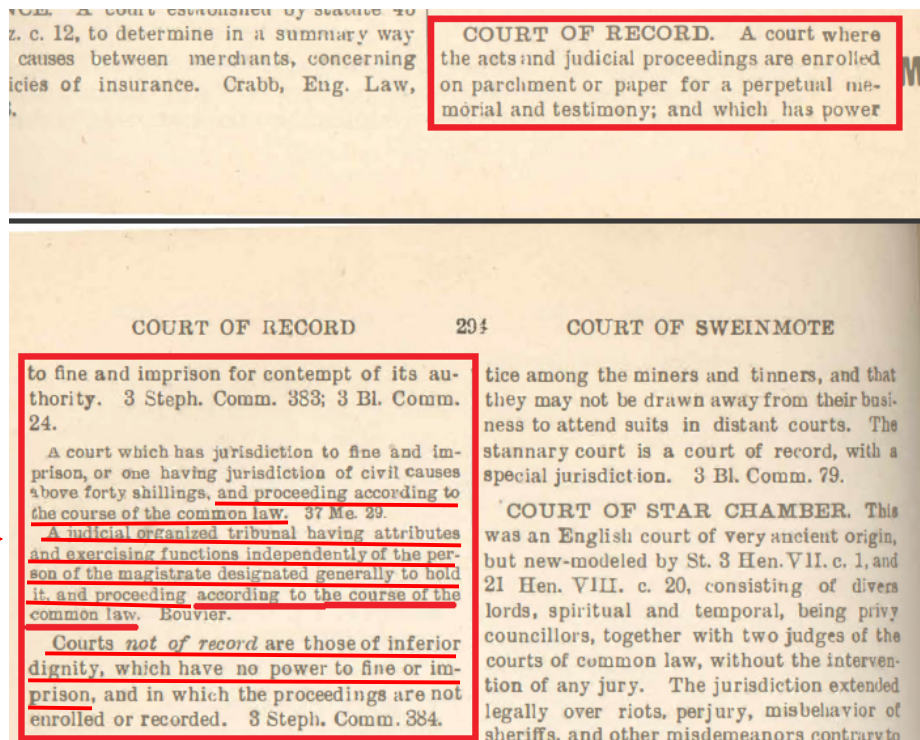


Definition of "Court of Record" from Bouvier's 6th Edition:

COURT OF RECORD. At common law, any jurisdiction which has the power to fine and imprison, is a court of record. Salk. 200; Bac. Ab. Fines and Amercements, A. And courts which do not possess this power are not courts of record. See Court.

2. The act of congress, to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, &c., approved April 14, 1802, enacts, that for the purpose of admitting aliens to become citizens, that every court of record in any individual state, having common law jurisdiction and a seal, and a clerk or prothonotary, shall be considered as a district court within the meaning of this act.

Definition of "Court of Record" from Blacks Dictionary 1st Edition:



Definition of "Court of Law" from Blacks Dictionary 9th Edition:

court of law. (16c) **1.** Broadly, any judicial tribunal that administers the laws of a state or nation. **2.** A court that proceeds according to the course of the common law, and that is governed by its rules and principles.
Cf. court of equity.



Cf = "by way of comparison to:"; so **Court of Law is Common Law and NOT a court of equity** [court of equity = a court that is authorized to apply principles of equity, as opposed to law, to cases brought before it.]

Definition of "Court of Record" from Blacks Dictionary 4th Edition says to see "Court":

England, being a branch of, and annexed to, the Court of Arches. It has a jurisdiction over all those parishes dispersed through the province of Canterbury, in the midst of other dioceses, which are exempt from the ordinary's jurisdiction, and subject to the metropolitan only. All ecclesiastical causes arising within these *peculiar* or exempt jurisdictions are originally cognizable by this court, from which an appeal lies to the Court of Arches. 3 Steph. Comm. 431; 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 104. Most of such courts have been abolished by legislation. 1 Holdsw. Hist. Eng. Law 352. See, also, Arches Court.

