" recoverable consists of such sum as in court's judgment will fairly compensate contractor, Enright v. U.S., Ct.Cl., 54 F.2d 182, 190; it is value of contract at time of cancellation, not profits which it would have produced. De Laval Steam Turbine Co. v. U.S., Ct.Cl., 284 U.S. 61, 52 S.Ct. 78, 79, 76 L.Ed. 168.

JUST DEBTS. As used in a will or a statute, this term means legal, valid, and incontestable obligations, not including such as are barred by the statute of limitations or voidable at the election of the party. See Burke v. Jones, 2 Ves. & B. 275; Peck v. Botsford, 7 Conn. 176, 18 Am.Dec. 92; Collamore v. Wilder, 19 Kan. 82; Smith v. Mayo, 9 Mass. 63, 6 Am.Dec. 28; Jones' Ex'r v. Jones, 275 Ky. 753, 122 S.W.2d 779, 780.


JUST TITLE. By the term "just title," in cases of prescription, is meant a title which the possessor may have received from any person whom he honestly believed to be the real owner, provided the title were such as to transfer the ownership of the property. Civ.Code La. art. 3434; Davis v. Gaines, 104 U.S. 400, 26 L.Ed. 757; Johnson v. Sugar, 163 La. 785, 112 So. 721, 722; B. Fernandez & Bros. v. Aylton, 266 U.S. 144, 45 S.Ct. 52, 69 L.Ed. 209. One good against all the world. Virginia & West Virginia Coal Co. v. Charles, C.C.A. Va., 254 F. 379, 387.

JUST VALUE. In taxation, the fair, honest, and reasonable value of property, without exaggeration or depreciation; its actual market value.


JUSTA. In old English law. A certain measure of liquor, being as much as was sufficient to drink at once. Mon. Angl. t. 1, c. 149.

JUSTA CAUSA. In the civil law. A just cause; a lawful ground; a legal transaction of some kind. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 283.

JUSTICE, v. In old English practice. To do justice, to see justice done; to summon one to do justice.

JUSTICE, n. In common law. The title given in England to the judges of the king's bench and the common pleas, and in America to the judges of the supreme court of the United States and of the appellate courts of many of the states.

It is said that this word in its Latin form (justitia) was properly applicable only to the judges of common-law courts, while the term "judex" designated the judges of ecclesiastical and other courts. See Leg.Hen. I, §§ 24, 63; Co.Litt., 71b. The same title is also applied to some of the judicial officers of the lowest rank and jurisdiction, such as police justices and justices of the peace.

A term used in the United States and England to designate judicial officers and magistrates of every grade. School Dist. No. 18 v. Grubba Special School Dist., 184 Ark. 863, 43 S.W.2d 785, 786.

In Feudal law. Jurisdiction; judicial cognizance of causes or offenses.

High justice was the jurisdiction or right of trying crimes of every kind, even the highest. This was a privilege claimed and exercised by the great lords or barons of the middle ages. 1 Robertson's Car. V., appendix, note 23. Law justice was jurisdiction of petty offenses.

In Jurisprudence. The constant and perpetual disposition to render every man his due. Inst. 1, 1. pr.; 2 Inst. 56. See Borden v. State, 11 Ark. 528, 44 Am.Dec. 217; Collier v. Lindley, 203 Cal. 641, 266 P. 526, 530; The John E. Mulford, D.C. N.Y., 18 F. 455. The conformity of our actions and our will to the law. Toul. Drott Civil Fr. tit. prél. no. 5; Livingston Oil Corporation v. Henson, 90 Okl. 76, 215 P. 1057, 1059.

Commutative justice is that which should govern contracts. It consists in rendering to every man the exact measure of his due, without regard to his personal worth or merits, t. e., placing all men on an equality. Distributive justice is that which should govern the distribution of rewards and punishments. It assigns to each the rewards which his personal merit or services deserve, or the proper punishment for his crimes. It does not consider all men as equally deserving or equally blameworthy, but discriminates between them, observing a just proportion and comparison. This distinction originated with Aristotle (Eth.Nic. V.) See Fomb. Eq. 3; Toul. Drott Civil Fr. tit. prél. no. 7. In the most extensive sense of the word "justice" differs little from "virtue," for it includes within itself the whole circle of virtues. Yet the common distinction between them is that which, considered positively and in itself, is called "virtue," while considered relatively and with respect to others has the name of "justice." But "justice," being in itself a part of "virtue," is confined to things simply good or evil, and consists in a man's taking such a proportion of them as he ought. Bouvier.
"Equity" and "Justice" are substantially equivalent terms, if not synonymous. In re Lessig’s Estate, 6 N.Y. S.2d 720, 721, 168 Misc. 889.

