

Legal representation

evidence investigator argue conclusion
referee lawyers judges

In both civil and common law countries, _____ and _____ play an important role.

However, in civil law countries, the judge is usually the main _____, and the lawyer's role is to advise a client on legal matters, write legal pleadings, and help provide favorable _____ to the investigative judge.

In common law, the judge often acts as a _____, as two lawyers _____ their side of the case. Generally, the judge, and sometimes a jury, listen to both sides to come to a _____ about the case.

Constitutions

civil tax code based

Common law countries may not always follow a constitution or a _____ of laws.

In _____ law, the constitution is generally _____ on a code of laws, or codes applying to specific areas, like _____ law, corporate law, or administrative law.

Precedent

Decisions ruling judicial result verdict the highest
precedent cases common binding

The _____ of judges are always _____ in _____ law countries, although that does not mean the decision may not be appealed. In the United States, for example, _____ may be heard by a network of federal or state courts, with the federal Supreme Court holding _____ power. Generally, the _____ of the last court remains the final, binding _____. That case may later be used as _____ to resolve similar cases in the future.

In civil law countries, only the _____ decisions of administrative and constitutional courts are binding outside the original case. In essence, the concept of precedent, i.e. past cases can determine the _____ of future ones, is not used.

American vs. British Common Law

Common colony contradicted

Because it began as a _____ of England, the United States inherited many traditions of British _____ law. After the American Revolutionary War, one of the first acts of the new government was to adopt existing English common law in full, unless it _____ the U.S. Constitution.

History

emperor developed rarely unite typical
customs conquest rediscovered

Common law is _____ to England in its origin. Until the Norman _____, there were different rules for different regions of the country. But as the laws and the country began to _____, a common law was created based on _____ and rulings across the country. These rules _____ organically and were _____ written down.

European rulers on the other hand ruled on Roman law, and a compilation of rules issued by the _____ Justinian in the 6th century that was _____ in 11th-century Italy.

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