

Term	Definition	Category
Acquittal	A jury verdict that a criminal defendant is not guilty, or the finding of a judge that the evidence is insufficient to support a conviction.	Criminal Law
Affidavit	A written statement of facts confirmed by the oath of the party making it, before a notary or officer having authority to administer oaths.	General Legal
Allegation	A statement of the issues in a written document (a pleading) which a person is prepared to prove in court.	Litigation
Appeal	A request made to a higher court to review a lower court's decision.	Litigation
Arbitration	A form of alternative dispute resolution where a neutral third party (arbitrator) hears both sides and makes a decision that is often binding.	Dispute Resolution
Bail	Money or property given to a court to secure a defendant's release from jail and ensure their appearance in court.	Criminal Law
Bankruptcy	A legal status of a person or entity that cannot repay debts to creditors.	Financial Law
Breach of Contract	Violation of a contractual obligation by failing to perform one's own promise, by repudiating it, or by interfering with another party's performance.	Contract Law
Class Action	A lawsuit in which one or more plaintiffs sue on behalf of a larger group of people who have a common interest in the dispute.	Litigation
Damages	Money awarded by a court to a person injured by the unlawful act or negligence of another person.	Tort Law
Felony	A serious crime usually punishable by imprisonment for more than one year or by death.	Criminal Law