COURT OF PIEPOUDRE. (Also spelled Pipowder, Pie Powder, Py-Powder, Piedpoudre, etc.) The lowest (and most expeditious) of the courts of justice known to the older law of England. It is supposed (by Cowell and Blount) to have been so called from the dusty feet of the suitors. For another conjecture as to the origin of the name, see Co. 4th Inst. 472. It was a court of record incident to every fair and market, was held by the

jurisdiction over the probate of wills, the grant of administration, and the supervision of the management and settlement of the estates of decedents, including the collection of assets, the allowance of claims, and the distribution of the estate. In some states the probate courts also have jurisdiction of the estates of minors, including the appointment of guardians and the settlement of their accounts, and of the estates of lunatics, habitual drunkards, and spendthrifts. Pons v. Pons, 132 La. 370, 61 So. 406, 407. And in some states these courts possess a limited jurisdiction in civil, and criminal cases. They are also called in some jurisdictions "orphans' courts" and "surrogate's courts."

COURT OF PYPOWDER, PY-POWDER, or PY-POWDERS. See Court of Piepoudre.,

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS OF THE PEACE. In American law. A court of criminal jurisdiction in the state of Pennsylvania, having power to try misdemeanors, and exercising cer-

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tain functions of an administrative nature. There is one such court in each county of the state. Its sessions are, in general, held at the same time and by the same judges as the *court of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery*. Const.Pa. art. 5, § 1; 17 P.S. §§ 331, 361.

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH. See Court of King's Bench.

COURT OF RECORD. See Court, *supra*.

COURT OF REGARD. In English law. One of the forest courts, in England, held every third year, for the lawing or expeditation of dogs, to prevent them from running after deer. It is now obsolete. 3 Steph. Comm. 440; 3 Bl. Comm. 71, 72.

COURT OF SESSION. The name of the highest court of civil jurisdiction in Scotland. It was composed of fifteen judges, now of thirteen. It sits in two divisions. The lord president and three ordinary lords form the first division; the lord justice clerk and three other ordinary lords form the second division. There are five permanent lords ordinary attached equally to both divisions; the last appointed of whom officiates on the bills, *i. e.*, petitions preferred to the court during the session, and performs the other duties of junior lord ordinary. The chambers of the parliament house in which the first and second divisions hold their sittings are called the "inner house;" those in which the lords ordinary sit as single judges to hear motions and causes are collectively called the "outer house." The nomination and appointment of the judges is in the crown. Wharton.

COURT OF SESSIONS. Courts of criminal jurisdiction existing in California, New York, and one or two other of the United States.

COURT OF SHEPWAY. A court held before the

the courts of common law, without the intervention of any jury. The jurisdiction extended legally over riots, perjury, misbehavior of sheriffs, and other misdemeanors contrary to the laws of the land; yet it was afterwards stretched to the asserting of all proclamations and orders of state, to the vindicating of illegal commissions and grants of monopolies; holding for honorable that which it pleased, and for just that which it profited, and becoming both a court of law to determine civil rights and a court of revenue to enrich the treasury. It was finally abolished by St. 16 Car. I, c. 10, to the general satisfaction of the whole nation. Brown.

COURT OF SURVEY. A court for the hearing of appeals by owners or masters of ships, from orders for the detention of unsafe ships, made by the English board of trade, under the merchant shipping act, 1876, § 6.

COURT OF SWEINMOTE (spelled, also, *Swainmote*, *Swain-gemote*; Saxon, *swang*, an attendant, a freeholder, and *mote* or *gemote*, a meeting). One of the old forest courts, held before the verderers, as judges, by the steward, thrice in every year,—the sweins or freeholders within the forest composing the jury. This court had jurisdiction to inquire into grievances and oppressions committed by the officers of the forest, and also to receive and try presentments certified from the court of attachments, certifying the cause, in turn, under the seals of the jury, in case of conviction, to the court of justice seat for the rendition of judgment. Cowell; 3 Bla. Corn. 71, 72; 3 Steph. Corn. 317, n. See Inderwick, King's Peace 150; Forest Laws.

COURT OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE IN EYRE. The highest of the courts of the forest, held every three years, by the chief justice, to inquire of pur-

Definition of "Court of Record" in under definitions for "Court" from Blacks Dictionary 4th Edition:

COURSE OF THE VOYAGE. By this term is understood the regular and customary track, if such there be, which a ship takes in going from one port to another, and the shortest way. Marsh. Ins. 185; Phil 1. Ins. 981.

