



Latin Dictionary!

- *actio*: action
- *actus reus*: criminal act
- *ad hoc*: for this (special) purpose)
- *ad idem*: at one
- *ad valorem*: according to value
- *affidavit*: he asserts (statement of oath)
- *bona fide*: in good faith
- *caveat*: warning
- *caveat emptor*: let the buyer beware
- *consensus (ad idem)*: agreement (in the same terms)
- *culpa*: fault
- *de facto*: in fact
- *de jure*: in law
- *dissentiens*: dissenting
- *et al*: and others
- *ex curia*: out of court
- *ex turpi causa*: from an evil cause no action arises
- *factum*: act or deed
- *forum*: court
- *forum non conveniens*: inconvenient forum
- *habeas corpus*: you must have the body
- *ibidem (ibid.)*: in the same place
- *in personam*: against a person, personal
- *in rem*: against a thing, directed to an actual piece of property
- *infra*: below
- *inter alia*: among other things
- *inter vivos*: between living persons
- *intra vires*: within the powers
- *ipso facto*: by the very fact
- *jus*: right, law
- *lex*: law
- *lis pendens*: a pending law suit
- *mens rea*: guilty mind
- *nemo dat quod non habet*: no one gives what he does not have

- *nihil (nil)*: nothing
- *nisi*: unless
- *non est factum*: it is not my deed
- *nudum pactum*: bare pact (promise without consideration)
- *obiter dictum (plural dicta)*: thing said by the way
- *onus*: burden
- *pacta sunt servanda*: agreements should be kept
- *per curiam*: by the court
- *prima facie*: at first sight
- *quantum meruit*: how much he deserved
- *ratio decidendi*: reason for deciding
- *res*: thing, matter, substance
- *restitutio in integrum*: restoration to a former state
- *sic*: thus
- *simpliciter*: simply
- *stare decisis*: to stand by decisions
- *subpoena*: under penalty for testifying
- *supra*: above
- *ultra vires*: beyond the powers
- *verbatim*: word for word
- *versus*: against

French Dictionary!

- *arraign (like arraignment)*: bring before a criminal court
- *cestui que trust*: beneficiary of a trust
- *cestui que use*: beneficiary of a use
- *chose*: thing
- *chose in action*: right of action
- *escheat*: reversion of property to the Crown
- *escrow*: condition



- *estop/estoppel*: preclude, preclusion (of a party from making a particular assertion)
- *fee*: estate in land
- *fee tail*: estate in land limited to direct descendants
- *feoffment*: entitlement to land
- *force majeure*: main force, irresistible compulsion
- *laches*: delay
- *lien*: a security interest in property
- *livery of seisin*: delivery of possession
- *misfeasance*: wrongdoing
- *nonfeasance*: omission
- *parol*: oral
- *parole*: word of honour, hence release of prisoner on honour
- *profit a prendre*: right to profit from land
- *pur autre vie*: for another's life
- *tort*: civil wrong
- *tortfeasor*: one who commits a civil wrong

Abbreviations!

- A.G.: Attorney General
- App.: Appeal
- App. Cas.: Appeal Cases
- Arb.: Arbitrator
- B.C.L.R.: British Columbia Law Reports
- B.C.R.: British Columbia Reports
- C.A.: Court of Appeal (Cour d'Appel in Quebec)
- C.J.: Chief Justice
- D.L.R.: Dominion Law Reports
- F.C.: Federal Court (Canada)
- Fed.: Federal
- Govt.: Government
- H.L.: House of Lords
- I.C.J.: International Court of Justice
- J.: Justice
- J.A.: Justice of Appeal
- P.C.: Privy Council
- Q.B.: Queen's Bench
- Q.C.: Queen's Counsel
- S.C.R.: Supreme Court Reports