

| Term | Definition |
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| ABRIDGE | Shorten. |
| ABRIDGEMENT | Reduced version of the original. |
| ADVOCATE | Defend and support something; offer legal assistance. |
| AFFIRM | Declare something is TRUE; to support a decision from a lower court. |
| AFFIRMATIVE | Agree with or accept. |
| ANTI-SEMITIC | Hostility directed against Jews. |
| ASCEND | Rise. |
| CAPITAL OFFENSE | Crime punishable by the death penalty. |
| CERTIORARI | Written order from an appellate court for the lower court to send the appeals court the records of a case. |
| COMPELLING | Convincing. |
| CONGRESSIONAL POWER | Power given to the Senate and House of Representatives to create and enact laws. |
| CONTEMPT OF COURT | Disobedience or disrespect of a court, judge, or legislative body. |
| CONTRARY | Opposing or opposite view. |
| CURRICULUM | Educational plan which outlines subject matter to be taught in school. |
| DEROGATORY | Belittling or making fun of something or someone. |
| DESCEND | Go down from a high degree. |
| DIGNIFIED | Having character; often admired. |
| DISCRIMINATION | Act of not treating everyone alike, because of their social or economic class, or race. |
| DOCTRINE | Principle of law established through past decisions. |
| DUE PROCESS | Constitutional right which guarantees everyone fair treatment by the law. |
| EMPHATICALLY | Said or done with emphasis. |
| EQUIVALENT | Divided in same amounts. |
| ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE | Found in First Amendment. Denies Congress the right to make laws respecting any religion. |
| EXCLUDE | Shut out. |
| EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE | Privileges and powers granted to the President of the United States. |
| EXORBITANT | Going beyond what is expected; excessive. |
| EX PARTE | An action brought by one person without opposition. |
| IMMIGRANT | Someone who is not a native. |
| INADMISSIBLE | Not allowed in. |
| INCRIMINATING | That which indicates guilt. |
| INFERIOR | Not as good. |
| INFRINGEMENT | Violation of a law, regulation, or right. |
| INHERENTLY UNEQUAL | Existing only to be unequal. |
| INJUNCTION | Legal process issued by a court requiring a person to refrain from doing, or from continuing to do, a certain act. |
| INSUBORDINATE | Unwilling to submit to authority. |
| INTERROGATED | To be asked questions. |
| INTERSTATE | Between two or more states. |
| INTRASTATE COMMERCE | Commerce within a state. |
| JUDICIAL REVIEW | Review of proceedings that have taken place in a court. |
| LIBEL | Any false written statement tending to ruin a reputation. |
| MONOPOLY | Commodity completely controlled by a person or group of persons. |
| MUTINY | Revolt against someone or something of authority. |

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| NATIONALISM | A love and pride of one's country. |
| NON-DENOMINATIONAL | No religious affiliation. |
| OBSTRUCTING | Blocking or hindering. |
| PERMISSIBLE | Permitted or allowed. |
| PETTY LARCENY | Taking of property of small value; usually a misdemeanor. |
| REASONABLENESS | Neither extreme nor excessive. |
| RESTRAINTS | Limitations; holding back from action. |
| SABOTAGE | Willful destruction of war or national defense material. |
| SEGREGATION | Separation of races. |
| SEPARATE BUT EQUAL | Phrase which implied that it was acceptable to segregate races provided that the races are treated equally. |
| SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE | Guidelines set up to keep religion out of government and insure equal treatment of the people. |
| SOCIALISM | Economic and political theories advocating collective or governmental ownership of the means of production. |
| STATUTE | Law enacted by the legislative branch of the government. |
| SUBORDINATE | Place in a lower class or rank. |
| SUBSTANTIAL | Solid; firm; having real properties. |
| SUBSTANTIVE | Having a real existence; actual. |
| SUBSTANTIVE DUE PROCESS | Freedoms, legal process, and equal opportunity guaranteed all persons in the United States. |
| SUPPRESSION | Act of holding back. |
| TANGIBLE | Having physical form; can be touched and seen. |
| TREASON | Act committed against one's country. |
| TRIVIAL | Of little worth. |
| UNANIMOUSLY | Everyone agreeing. |
| UN-CONSTITUTIONAL | That which is in violation of a law or right stated in the Constitution of the United States. |
| UNITARY | Having to do with a single thing. |
| VAGUE | Unclear. |
| WRIT | Formal document. |
| WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS | Document obtained by a lawyer demanding a defendant be formally charged or released from arrest. |