

Civil Law

Civil laws usually help settle disagreements between people. People may disagree over things like rights to property, custody of children in a divorce, or what a contract says. The two sides in a civil case each get to tell their side of the story. The judge or jury decides what the facts are and what the remedy, or solution, should be.

Sometimes, like criminal cases, civil cases involve someone who has injured someone else. Many injuries, such as accidents, are not caused by a crime. The person who caused the accident and the person who was hurt must come to an agreement about how the injured person can be compensated for his or her loss. Very often, civil law does not involve a problem or disagreement at all. If someone wants to make a will or draw up a contract to sell something, there are civil laws that say how those things should be done.

Example: Kendall Jenner, the model and a star of reality TV show “Keeping Up with the Kardashians,” sued a skin care company named Cutera Inc. for at least \$10 million, saying it used her photo in advertisements for acne laser treatment without permission.

