

Criminal law involves prosecution by the government (Crown) of a person for an act that has been classified as a crime. City First Solicitors represents clients in many areas of criminal law. These include:

- DUI – Driving Under the Influence
- DWI – Driving While Intoxicated
- Drug impaired driving
- Drug possession
- Hit and run
- Kidnapping
- Battery
- Hate crimes
- Assault
- Indecent exposure
- Sexual assault
- Sexual harassment
- Shoplifting
- White collar crime
- Embezzlement
- Firearm possession
- Juvenile crime

Difference between criminal law and civil law

In civil law, a private party (eg., individual person) files the lawsuit and becomes the plaintiff. In criminal law, the litigation is always filed by the government (Crown), who is called the prosecution.

In criminal law, a guilty defendant is punished by either incarceration in a gaol or prison, or a fine paid to the government, and all any other sentences. Crimes are divided into two broad cases: *felonies*, which have a maximum possible sentence or more than one year incarceration, and *misdemeanors*, which have a maximum sentence of less than one year incarceration.

In civil law a defendant is never incarcerated. In general a losing defendant in civil litigation only reimburses the plaintiff for losses caused by the defendant's behaviour.

