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Legal Maxims – Meanings –

1) Actio personalize moritur cum persona	A personal right of action dies with person.
2) Actus non fecit reum nisi mers sit rea	An act does not itself constitute guilty unless the mind is guilty OR The act and guilty mind should both concur to constitute crime
3) Actus curiae neminem gravabit	An act of the court shall harm no one.
4) Actus dei nemini facit injurium	The law holds no man responsible for the act of gods.
5) Audi alteram partem	No men shall be condemned unheard (Both the sides must be heard) (Hear the other side)
6) Consesus adidem	Meeting of minds (to agree on the same thing in same sense)
7) Amicus curie	Friend of the court
8) Delegate protestas non potest delegare	Delegated power shall not be redelegated.
9) Allegans contraria non est audiendus	A person alleging contributory facts should not be heard.
10) Demortius nil nisi bonus	Dead person have no right and can suffer no wrong.
11) Factum Valet	Thing accomplished is deemed valid.
12) falsus In uno falsus in omnibus	False in one thing (Particular) is false in everything. (General) (Not applicable to India)
13) Habemus optimum testem confitentem reum	He is the best witness who confess his guilt.
14) Ignorantia facta excusat, ingnorantia juris non excusat	ignorance of fact is excusable, ignorance of law is not Excusable.
15) Ex nudo facto non oritur action	No Action forms a contract without consideration.
16) Ex turpi causa non oritur action	No right of action arise from an immoral or disgraceful consideration.
17) Ingnorantia legis neminem excusat	ignorance of law is no defense.
18) In jure non remota cause sed proxima spectator	in the law not the remote cause but immediate cause is Regarded.
19) De Minimus non curat lex	The law takes no account of trifles.
20) Jus necessitates	Necessity knows no laws.
21) Judex non potest esse testes in propria causa	A judge can't be a witness in his own case.
22) Lex loci actus	Law of the place where the act was performed.
23) Lex loci contractus	Law of the contract where the contract was made.
24) Lex non cogit ad impossibilia	Law does not compel to do the impossible.
25) Lex nostra neminem absentem domnat	Law does not punish anyone in his absence.
26) Nemo moriturus proesumitur mentiri	No one at the time of death is presumed to lie.

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27) Necessitas est lex temporis et loci	Necessity is the law of time and place.
28) Nudum pactum	Agreement without consideration.
29) Pacta sunt survanda	Treaties are accepted in good faith.
30) Qui facit per alium facit per se	He who does an act through another is deemed to be in law to do it Himself.
31) Res loquitar	Matter itself reveals its truth.
32) Rex non potest peccare	King can do no wrong.
33) Dura lex sed lex	The law is hard but it is the law.
34) Nullum tempus ant locus occurrit legi	Crime never dies.
35) Nemo debet vis vexari	Man shall not be twice vexed for one and the same offence.
36) Autrefois acquit Autrefois convict	A person once acquitted or convicted cannot be tried again for the same offence.
37) Res ipsa loquitor	The things speak for itself or tells its story.
38) Solus populi suprema lex	Welfare of the people is supreme law.
39) Ubi jus ibi remedium	Where there is right, there is remedy.
40) Ubi jus incertum Ubi jus nullum	Where there is no certain law, there is no law.
41) Volenti non fit injuria	Damage suffered by consent is not a cause of action.
42) Oberrimae fidei	Good faith.
43) vis major	Act of God.
44) Vigilantibus non dormientibus jura sub veniunt	Law help the vigilant, not the dormant (Sleepy person)
45) Curcus curiue est lex curiae	The practice of the court is the law of the court.
46) Injuria sine damnum	Injury to legal right without damage.
47) Damnum sine injuria	Damage without injury to legal right.
48) Res extra commerium	Things outside the commerce.
49) Aequitus sequitur legem	Equity follows the law.
50) Caveat empter	Let the buyer Beware
51) Dormiunt aliquando leges, danquam moriuntur	The laws sometimes sleep, never die.
52) Non est regula quin fallit	There is no rule without an exception
53) Ultra – vires	beyond the power
54) Plus valet unus oculatus testis quam auriti decem	one eye witness is better than ten ear witness
55) Ipso facto	By this fact alone
56) Quasi	almost similar to
57) suo moto	On its own
58) De nova	Completely new
59) Sine quo non	most essential thing
60) Generalia specialibus non derogant	General words do not derogate from special provisions

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	OR Special provision will control general provision.
61) De facto	In Fact
62) De jure	In law
63) De die in diem	from day to day
64) Modus operandi	mode of operation/ Manner of working
65) Nexus	Close connection
66) Ratio decidendi	Reason for decision
67) Stare decisis	stand by decided cases
68) Status quo	Existing condition
69) Alibi	At another place / elsewhere
70) Ante	Before
71) Caveat venditor	let the seller beware
72) Crimen trahit personam	Crime carries the person
73) Doli incapax	incapable of understanding what is right or what is wrong
74) Inter arma leges silent	in war the laws are silent
75) Injuria non excusat injurium	A wrong does not excuse a wrong
76) Jus naturale	Natural justice
77) Nemo punitur pro alieno delicto	no one is punished for the crime of another
78) exparte	proceeding brought by one person in absence of another

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