

# **Criminal law, civil law**

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# The outline of my presentation

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# Main vocabulary

**omission** = *opomenutí*

**to be liable** = *být odpovědný* (what's the noun?)

**specific performance** = *konkrétní plnění*

**petty crime** = *méně závažný trestný čin*

**traffic infringements** = *dopravní přestupky*

**trust** = *správa cizího majetku*

**probate** = *ověření poslední vůle*

# What is criminal law?

- It regulates the legal relationships between **the state and individual people** and bodies
- It is concerned with **acts or omissions** which are contrary to public order and society
- These acts and omissions make the guilty person **liable to punishment** in the form of a fine or imprisonment

# What is civil law?

- It regulates the relationships between individuals or bodies
- It also defines the **rights and duties** of persons to one another
- It provides a **system of remedies**, such as damages, specific performance, etc.

# Examples of criminal law

- It includes **criminal offences**
- Criminal offences range from **petty crimes** (e.g. parking offences, dangerous driving – traffic infringements) to to the very **serious** (e.g. murder, rape, burglary)

# Examples of civil law

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- It includes the law of **contract, tort, trust, probate, property law and family law, etc.**

# Examples of civil law - definitions

- **Contract** = binding agreement between people or companies
- **Tort** = wrong committed by one individual against another individual's property or reputation
- **Trust** = while a person administers property of another person
- **Probate** = arrangement for dealing with property after owner's death



# Questions for you

1. What are the parties of criminal action?
2. What are the parties of civil action?
3. Can you think about any other name for *criminal law*?

# My sources

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**Thank you for your attention!**

