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Law You Can Use

In the news, you constantly hear about criminal law where state or federal government prosecutors charge murders, thieves and other villains. But, you seldom hear about the other side of the law - civil law. For example, in the famous O.J. Simpson case, in the criminal case the jury found him not guilty. But then the Goldman family sued O.J. in *civil court* and won a verdict of \$33.5 million.

Civil law is where a private citizen can sue for assault & battery, theft (in law called conversion), contract breach and fraud. Corporations use civil law every day. Without civil law, corporations could not exist. And corporations use the civil law courts more than anyone else. *Small claims court* (e.g. TV's Judge Judy) is a part of civil court law too. It's where people do not need a lawyer. Small claims court can be a powerful legal tool for you. It is there for you. So, use it.

Tort law is a category of civil law. Tort law provides relief to people injured by the carelessness or intent of others. The word tort is derived from French meaning twisted. In English it came to mean a wrong. The purpose of tort law is to hold accountable those who cause harm and to deter others from committing similar wrongs. Car accident injury cases are a common type of tort negligence case.

I hope this information is helpful. Consider sharing it with your family.

Respectfully

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