Under constitutional provision guaranteeing right to obtain justice, the "justice" to be administered by courts is not an abstract justice as conceived of by the judge but justice according to law or, as it is phrased in the Constitution, "justices of the peace". State ex rel. Department of Agriculture v. McCarthy, 238 Wis. 258, 299 N.W. 58, 64.

In Norman French. Amenable to justice. Kelham.

JUSTICE AYRES (or AIRES). In Scotch law. Circuits made by the judges of the Justiciary courts, through the country, for the distribution of justice. Bell.

JUSTICE IN EYRE. From the old French word "eire," i.e., a journey. Those justices who in ancient times were sent by commission into various counties, to hear more especially such causes as were termed "pleas of the crown," were called "justices in eyre."

They differed from justices in oyer and terminer, inasmuch as the latter were sent to one place, and for the purpose of trying only a limited number of special causes; whereas the justices in eyre were sent through the various counties, with a more indefinite and general commission. In some respects they resembled our present justices of assize, although their authority and manner of proceeding differed much from them. Brown.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. In American law. A judicial officer of inferior rank having (usually) civil jurisdiction limited to that prescribed by statute in civil cases and in criminal proceedings, prosecutions and commitments of offenders. See Com. v. Frank, 21 Pa.Co.Ct.R. 120; Weikel v. Cate, 58 Md. 110; Smith v. Abbott, 17 N.J.L. 366; People v. Mann, 97 N.Y. 530, 49 Am.Rep. 556; Commonwealth, for Use and Benefit of Warren County, v. Cox’s Adm’t, 264 Ky. 327, 94 S.W.2d 632.

In English law. Judges of record appointed by the crown to be justices within a certain district, (e.g., a county or borough,) for the conservation of the peace, and for the execution of divers things, comprehended within their commission and within divers statutes, committed to their charge. Stone, J. Pr. 2.

JUSTICE SEAT. In English law. The principal court of the forest, held before the chief justice in eyre, or chief itinerant judge or his deputy; to hear and determine all trespasses within the forest, and all claims of franchises, liberties, and privileges, and all pleas and causes whatsoever therein arising. 3 Bl. Comm. 72; 4 Inst. 291; 3 Steph. Comm. 440.

JUSTICEMENTS. An old general term for all things appertaining to justice.

JUSTICER. The old form of justice. Blount.

JUSTICE'S CLERK. An amanuensis of the justice. A justice of the peace is regarded as his own clerk, and, in making entries on his docket, he acts in a ministerial capacity. State ex rel. Morris Rdg. & Inv. Co. v. Brown, 228 Mo.App. 760, 72 S.W.2d 859, 862.

JUSTICE'S COURTS. Inferior tribunals, not of record, with limited jurisdiction, both civil and criminal, held by justices of the peace. There are courts so called in many of the states. See Searl v. Shanks, 9 N.D. 204, 82 N.W. 734; Brownfield v. Thompson, 96 Mo.App. 340, 70 S.W. 378.

JUSTICES OF APPEAL. The title given to the ordinary judges of the English court of appeal. The first of such ordinary judges are the two former lords justices of appeal in chancery, and one other judge appointed by the crown by letters patent.

JUSTICES OF ASSIZE. These justices, or, as they are sometimes called, "justices of nisi prius," are judges of the superior English courts, who go on circuit into the various counties of England and Wales for the purpose of disposing of such causes as are ready for trial at the assizes. See Assize.

JUSTICES OF GAOL DELIVERY. Those justices who are sent with a commission to hear and determine all causes appertaining to persons, who, for any offense, have been cast into gaol.

Part of their authority was to punish those who let to mainprise those prisoners who were not bailable by law, and they seem formerly to have been sent into the country upon this exclusive occasion, but afterwards had the same authority given them as the justices of assize. Brown.

JUSTICES OF LABORERS. In old English law. Justices appointed to redress the frowardness of laboring men, who would either be idle or have unreasonable wages. Blount.