COURSE OF TRADE. What is customarily or ordinarily done in the management of trade or business.

COURSE OF VEIN. In mining, the "course of the vein" appearing on the surface is the course of its apex, which is generally inclined and undulated and departs more or less materially from the strike. Stewart Mining Co. v. Bourne, C.C.A. Idaho, 218 F. 327, 329.

COURSE OF VESSEL. In navigation, the "course" of a vessel is her apparent course, and not her heading at any given moment. The Eastern Glade, C.C.A.N.Y., 101 F.2d A. 6. It is her actual course. Liverpool, Brazil & River Plate Steam Na^y. Co. v. U. S., D.C.N.Y., 12 F.2d 128, 129.

COURT. A space which is uncovered, but which may be partly or wholly inclosed by buildings or walls. Smith v. Martin, 95 Okl. 271, 219 P. 312, 313. When used in connection with a street, indicates a short street, blind alley, or open space like a short street inclosed by dwellings or other buildings facing thereon. City of Miami v. Saunders, 151 Fla. 699, 10 So.2d 326, 329.

Legislation

A legislative assembly. Parliament is called in the old books a court of the king, nobility, and commons assembled. Finch, Law, b. 4, c. 1, p. 233; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 2.

The application of the term—which originally denoted the place of assembling—to denote the assemblage, resembles the similar application of the Latin term *curia*, and is readily explained by the fact that the earlier courts were merely assemblages, in the court-yard of the baron or of the king himself, of those who were qualified and whose duty it was so to appear at stated times or upon summons. Traces of this usage and constitution of courts still remain in the courts baron, the various courts for the trial of Impeachments in England and the United States, and in the control exercised by the parliament of England and the legislatures of the various states of the United States over the organization of courts of justice, as constituted in modern times. This meaning of the word has also been retained in the titles of some deliberative bodies, such as the "general court" of Massachusetts, *i. e.*, the legislature.

International Law

The person and suite of the sovereign; the place where the sovereign sojourns with his regal retinue, wherever that may be. The English government is spoken of in diplomacy as the court of St. James, because the palace of St. James is the official palace.

Practice

An organ of the government, belonging to the judicial department, whose function is the application of the laws to controversies brought before it and the public administration of justice. White County v. Gwin, 136 Ind. 562, 36 N.E. 237, 22 L.

R.R. 102; Bradley v. Town of Bloomfield, 88 N.S. Law, 506, 89 A. 1009.

The presence of a sufficient number of the members of such a body regularly convened in an authorized place at an appointed time, engaged in the full and regular performance of its functions. Brumley v. State, 20 Ark. 77; Wightman v. Karsner, 20 Ala. 446.

A body in the government to which the administration of justice is delegated. A body organized to administer justice, and including both judge and jury. Houston Belt & Terminal Ry. Co. v. Lynch, Tex.Com.App., 221 S.W. 959, 960; People ex rel. Thaw v. Grifenhagen, Sup., 154 N.Y.S. 965, 970; Peterson v. Fargo-Moorhead St. Ry. Co., 37 N.D. 440, 164 N.W. 42, 49.

A tribunal officially assembled under authority of law at the appropriate time and place, for the administration of justice. In re Carter's Estate, 254 Pa. 518, 99 A. 58.

An agency of the sovereign created by it directly or indirectly under its authority, consisting of one or more officers, established and maintained for the purpose of hearing and determining issues of law and fact regarding legal rights and alleged violations thereof, and of applying the sanctions of the law, authorized to exercise its powers in due course of law at times and places previously determined by lawful authority. Isbill v. Stovall, Tex.Civ.App., 92 S.W.2d 1067, 1070.

An incorporeal, political being, composed of one or more judges, who sit at fixed times and places, attended by proper officers, pursuant to lawful authority, for the administration of justice. State v. Le Blond, 108 Ohio St. 126, 140 N.E. 510, 512. An organized body with defined powers, meeting at certain times and places for the hearing and decision of causes and other matters brought before it, and aided in this, its proper business, by its proper officers, viz., attorneys and counsel to present and manage the business, clerks to record and attest its acts and decisions, and ministerial officers to execute its commands, and secure due order in its proceedings. Ex parte Gardner, 22 Nev. 280, 39 P. 570; Herten v. Herten, 104 Or. 423, 208 P. 580, 582.

