

## Useful Language Collected by Students: Legal English & Crime, by Miguel (C1, 2014-15)

To enact a law

To fulfill (laws have to be fulfilled)

To be under arrest

Lawyer/Solicitor/Barrister

Judge/Magistrate (to get promoted)

Prosecutor/Attorney

To be accused of/ to be prosecuted for

To be put on probation/ To get bailed/ A bail

A Plea/ To plead guilty, or non-guilty (innocent)

Handcuffs/Wrists/Police officers

To be released from jail/gaol/prison

To commit an offense (offence)/ crime (a major or a minor/petty crime)

To be entitled to (to have the right to)

To act on behalf of (on behalf of the accused, the Crown, the state)

To be acquitted vs to be convicted (acquittal/ conviction)

Evidence (not just hearsay)

Witness/ the perpetrator/ member of the jury

To have an alibi /álibai/

Crimes, criminals et al.: being mugged/mugging/mugger, smuggling/smuggler,

shoplifting/shoplifter, balaclava, to set fire to some place/arson (the crime)/arsonist,

murder/murderer, money laundering/money launderer, trespassing/trespasser (unauthorized entry)...