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### Some Common Legal Maxims and Phrases

- 1) **Damnum Sine Injuria** - loss or damage without injury
- 2) **Res Judicate** -a matter already decided by judicial authority
- 3) **Mens Rea** -a criminal intention or knowledge that an act is wrong
- 4) **IgnorantiaFacitExcusat** - Ignorance of a fact is an excuse
- 5) **Injuria Sine Damno** -Injury without loss
- 6) **Audi AlteramPartem** - no man shall be condemned unheard
- 7) **Ubi Jus IbiRemedium** - there is not wrong without a remedy
- 8) **Ratio Decidendi** - the rule of law on which a judicial decision is based
- 9) **Habeas Corpus** - It is a law that states that a person can not be kept in prison unless they have first been brought before a court of law , which decides whether it legal for them to be kept in prison
- 10) **Ultra Vires** -beyond the powers
- 11) **Ignorantia Juris non excusat** -ignorance of law does not excuse
- 12) **Actus Non FacitReum Nisi Mens Sit Rea-** the intent and the act must both concur to constitute the crime
- 13) **Delegatus non PotestDelegare** - no delegated powers can be further delegated
- 14) **Alibi** -a claim or piece of evidence that one was elsewhere when an act , typically a criminal one , is alleged to have taken place
- 15) **Res IpsaLioquitur** -the things speaks for itself

16) <b>Respondent Superior</b> - let the principal be held be liable for the wrongful act of his servant
17) <b>Obiter Dictum</b> - an incidental remark
18) <b>Ejusdem Generis</b> -used to interpret loosely written statutes
19) <b>Actus Reus</b> -an action which is constituent element of a crime, as opposed to the mental state of the accused
20) <b>Locus Standi</b> -right to speak
21) <b>Dictum</b> -an authoritative source/ proclamation
22) <b>NemoDat Quad Non Habet</b> - no one gives what he does not possess
23) <b>DomusSuaCuiqueEsttutissimumRefugium</b> - every man's house is his castle
24) <b>Nemo Est HaeresViventis</b> -no one can be heir during the life of his ancestor
25) <b>Caveat Emptor</b> - let purchaser beware
26) <b>Rex Non potestPeccare</b> -the king can do no wrong
27) <b>Volenti Non Fit Injuria</b> - damage suffered by consent is not a cause of action
28) <b>ActaExteriora the intention</b> - acts indicate the action
29) <b>NemoDebetBisVexari Pro Uno ET EademCausa</b> - it is a rule of law that a man shall not be twice vexed for one and the same cause
30) <b>NullusCommodumCaperePotest De InjuriaSuaPropria</b> -no man can take advantage of his own wrong

