

Introduction to Law
Chapter 8 Notes
“Introduction to Criminal Law”

Criminal Law –

Purposes of Criminal Law

- 1.
- 2.
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Ex post facto law (Article____, Section____) –

Strict Liability laws =>

Model Penal Code =>

Felony =>

Misdemeanor =>

- felonies and misdemeanors are often then divided into _____ for sentencing
- the _____ is responsible for imposing the sentence; the sentences are _____ for certain charges, while others may give a range of years

- in criminal law, the government _____ the offender to punish the person who caused the injuries

Two basic elements are included in all crimes:

1. **actus reus** (“_____”) =>

Purposeful Act –

Knowing Act –

Reckless Act –

Negligent Act –

2. **mens rea** (“_____”) =>

Concurrence –

Two Basic Subtypes:

A. Specific Intent –

B. General Intent –

Parties to Crimes

1. **Principal** –

2. **Accomplice** –

_____ – help to plan the commission of the crime; this person can usually be charged with the same crime and can receive the same punishment as the principal

_____ – person who, knowing a crime has been committed, helps the principal or an accomplice avoid capture or helps them escape