It is a passive forum for adjusting disputes and has no power to investigate facts or to initiate proceedings. Sale v. Railroad Commission, 15 Cal.2d 612, 104 P.2d 38, 41.

The place where justice is judicially administered. Co. Litt. 58a; 3 Bl. Comm. 23. Railroad Co. v. Harden, 113 Ga. 456, 38 S.E. 950; Croft v. Croft, 119 N.J.Eq. 468, 182 A. 853.

The judge, or the body of judges, presiding over a court.

The words "court" and "judge," or "judges," are frequently used in statutes as synonymous. When used with reference to orders made by the court or judges, they are to be so understood. State v. Caywood, 96 Iowa, 367, 65 N.W. 385; Sale v. Railroad Commission, 15 Cal.2d 612, 104 P.2d 38, 41.

The word "court" is often employed in statutes otherwise than in its strict technical sense, and is applied to various tribunals not judicial in their character, State v. Howat, 107 Kan. 423, 191 P. 585, 589; for example, in New Jersey, the "court of pardons"; In re Court of Pardons, 97 N.J.Eq. 555, 129 A. 624, 625.

Classification

Courts may be classified and divided according to several methods, the following being the more usual:

Courts of record and courts not of record. The former being those whose acts and judicial proceedings are enrolled, or recorded, for a perpetual

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memory and testimony, and which have power to fine or imprison for contempt. Error lies to their judgments, and they generally possess a seal. Courts not of record are those of inferior dignity, which have no power to fine or imprison, and in which the proceedings are not enrolled or recorded. 3 Bl. Comm. 24; 3 Steph. Comm. 383; The Thomas Fletcher, C.C.Ga., 24 F. 481; Ex parte Thistleton, 52 Cal. 225; Erwin v. U. S., D.C.Ga., 37 F. 488, 2 L.R.A. 229; Heininger v. Davis, 96 Ohio St. 205, 117 N.E. 229, 231.

A "court of record" is a judicial tribunal having attributes and exercising functions independently of the person of the magistrate designated generally to hold it, and proceeding according to the course of common law, its acts and proceedings being enrolled for a perpetual memorial. Jones v. Jones, 188 Mo.App. 220, 175 S.W. 227, 229; Ex parte Gladhill, 8 Metc., Mass., 171, per Shaw, C. J. See, also, Ledwith v. Rosalsky, 244 N.Y. 406, 155 N.E. 688, 689.

Courts may be at the same time of record for some purposes and not of record for others. Lester v. Redmond, 6 Hill, N.Y., 590; Ex parte Gladhill, 8 Metc., Mass., 168.

Superior and inferior courts. The former being courts of general original jurisdiction in the first instance, and which exercise a control or supervision over a system of lower courts, either by appeal, error, or *certiorari*; the latter being courts of small or restricted jurisdiction, and subject to the review or correction of higher courts. Sometimes the former term is used to denote a particular group or system of courts of high powers, and all others are called "inferior courts."

To constitute a court a superior court as to any class of actions, within the common-law meaning of that term, its jurisdiction of such actions must be unconditional, so that the only thing requisite to enable the court to take cognizance of them is the acquisition of jurisdiction of the persons of the parties. Simons v. De Bare, 4 Bosw., N.Y., 547.

An inferior court is a court whose judgments or decrees can be reviewed, on appeal or writ of error, by a higher tribunal, whether that tribunal be the circuit or supreme court. Nugent v. State, 18 Ala. 521.

Civil and criminal courts. The former being such as are established for the adjudication of controversies between subject and subject, or the ascertainment, enforcement, and redress of private rights; the latter, such as are charged with the administration of the criminal laws, and the punishment of wrongs to the public.

Equity courts and law courts. The former being such as possess the jurisdiction of a chancellor, apply the rules and principles of chancery law, and follow the procedure in equity; the latter, such as have no equitable powers, but administer justice according to the rules and practice of the common law.

As to the division of courts according to their jurisdiction, see Jurisdiction.

