# Unit 01: The Evolution of Law

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## Transfer

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## Enduring Understandings

Ethical decisions can be made by applying the greatest good principal, or by following the Golden rule.

Ethics and the law can often come into conflict because laws can be confusing and misinterpreted.

Ethics may be subjective. Laws provide an objective standard of behavior.

Legislatures form regulatory agencies, which have a wide range of powers to create, enforce, and adjudicate rules and procedures.

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## Essential Questions

What does the law have to do with right and wrong

Why are laws needed to govern a country?

What are the “hot button” issues in criminal law in New Jersey?

What is the difference between morality and ethics?

What document is the basis of all U. S. laws?

What is common law?

## Content

Morality

Ethics

Justice

Law

Common law

Statute

Jurisdiction

Appellate court

Arrest

Bail

Arraignment

Detention hearing

Administrative law

## Learning Objectives

Explain how ethical decisions are made.

Identify the different ethical character traits.

Describe how the law relates to ethics.

Explain the importance of the law.

Identify the parts of the Constitution.

Explain the components of common law.

Explain the purposes of statutory law.

Identify the ways that the courts make laws.

Describe the structure of the federal court system

Explain the role of the Supreme Court

Differentiate between civil and criminal cases

Describe the steps in a civil lawsuit

## Standards

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| PFL.9.1.12.A.5 | Analyze how the economic, social, and political conditions of a time period can affect the labor market. |
| PFL.9.1.12.A.12 | Explain how compulsory government programs (e.g., Social Security, Medicare) provide insurance against some loss of income and benefits to eligible recipients. |
| PFL.9.1.12.F.3 | Analyze how citizen decisions and actions can influence the use of economic resources to achieve societal goals and provide individual services. |
| PFL.9.1.12.G.7 | Determine when and why it may be appropriate for the government to provide insurance coverage, rather than private industry. |