

Monday, August 31, 2020 (Intro class 2 of 30!!)

Today:

- Updated syllabus
- "Law in Culture review" assignment
- *Finish* civil vs. criminal law (from CP)
- *Start* paralegal roles & skills

For Wed. Sept. 2 (Intro): Post "Who I Am" on OL.

For Fri. Sept. 4 (CP):

- Read M&M ch. 6 pp. 145-158, email Q/response by **1pm!**
- Email me if you'll join Sept. 11 trip and you're under 18 and/or you have time restrictions!

Mon. Sept. 7: No classes! ☺ *Happy Labor Day!!*

ASAP: Email me from your CT address: emergency contact info & 3 times to meet—*details on OL.*

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Criminal vs. civil law—*some significant differences:*

Parties

Civil = victim (plaintiff) v. alleged wrongdoer (defendant)

Criminal = government (prosecutor) v. alleged wrongdoer (defendant)

Law

Civil = mostly common law / case law (made by judges)

Criminal = statutory law (made by legislators) → "NY Penal Law"

Standards of proof

Civil = "preponderance of evidence" ~ 51%

Criminal = "beyond a reasonable doubt" ~ 98%

Consequences

Civil = \$ damages *or* order to do/not do something, etc.

Criminal = fine; prison; DEATH.

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Preview of next class:

Paralegals:

- work under the supervision of licensed attorneys; assist them with all forms of legal work
- do not "practice law" (provide legal advice, etc.)
- are qualified through study, training and/or experience
- are also known as legal assistants

Be ready to answer: ?? What are some paralegal roles and skills?