

# Environmental Civil Law

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- **Civil Law**
  - “suing someone”
  - protecting individual rights
  - relationships between two individuals (Plaintiff v. Defendant)
  - also known as Private Law or Common Law
  - made by judges
  - based on legal principles and precedents
  - civil courts
  - civil litigation
  - liability
  - reactive not proactive
  - relies on visible damages
- **Causes of Action**
  - nuisance
  - riparian rights (flowing water)
  - trespassing
  - negligence
  - strict liability (a.k.a. *Rylands v. Fletcher*)
- **Remedies**
  - injunction
  - damages