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LEGAL TERMS – MEANING AND USAGE

1. Agency - Legally binding agreement between parties
 - Some companies may hire an agency to keep a check on their employees
2. Agreement -a contract
 - We made an agreement based on the three conditions laid by them.
3. Bail -Release from imprisonment on payment of such money
 - He has been released on bail.
4. Bailable- in which bail is to be granted as a matter of right
 - Court announces that his offence is bailable.
5. Bailment-The delivery of goods by one person to another on a condition that they shall be redelivered
 - Bailment can make more official relationship between the two persons.
6. Contract -An agreement between two parties, to perform a specific job or work order , often temporary or of fixed duration and usually governed by a written agreement
 - Marriage is a contract
7. culpable - involving the breach of a legal duty
 - Mercy killings are less culpable than ordinary murders.
8. Decree - Judgement or decision of a court
 - Judge issued a decree that he is not culpable.
9. Divorce- Dissolution of marriage
 - He was finally granted divorce in March 2017.
10. Defamation -the act of making untrue statements about another which damages his/ her reputation
 - The newspaper was sued for defamation after publishing lies about a celebrity.
11. F.I.R. -First Information Report is a written document that are prepared by the police when they receive information about any crime
 - The person giving a complaint can get a free copy of an F.I.R.
12. Execution -The carrying into effect of a court judgment, or of a will
 - The entire machine slowed down during the execution of the virus checker.
13. Genocide -Mass killing of particular group
 - As a result of genocide in the small nation , thousands of children have now become homeless orphans.
14. Guarantee-A collateral agreement to answer for the debt
 - There is 10 years guarantee against rusting on this product.
15. Guardian -A person who has legal authority to take care for the personal and property interests of another person called ward
 - The guardian must sign this form.
16. Impugn - To assault, attack

- He impugned his rival's character.

17. Locus Standi-right to speak in a matter

- A foreign government which has not been recognized by the UK government has no locus standi in the English courts.

18. Indemnity -Protection against loss

- Indemnity from the car crash was sent to my house today.

19. Judgement-Formal decision made by court

- Judgement should not be given in a hurry.

20. Judiciary - term applied to the judges collectively

- He was the chairman of the judiciary committee.

21. Legislation- The making of laws by a competent authority

- This legislation marks another step forward.

22. Legislature-Elected members of parliament

- Government wanted the legislature to pass new laws on pending cases.

23. Libel-any published statement in writing damaging to the reputation of a person

- Libel statement of minor must refer particular to the individual who file the case.

24. Misstatement -Wrongly, Falsely

- He has given the misstatement in his case.

25. Non- Bailable -Bail is not admitted as right

- He has committed a non- bailable offence.

26. Orders-Directions of the court

- Judge orders bail in this case.

27. Award -the decision of an arbitrator

- The award of the Arbitral Tribunal is binding on both the parties.

28. Pledge-A Surety

- Students took a pledge to maintain cleanliness in the college campus.

29. Slander -spoken words which amount to the tort of defamation

- She was accused of slandering her former boss.

30. Arbitration- the decision by a private person, of a controversy submitted to him by disputants

- Tayside Regional Council called for arbitration to settle the dispute.

31. Bankruptcy-Financial failure

- He closed his company due to bankruptcy.

32. Clemency-kindness when giving a punishment

- The killer's wife begged the judge to give her husband clemency

33. Cognizance- being aware

- When a judge applies his judicial mind on the given facts of the case, then we can say he has taken cognizance.

34. Confiscate-to seizure of property by the government

- His gun was confiscated by the police

35. Consideration- a promise to do some act which is necessary to continue a binding agreement and turning it into a contract

- A contract without consideration is void

36. Illicit-Illegal

- He has made an illicit statement.

37. Liquidate-to diminish the amount debt

- The film is about a professional killer who's turned to liquidate a powerful businessman.

38.Divorce- dissolution of marriage

- He was finally granted divorce in 2016.

39. Immunity-freedom of penalty/ an exemption from a duty

- If you want the immunity solution, then you'll work with me to protect my brother.

40. Impeachment-To challenge the credibility of the accused

- Without evidence you can't impeach anyone.

41. Laches - unreasonable delay in asserting a claim

- Unnecessary argument creates laches.

42. Liability- legal obligation or duty

- Everyone knows that they have large liability on them.

43. Notary Public-a public officer who certifies signature and documents

- I will not accept your documents unless it will be signed by the notary public.

44. Cause Celebre- A legal case that excite widespread interest

- The building of mosque is the current cause celebre in media.

45. Overrule - To set aside

- The mayor has the power to overrule the decision made by the city board.

46. Upheld - To defend

- The conviction was upheld by the court of appeal.

47. Perjury - To violate a promise made after taking an oath

- He claimed two witnesses at his trial had committed perjury.

48. Statue -An act of Parliament

This law was made by statue.

49. Testify-To give evidence under oath in a legal proceeding

He testify against his own commander.

50. Waive -knowingly to surrender or abandon a claim or a defence which might have been legally made in the course of procedure

51. Ratify-to confirm or make valid by giving official approval or formal sanction

Both countries were due to ratify the treaty by the end of the year.

52. Will -A revocable declaration made in the prescribed form, of the intentions of the maker concerning the disposition and devolution of property

A will serves variety of important purposes.

53. Writ -Instrument under seal issued in the name of the sovereign

A writ for the election of a member to Parliament was issued.

54. Proviso- a condition or stipulation, as in an agreement or statute

He let his house with proviso that his own staff should remain to run it.

55. Tenancy - The relationship of a tenant to that land which he holds from another

The tenancy of his house ends as per the agreement.

56. Pecuniary -relating to money

Julia thought that robbing a bank would solve her pecuniary concerns.

57. Voidable - capable of being set aside or voided

A submission by an infant is not void but is voided

58. Verdict - Answer of a jury to a question committed to their examination

The facts of the case depends upon the special verdict.