As to several names or kinds of courts not specifically described in the titles immediately following, see Arches Court, Appellate, Circuit Courts, Consistory Courts, County, Customary Court-Baron, Ecclesiastical Courts, Federal Courts, Forest Courts, High Commission Court, Instance Court, Justice Court, Justiciary Court, Legislative Courts, Maritime Court, Mayor's Court,

Moot Court, Municipal Court, Orphans' Court, Police Court, Prerogative Court, Prize Court, Probate Court, Superior Courts, Supreme Court, and Surrogate's Court.

As to court-hand, court-house, court-lands, court rolls, courtyard, see those titles in their alphabetical order *infra*.

General

Court above, court below. In appellate practice, the "court above" is the one to which a cause is removed for review, whether by appeal, writ of error, or certiorari; while the "court below" is the one from which the case is removed. Going v. Schnell, 6 Ohio Dec. 933.

Court in bank. A meeting of all the judges of a court, usually for the purpose of hearing arguments on demurrers, points reserved, motions for new trial, etc., as distinguished from sessions of the same court presided over by a single judge or justice.

Court of competent jurisdiction. One having power and authority of law at the time of acting to do the particular act. Ex parte Plaistrige, 68 Okl. 256, 173 P. 646, 647.

One having jurisdiction under the state Constitution and laws to determine the question in controversy. Texas Employers' Ins. Ass'n v. Nunamaker, Tex.Civ.App., 267 S.W. 749, 751. A court for the administration of justice as established by the Constitution or statute. Bradley v. Town of Bloomfield, 85 N.J.Law, 506, 89 A. 1009.

Court of limited jurisdiction. When a court of general jurisdiction proceeds under a special statute, it is a "court of limited jurisdiction" for the purpose of that proceeding, and its jurisdiction must affirmatively appear. Osage Oil & Refining Co. v. Interstate Pipe Co., 124 Okl. 7, 253 P. 66, 71.

De facto court. One established, organized, and exercising its judicial functions under authority of a statute apparently valid, though such statute may be in fact unconstitutional and may be afterwards so adjudged; or a court established and acting under the authority of a *de facto* government. 1 Bl. Judgm. § 173; In re Manning, 139 U.S. 504, 11 S.Ct. 624, 35 L.Ed. 264; Gildemeister v. Lindsay, 212 Mich. 299, 180 N.W. 633, 635.

Full court. A session of a court, which is attended by all the judges or justices composing it.

Spiritual courts. In English law. The ecclesiastical courts, or courts Christian. See 3 Bl. Comm. 61.

COURT-BARON. In English law. A court which, although not one of record, is incident to every manor, and cannot be severed therefrom. It was ordained for the maintenance of the services and duties stipulated for by lords of manors, and for the purpose of determining actions of a personal nature, where the debt or damage was under forty shillings. Wharton; 1 Poll. & Maitl. Hist. E. L. 580.

Customary court-baron is one appertaining entirely to copyholders. 3 Bl.Comm. 33.

Definition of "Common Law" in under definitions from Blacks Dictionary 4th Edition:

Inst. 142a; Spring Valley Waterworks v. Schotler, 62 Cal. 106.

—Common seller. A common seller of any commodity (particularly under the liquor laws of many states) is one who sells it frequently, usually, customarily, or habitually; in some states, one who is shown to have made a certain number of sales, either three or five. State v. O'Conner, 49 Me. 596; State v. Nutt, 28 Vt. 598; Moundsville v. Fountain, 27 W.Va. 194; Com. v. Tubbs, 1 Cush. (Mass.) 2.

—Common sense. Sound practical judgment, that degree of intelligence and reason, as exercised upon the relations of persons and things and the ordinary affairs of life, which is possessed by the generality of mankind, and which would suffice to direct the conduct and actions of the individual in a manner to agree with the behavior of ordinary persons.

—Common service. That service in which are engaged (with reference to the fellow-servant rule) all those who enter into the service of a common master, except those who become heads of and vested with absolute control of separate departments or branches of a great and diversified business. Union Pac. R. Co. v. Marone, C.C.A. Neb., 246 F. 916, 923.

The term, in its broadest and most obvious sense, would include all activities prosecuted in the business of the master which have for their purpose the attainment of one common end; nevertheless, an employee, invested with the duty of overseeing, directing, and controlling workmen, is not a fellow servant with respect to the discharge of those duties, but is a representative of the master. Funk v. Fulton Iron Works Co., 311 Mo. 77, 277 S. W. 566, 569.

