

Types of Law Scenarios

1. In 2009, Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl left his post in Afghanistan without permission from his commanding officer. He faced a court martial after being charged with desertion. *What type of law is this and why?*
2. When the Supreme Court had to make a decision in the Tinker v. Des Moines (1969) case, they referred to another case from 1967. In Hammond v. South Carolina State College, the Supreme Court ruled that people in public schools are protected by constitutional rights. This case set a *precedent*, or established a type of law that the Supreme Court would follow. Tinker v. Des Moines would act as a precedent for hundreds of cases that would come after it as well. *What type of law is this and why?*
3. Under Section 1003.26 of the Florida State Statute, truancy is defined as an offense that can be charged to any student of elementary school age through age 16 who has accumulated 15 or more unexcused absences in a three-month period without the knowledge of their parent or guardian. A court can issue several different types of punishments on minors and parents including mandatory summer school, being remanded to a detention center, probation, etc... *What type of law is this and why?*
4. Nikolas Cruz, 19, was arrested and jailed on 17 counts of premeditated murder within hours of the Parkland massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14th, 2018. Cruz was then put on trial for the death penalty at a Broward County Court in Florida. *What type of law is this and why?*
5. USA Today reported that President Donald Trump has been sued as a *defendant* 1,450 times. Also, Trump has sued others as a *plaintiff* 1,900 times. In one case, Trump sued a marketing agency calling itself “Trump your Competition” for using his name to make a profit without permission or royalties. *What type of law is this and why?*
6. Obergefell v. Hodges (2015), is a landmark United States Supreme Court case in which the Court decided in a 5–4 decision that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples by both the Due Process Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. They ruled that states that denied this right in their constitutions because of the 10th amendment were in violation of the 14th amendment. *What type of law is this and why?*