

PERSONALISED LEGAL ASSISTANCE

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1. Legal Quotes

"When the President does it, that means that it is not illegal." [Richard Nixon]

"It may be true that the law cannot make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me, and I think that's pretty important." [Martin Luther King, Jr]

"It is the law of nature that woman should be held under the dominance of man." [Confucius] **Boy, was he wrong here!**

2. Legal short

A lawyer meets with the family of a recently deceased millionaire for the reading of the will.

"To my loving wife, Rose, who always stood by me, I leave the house and R5 million," the attorney reads.

"To my darling daughter, Jessica, who looked after me in sickness and kept the business going, I leave the yacht, the business and R2 million."

"And finally," the lawyer concludes, "to my cousin Jannie, who hated me, argued with me and thought I would never mention him in my will. Well, you were wrong. Hi Jannie!"

3. Inspiring quotes

"If you're going to risk and maybe fail, fail at something that matters. Fail gloriously so that even in failure, lives change." [Jon Acuff]

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face." [Eleanor Roosevelt]

"I don't measure a man's success by how high he climbs, but how high he bounces when he hits bottom." [George Patton]

4. Latin words and phrases

Latin was the *lingua franca* of the civilised world for over a thousand years. Far from being a dead language, we use Latin words and phrases in our daily speech (some of us more than others, especially if we want to sound intelligent in the company of others!).

Here are some of the most common words and phrases and their meanings (feel free to use them).

- A.M (ante meridiem – before noon) and P.M (post meridiem – after noon)
- e.g. (exempli gratia)
- etc. (et cetera)
- i.e. (id est)
- N.B. (nota bene)
- P.S. (post script)
- ad hoc (to this, done for a particular purpose as necessary, improvised, made up)
- Affidavit (a written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation)
- alias (also known as [aka] or a false or assumed identity)
- Alter ego (other self)
- Ad hominem (to the man – a below the belt personal attack rather than a reasoned argument)
- Alia iacta est (the die is cast)
- Alibi (elsewhere)
- Alma mater (nourishing mother – used to denote one's school or university)
- Audio (I hear)
- bona fide (real, genuine, in good faith)

- Carpe diem (seize the day)
- Caveat emptor (let the buyer beware)
- Curriculum Vitae (the course of one's life – a business resume)
- Emeritus (a veteran, or retired from office)
- Ergo (therefore)
- Fac simile (make alike – the origin of the word "fax")
- In absentia (in the absence of)
- In flagrante delicto (caught "red handed", or in the act)
- In memoriam (in memory of)
- In situ (in position, something that exists in its original or natural state, on site –as in an "in situ inspection)
- Invicta (unconquered)
- Ipso facto (by the fact itself)
- Magna cum laude (with great praise)
- Mala fide (in bad faith)
- Mea culpa (my fault)
- Mens rea (a criminal intent, a guilty mind)
- Modus operandi (method of operating)
- Non sequitur (it does not follow, or nonsensical, out of context)
- Pater familias (the head of the family)
- Per annum (by the year)
- Per capita (by the person)
- Persona non grata (unwelcome person)
- Post mortem (after death)
- Pro bono (for the good – used to indicate services rendered at no charge)
- Pro rata (for the rate – used to mean "proportional" or "proportionally")
- Quasi (as if, as though, partly or almost)
- Quid pro quo (something for something, this for that)
- Quorum (of whom – the number of people whose presence is required to make a given meeting constitutional)
- Rigor mortis (stiffness of death)
- Spes bona (good hope)
- Status quo (the situation in which, the current position)
- Subpoena (under penalty – a writ ordering a person to attend court proceedings)
- Terra firma (firm ground)
- Verbatim (repeat exactly, word for word)
- Versus (against)
- Veto (I forbid)
- Via (through, by way of)

My favourite remains "*Communio est mater rixarum*" (partnership is the mother of all f... ups!).

Have a great day.

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