

LEGAL TERMINOLOGY

If you're planning on writing a romance story about something connected to the law and the courtroom, you'll need a basic understanding of the legal terminology that lawyers and judges use. Your characters will need to be able to "walk the walk" or "talk the talk"!!

Here're several websites that you can check out to make sure that you're using the words that your characters would say in the right context and format.

<https://www.justice.gov/usao/justice-101/glossary> - US Department of Justice, Legal Terms Glossary

<https://www.uscourts.gov/glossary> - US Courts, Glossary of Legal Terms

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/legal> - Merriam Webster Law Dictionary

<https://study.com/academy/lesson/basic-legal-terminology-definitions-glossary.html> - Basic Legal Terminology on Study.com; need an account (paid) to see full list of terminology.

<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/cp-pm/eval/rep-rap/12/lap-paj/p7g.html> - A Canadian site from the Department of Justice

<https://www.becomeaparalegal.org/blog/26-legal-terms-every-paralegal-needs-to-know/> - Common terms for a paralegal character. This page has many links to even more resources and information to check out.

No matter what kind of background you plan on giving your characters, if they plan on being a lawyer, then you, as the author, have to make them think and breathe like a lawyer.

Here's some fun links to think about:

<https://www.thebalancecareers.com/careful-a-career-in-law-could-change-the-way-you-think-2164370>
- an interesting article about learning to think like a lawyer!

<http://bucketorange.com.au/the-laws-of-conversation-how-to-argue-like-a-lawyer/> - arguing is a part of the lawyer persona!!

Maybe you'll like to talk with a lawyer yourself, to ask questions and pick their brain.

<https://www.justanswer.com/sip/law?r=ppc|ms|12|US%20-%20Law%20-%20SQR%20-%20Set4%20-%20Search%20-%20All%20Device%20-%20BMM|Law%20-%20Law%20Generic|&JPKW=%2Bhow%20to%20%2Btalk%20to%20%2Blawyer&JPDC=S&JPST=&JPAD=&JPMT=e&JPNW=o&JPAF=txt&JPRC=1&JPCD=&JPOP=&mkwid=OgtHLLwx&pclid=77653159715534&pkw=%2Bhow%20to%20%2Btalk%20to%20%2Blawyer&pmt=bb&msclid=1df91a92b3aa103293417ab864fd0744>

There are a ton of videos online that you can check out:

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video; ylt=Awr4xJxW1yppgZggAREZXNyoA; ylu=Y29sbwNncTEEcG9zAzlEdnRpZAMEc2VjA3Nj?p=how+to+talk+like+a+lawyer&fr=mcafee>