—Common thief. One who by practice and habit is a thief; or, in some states, one who has been convicted of three distinct larcenies at the same term of court. Stevens v. Com., 4 Metc. (Mass.) 364.

—Common use. This phrase, as used in an anti-trust law extending to contracts affecting the prices of articles or commodities in "common use," describes articles used by the people in general; such articles or commodities as are in general use or used to a great extent in the homes of the people; the articles which are produced to be sold to the people, to be consumed and used by the people in general, and to be found for sale in all the marts of trade. People v. Epstean, 102 Misc. 476, 170 N.Y.S. 68, 75. It suggests the opposite of casual use. Geis v. State, 126 Md. 265, 94 A. 909, 910.

—Common victualer. The keeper of a restaurant or public eating house, where the food sold is eaten on the premises. Commonwealth v. Meckel, 221 Mass. 70, 108 N.E. 917.

COMMON BAR. In pleading. (Otherwise called "blank bar.") A plea to compel the plaintiff to assign the particular place where the trespass has been committed. Steph.Pi. 256.

COMMON BENCH. The ancient name for the English court of common pleas. Its original title appears to have been simply "The Bench," but it was designated "Common Bench" to distinguish it from the "King's Bench," and because in it were tried and determined the causes of *common* persons, *i. e.*, causes between subject and subject, in which the crown had no interest.

COMMON ENEMY DOCTRINE. Recognized as to surface waters in but a few states, under which no natural easement or servitude exists in favor of the superior or higher land as to mere surface water, or such as falls or accumulates by rains or the melting of snow; and the proprietor of the inferior or lower tenement or estate may at his option lawfully obstruct or hinder the flow of such water thereon, and in so doing may turn back or off of his own lands, and onto and over the lands of other proprietors, such water, without liability by reason of such obstruction or diversion. Miller v. Letzerich, 121 Tex. 248, 49 S.W.2d 404, 411, 85 A.L.R. 451.

COMMON HUMANITY DOCTRINE. Where a passenger becomes sick or is injured while en route, carrier owes duty under "common humanity doctrine" to render to passenger such reasonable care and attention as common humanity would dictate. Alabama Great S. R. Co. v. Taylor, 190 Miss. 69, 199 So. 310, 312.

COMMON KNOWLEDGE. Is what court may declare applicable to action without necessity of proof. It is knowledge that every intelligent person has. Strain v. Isaacs, 59 Ohio App. 495, 18 N. E.2d 816, 825. It includes matters of learning, experience, history, and facts of which judicial notice may be taken. Shelley v. Chilton's Adm'r, 236 Ky. 221, 32 S.W.2d 974, 977.

COMMON LAW. As distinguished from the Roman law, the modern civil law, the canon law, and other systems, the common law is that body of law and juristic theory which was originated, developed, and formulated and is administered in England, and has obtained among most of the states and peoples of Anglo-Saxon stock. Lux v. Haggin, 69 Cal. 255, 10 P. 674.

As distinguished from law created by the enactment of legislatures, the common law comprises the body of those principles and rules of action, relating to the government and security of persons and property, which derive their authority solely from usages and customs of immemorial antiquity, or from the judgments and decrees of



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the courts recognizing, affirming, and enforcing such usages and customs; and, in this sense, particularly the ancient unwritten law of England. 1 Kent, Comm. 492. Western Union Tel. Co. v. Call Pub. Co., 21 S.Ct. 561, 181 U.S. 92, 45 L.Ed. 765; Barry v. Port Jervis, 72 N.Y.S. 104, 64 App. Div. 268; U. S. v. Miller, D.C.Wash., 236 F. 798, 800.

As distinguished from equity law, it is a body of rules and principles, written or unwritten, which are of fixed and immutable authority, and which must be applied to controversies rigorously and in their entirety, and cannot be modified to suit the peculiarities of a specific case, or colored by any judicial discretion, and which rests confessedly upon custom or statute, as distinguished from any claim to ethical superiority. Klever v. Seawall, C.C.A.Ohio, 65 F. 395, 12 C.C.A. 661.