JUSTICES OF NISI PRIUS. In English law. This title is now usually coupled with that of justices of assize; the judges of the superior courts acting on their circuits in both these capacities. 3 Bl. Comm. 58, 59.

JUSTICES OF OYER AND TERMINER. Certain persons appointed by the king's commission, among whom were usually two judges of the courts at Westminster, and who went twice in every year to every county of the kingdom, (except London and Middlesex,) and, at what was usually called the "assizes," heard and determined all treasons, felonies, and misdemeanors. Brown.

JUSTICES OF THE BENCH. The justices of the court of common bench or common pleas.

JUSTICES OF THE FOREST. In old English law. Officers who had jurisdiction over all offenses committed within the forest against vert or venison. The court wherein these justices sat and determined such causes was called the "justice seat of the forest." They were also sometimes called the "justices in eyre of the forest." Brown.

JUSTICES OF THE HUNDRED. Hundredors; lords of the hundreds; they who had the jurisdiction of hundreds and held the hundred courts.

JUSTICES OF THE JEWS. Justices appointed by Richard I. to carry into effect the laws and orders which he had made for regulating the money contracts of the Jews. Brown.
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JUSTICES OF THE FAVILLON. In old English law. Judges of a pyepowder court, of a most transcendant jurisdiction, anciently authorized by the bishop of Winchester, at a fair held on St. Giles' Hills near that city. Cowell; Blount.

JUSTICES OF THE QUORUM. See Quorum.

JUSTICES OF TRAIL-BASTON. See Trail-Baston.

JUSTICESHIP. Rank or office of a justice.


JUSTICIALE CONTROVERSY. A controversy in which a claim of right is asserted against one who has an interest in contesting it. State ex rel. La Follette v. Dammann, 230 Wis. 17, 264 N.W. 627, 629, 103 A.L.R. 1089. A question as may properly come before a tribunal for decision. Duart Mfg. Co. v. Philad Co., D.C.Del., 30 F.Supp. 777, 779, 780.

JUSTICIA. In old English law. A judge or justice. One of several persons learned in the law, who sat in the aula regis, and formed a kind of court of appeal in cases of difficulty. Also spelled justiciar.

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JUSTICIAII ITINERANTES. In English law. Justices in eyre, who formerly went from county to county to administer justice. They were so called to distinguish them from justices residing at Westminster, who were called "justicii residentes." Co. Litt. 293.

JUSTICIAII RESIDENTES. In English law. Judges or judges who usually resided in Westminster. They were so called to distinguish them from justices in eyre. Co. Litt. 293.

JUSTICIARY. An old name for a judge or justice. The word is formed on the analogy of the Latin "justiciarius" and French "justicier," and is a variant of justiciar (q. v.).

JUSTICIARY COURT. The chief criminal court of Scotland, consisting of five lords of session, added to the justice general and justice clerk; of whom the justice general, and in his absence, the justice clerk, is president. This court has a jurisdiction over all crimes, and over the whole of Scotland. Bell.

JUSTICIATUS. Judicature; prerogative. The proceeding by which bail establish their ability to perform the undertaking of the bond or recognizance.

JUSTICIER. Fr. See Justiciar.

JUSTICES. In English law. A writ directed to the sheriff, empowering him, for the sake of dispatch, to try an action in his county court for a larger amount than he has the ordinary power to do. It is so called because it is a commission to the sheriff to do the party justice, the word itself meaning, "You may do justice to ______." 3 Bl.Comm. 36; 4 Inst. 266.

JUSTIFIABLE. Rightful; defensible; warranted or sanctioned by law; that which can be shown to be sustained by law; as justifiable homicide. See Homicide.

JUSTIFIABLE CAUSE. "Justifiable cause" for prosecution is well-founded belief of person of ordinary caution, prudence, and judgment in existence of facts essential to prosecution. Dickerson v. Atlantic Refining Co., 201 N.C. 90, 159 S.E. 446, 449.

JUSTIFICATION. A maintaining or showing a sufficient reason in court why the defendant did what he is called upon to answer, particularly in an action of libel.

A defense of justification is a defense showing the libel to be true, or in an action of assault showing the violence to have been necessary. See Stepp.Pl. 184. A sufficient lawful reason for acting or failing to act. Mercard v. State, 86 Tex.Cr.R. 559, 218 S.W. 491, 492; State v. Rish, 104 S.C. 250, 88 S.E. 531, 534; Townsend v. U. S., 68 App. D.C. 223, 95 F.2d 332, 338.


