

Common Court Terms

TERM	DEFINITION	IN YOUR OTHER LANGUAGE	ANNOTATION <small>(for context, examples, or additional information).</small>
Accused			
Admissible evidence			
Adversary system			
Acquittal			
Alibi			
Allegations			
Aggravated assault			
Bail			
Basic principle			
Beyond a reasonable doubt			
Bias			
Bodily harm			
Breach or infringement of a right			
Burden of proof			
To call or adduce evidence			
To call as a witness			
<i>Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms</i>			
Case law			
Charge to the jury			
Closing statement or address			
Collateral or extrinsic issue			
Committal for trial			
Conditional sentence order			
Conviction			
Counsel of record			

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Court ruling			
Court system			
Credibility			
Credible witness			
<i>Criminal Code</i> of Canada			
Criminal trial/offence			
Cross-examination			
Crown, Crown attorney			
Culpable			
Curative proviso			
Custody			
Defense counsel			
Deliberations			
Detention			
Evidence			
Evidentiary basis			
Examination in chief or direct			
To exercise a right			
Exhibit			
Facts			
To find guilty/not guilty			
Finding			
Hearing			
Hearsay			
Homicide			
Imprison(ment)			
Indictable offense			
Indictment			
Innocence			

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Interpretation: continuous, precise, impartial, competent, contemporaneous			
Judge or trier of the law			
Judge or trier of fact			
Juror (i.e., member of the jury)			
Jury			
Jury deliberations			
Jury duty			
Jury room			
Justice			
Leading question			
Legal system, system of law			
Manslaughter			
Mistrial			
Murder, 1 st degree/2 nd degree			
Offence			
Opening statement or address			
Plea			
To plead			
Point of evidence			
Point of law			
To prejudice			
Preliminary hearing or inquiry			
Presumption of innocence			
Prisoner's dock			

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Probation			
Prohibition			
Prosecutor			
To quash			
Re-examination			
Remedy			
Reply or rebuttal evidence			
Restitution			
To reach a verdict			
To return a verdict			
Sentence			
Solemn affirmation			
Summary conviction offence			
Supervisor			
To swear an oath			
Testimony/testify			
Transcript of the evidence			
Trial judge			
Trial proper			
Unlawful			
Verdict			
To waive			
Warrant			
Witness			
Witness box or stand			
Your Honour			