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**A. One Accident, Two Trials.** Follow the diagram through to the questions below.



### Car Crash Report

Tracy was driving under the influence when she hit Steve's car at an intersection after running a stop sign. Steve was hurt in the accident. Tracy failed the breathalyzer test at the scene of the crash.



## Criminal Law

The police arrest Tracy for driving drunk. The state decides to prosecute. It charges her with violating the state's drunk driving law.

In the criminal trial, the jury finds Tracy guilty of violating the drunk driving law.

As a result of the jury's verdict, the judge issues a sentence. The judge follows the sentencing guidelines found in state law. The judge revokes Tracy's drivers license for two years and sentences her to 30 days in prison.



In both cases, Tracy has to defend her actions in court.

### Did you know?

Someone can be found innocent in a criminal case but found at fault in a civil case and be ordered to pay for damages.

## Civil Law

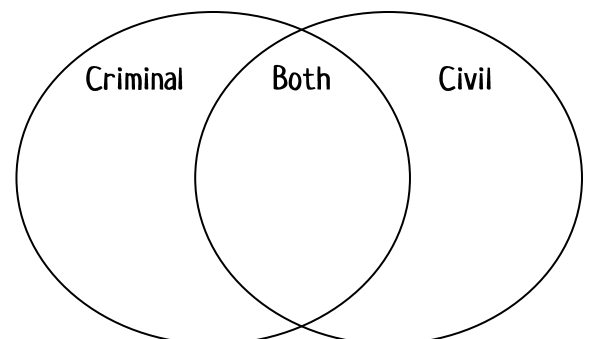
- Steve files a lawsuit against Tracy, claiming that she drove carelessly. He asks for the money he spent on car repairs and medical bills in addition to the time lost from work.

- In the civil trial, the jury finds that Tracy drove carelessly. The jury awards Steve enough money to cover his medical bills and car repairs.

- After the jury returns its verdict, the judge orders Tracy to pay Steve the amount that the jury decided he should receive for his bills and repairs.

**Compare & Contrast.** Based on what you have learned, complete the Venn diagram by using the statements below.

- (A) The defendant may have to pay money
- (B) The defendant may get jail time or loss of privileges
- (C) Deals with a crime that was committed
- (D) The case involves a problem between two individuals
- (E) The case involves the government against a person
- (F) Trials can be heard and decided by a jury
- (G) The remedy is decided according to state guidelines
- (H) The remedy is decided according to what is asked for



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## B. Vocabulary.

Match the term with the correct definition from the lesson.

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| ___ 1. delinquent         | A) An interpretation of a law that is used in later trials |
| ___ 2. precedent          | B) Set of laws specifically for the U.S. military          |
| ___ 3. United States Code | C) A disagreement brought to the courts for a resolution   |
| ___ 4. lawsuit            | D) A young person found guilty of a crime                  |
| ___ 5. UCMJ               | E) Collection of laws passes by the United States Congress |

## C. What If?

Select the correct type of law based on the scenario.

\_\_\_ 6. When a soldier failed to return to base after going on leave, he was charged and brought to trial for being AWOL (Absent Without Official Leave).

- a. Military Law
- b. Juvenile Law
- c. Civil Law
- d. Criminal Law

\_\_\_ 9. Julie was pulled over by the police at 2:00am and was charged with breaking the curfew law in her town. She was fined and released back to her parents.

- a. Military Law
- b. Juvenile Law
- c. Civil Law
- d. Criminal Law

\_\_\_ 7. A man was caught on tape robbing a gas station. He was arrested, brought to trial, and found guilty of burglary. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison and a fine.

- a. Military Law
- b. Juvenile Law
- c. Civil Law
- d. Criminal Law

\_\_\_ 10. A married couple decides to get a divorce. They disagree over who gets what. A judge hears both sides and makes a decision about how their property should be divided.

- a. Military Law
- b. Juvenile Law
- c. Civil Law
- d. Criminal Law

\_\_\_ 8. The Smith family has decided to adopt their foster child, Anna. They work with their state adoption agency to complete all of the necessary paperwork.

- a. Military Law
- b. Juvenile Law
- c. Civil Law
- d. Criminal Law

\_\_\_ 11. Karen ordered an iPod off the internet and paid with her credit card, but she never received the order. The seller is refusing to refund her money, so she takes the matter to court.

- a. Military Law
- b. Juvenile Law
- c. Civil Law
- d. Criminal Law

