

Foundations of Law Vocabulary

civil law	law dealing with the relationships between individuals
common law	unwritten law based on local English customs
constitutional law	law derived from the U.S. Constitution and the constitution of the individual states
criminal law	laws that deal with the relationships between individuals and society and that maintain order
equity	nonmonetary relief granted by courts when money damages are inadequate
precedent	example or standard for deciding subsequent cases involving the same or similar facts
statute	law passed by legislative bodies rather than by the courts
Uniform Commercial Code (UCC)	a compilation of commercial common law principles