

## 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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