JUSTIFICATOR. A kind of compurgators, (q. v.) or those who by oath justified the innocence or oaths of others; as in the case of wager of law.


JUSTIFYING BAIL consists in proving the sufficiency of bail or sureties in point of property, etc.

The production of bail in court, who there justify themselves against the exception of the plaintiff.

JUSTINIANIST. A civilian; one who studies the civil law.

JUSTINIAN'S INSTITUTES. See Institutes.

JUSTITIA. Lat. Justice. A jurisdiction, or the office of a judge.

JUSTITIA DEBET ESSE LIBERA, QUA INIHI INIQUIUS VENALI JUSTITIA; PLENA, QUA JUSTITIA NON DEBET CLAUDICARE; ET CELERIS, QUA DILATIO EST QUÆDAM NEGATIO. Justice ought to be free, because nothing is more iniquitous than venal justice; full, because justice ought not to halt; and speedy, because delay is a kind of denial. 2 Inst. 56.
JUSTITIA EST CONSTANS ET PERPETUA VOLUNTAS JUS SUUM CUIQUE TRIBUENDI. Justice is a steady and unceasing disposition to render to every man his due. Inst. 1, 1, pr.; Dig. 1, 1, 10.

JUSTITIA EST DUPLEX, VIZ., SEVERE PUNIENS ET VERE PRÆVENIENS. 3 Inst. Epil. Justice is double; punishing severely, and truly preventing.

JUSTITIA EST VIRTUS EXCELLENS ET ALTISSIMO COMPLACENS. 4 Inst. 58. Justice is excellent virtue and pleasing to the Most High.

JUSTITIA FIRMATUR SOLUM. 3 Inst. 140. By justice the throne is established.

JUSTITIA NEMINI NEGANDA EST. Jenk. Cent. 178. Justice is to be denied to none.

JUSTITIA NON EST NEGANDA NON DIFFERENDA. Jenk. Cent. 88. Justice is neither to be denied nor delayed.

JUSTITIA NON NOVIT PATREM NEC MATERE, SOLAM VERITATEM SPECTAT JUSTITIA. Justice knows not father nor mother; justice looks at truth alone. 1 Bulst. 199.

JUSTITIA PIEPOUDROUS. Speedy justice. Bract. 333b.

JUSTITIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A suspension or intermission of the administration of justice in courts; vacation time. Calvin.

JUSTIZA. In Spanish law. The name anciently given to a high judicial magistrate, or supreme judge, who was the ultimate interpreter of the laws, and possessed other high powers.


As used in statute providing for acknowledgment of "justness" of claim to remove bar of limitations, refers to moral obligation. John W. Masary & Son v. Bisbee Lumber Co., 49 Ariz. 443, 68 P.2d 679, 693.

JUSTS, or JOUSTS. Exercises between martial men and persons of honor, with spears, on horseback; different from tournaments, which were military exercises between many men in troops. 24 Hen. VIII. c. 13.

JUSTUM NON EST ALIQUEM ANTEMATUM MORTUUM FACERE BASTARDUM, QUI PRO TOTA VITA SUA PRO LEGITIMO HABETUR. It is not just to make a bastard after his death one elder born who all his life has been accounted legitimate. 8 Coke, 101.


JUXTA. Lat. Near; following; according to.

JUXTA CONVENTIONEM. According to the covenant. Fleta lib. 4, c. 16, § 6.

JUXTA FORMAM STATUTI. According to the form of the statute.

JUXTA RATAM. At or after the rate. Dyer, 82.

JUXTA TENOREM SEQUENTEM. According to the tenor following. 2 Salk. 417. A phrase used in the old books when the very words themselves referred to were set forth. Id.; 1 Ld. Raym. 415.

JUXTAPOSITION. A placing or being placed in nearness or contiguity; or side by side; as a juxtaposition of words. Brown v. State, 126 Tex. Cr.R. 449, 72 S.W.2d 269, 270.

In patent law, "juxtaposition" is the English equivalent of "aggregation." Mesta Mach. Co. v. Federal Machine & Welder Co., C.C.A.Pa., 110 F.2d 479, 481.

JUZGADO. In Spanish law. The judiciary; the body of judges; the judges who concur in a decree.