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Law Activities:

- (1) make laws (legislature)
- (2) determine whether a law has been broken (judge)
- (3) collect information on possible violations (police) (4) prosecute violations (prosecutor, plaintiff)
- (5) punish (prisons)

IMMINENCE AND NECESSITY: “A person is justified in the use of force against another when he reasonably believes that such force is necessary to defend himself against such other’s imminent use of unlawful force.”

Does “imminent” mean “immediate” or does it mean “highly likely”?

Some topics: Private police. The Necessity Defence. The Repo Man. Shooting your wife’s lover. Shooting your husband because he beats you. Shooting a burglar. Requiring people to testify in court, instead of just using the police. Public vs. private prosecution of crimes. Bail bondsmen and bounty hunters. Citizen’s arrest. Juries and grand juries. Treble action suits in antitrust. Punitive damages for intentional torts. Weregild.

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