As distinguished from ecclesiastical law, it is the system of jurisprudence administered by the purely secular tribunals.

As concerns its force and authority in the United States, the phrase designates that portion of the common law of England (including such acts of parliament as were applicable) which had been adopted and was in force here at the time of the Revolution. This, so far as it has not since been expressly abrogated, is recognized as an organic part of the jurisprudence of most of the United States. Industrial Acceptance Corporation v. Webb, Mo.App., 287 S.W. 657, 660.

The "common law" of England, which is the rule of decision in all courts of Montana, in so far as it is not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution or laws of that state, means that body of jurisprudence as applied and modified by the courts of this country up to the time it was adopted in Montana. Herrin v. Sutherland, 74 Mont. 587, 241 P. 328, 330, 42 A.L.R. 937. See, also, Norvell-Wilder Hardware Co. v. McCamey, Tex. Civ.App., 290 S.W. 772, 773; Fletcher v. Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, 182 Cal. 177, 187 P. 425, 427.

The common law of England, adopted by Pol. Code Cal. § 4468, does not refer solely to the *lex non scripta*, the common law unmodified by statute, but contemplates the whole body of jurisprudence as it stood, influenced by statute at the time when the Code section was adopted, and also embraces equity. Martin v. Superior Court of California in and for Alameda County, 176 Cal. 289, 168 P. 135, 136, L.R.A.1918B, 313.

In a wider sense than any of the foregoing, the "common law" may designate all that part of the positive law, juristic theory, and ancient custom of any state or nation which is of general and universal application, thus marking off special or local rules or customs.

For "Federal Common Law," see that title.

As a compound adjective "common-law" is understood as contrasted with or opposed to "statutory," and sometimes also to "equitable" or to "criminal." See examples below.

COMMON-LAW ASSIGNMENTS. Such forms of assignments for the benefit of creditors as were known to the common law, as distinguished from such as are of modern invention or authorized by statute. Ontario Bank v. Hurst, C.C.A.Mich., 103 F. 231, 43 C.C.A. 193.

COMMON-LAW CHEAT. The obtaining of money or property by means of a false token, symbol, or device; this being the definition of a cheat or "cheating" at common law. State v. Renick, 33 Or. 584, 56 Pac. 275, 44 L.R.A. 266, 72 Am.St.Rep. 758.

COMMON-LAW CONTEMPT. A name sometimes applied to proceedings for contempt which are criminal in their nature, as distinguished from those which are intended as purely civil remedies ordinarily arising out of the alleged violation of some order entered in the course of a chancery proceeding. People v. Samuel, 199 Ill.App. 294, 297; People v. Buconich, 199 Ill.App. 410, 412.

COMMON-LAW COURTS. In England, those administering the common law. Equitable L. Assur. Soc. v. Paterson, 41 Ga. 364, 5 Am.Rep. 535.

COMMON-LAW CRIME. One punishable by the force of the common law, as distinguished from crimes created by statute. In re Greene, C.C. Ohio, 52 F. 104.

COMMON-LAW JURISDICTION. Jurisdiction of a court to try and decide such cases as were cognizable by the courts of law under the English common law; the jurisdiction of those courts which exercise their judicial powers according to the course of the common law. U. S. v. Power, 27 Fed.Cas. 607.

COMMON-LAW LARCENY. See Larceny.

COMMON-LAW LIEN. One known to or granted by the common law, as distinguished from statutory, equitable, and maritime liens; also one arising by implication of law, as distinguished from one created by the agreement of the parties. The Menominie, D.C.Minn., 36 F. 197; Tobacco Warehouse Co. v. Trustee, 117 Ky. 478, 78 S.W. 413, 64 L.R.A. 219.

It is a right extended to a person to retain that which is in his possession belonging to another, until the demand or charge of the person in possession is paid or satisfied. Whiteside v. Rocky Mountain Fuel Co., C.C.A.Colo., 101 F.2d 765, 769; Goldwater v. Mendelson, 8 N.Y.S. 627, 629, 170 Misc. 422.

COMMON-LAW MARRIAGE. One not solemnized in the ordinary way, but created by an agreement to marry, followed by cohabitation; a consummated agreement to marry, between persons legally capable of making marriage contract, per