

Atlas of Law

Kingdom of Anorian

In times past the State did not kill, torture was a common punishment, years of torture even, but never death. Death has been added to the list of punishments as a degree of mercy. The long tortures have been banished under the current King. This sits uneasily with some of the old guard, but they are fading away. There is also the threat of the former Lictor Kirt Hellreaver that has threatened their destruction *personally*, if they return to it. They do fear that.

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law presumes the guilt of the accused and one must prove they are innocent. The law was once a respecter of persons but under the rule of King Tomarkin this has changed, much to the displeasure of the upper classes.

Anorian prisons are still hated and feared, even if the "life of torture" sentences have been repealed. Sentences of less than death are still heavy on the beating and cutting, light on the time served.



Criminal Law

Statute	Penalty	Social View
Murder	Death	<p>Murder is a terrible crime. Anorian is not a land with a constantly armed population, and they rate interpersonal violence as a more serious crime than many of their neighbors to the north.</p> <p>Anorian also has an old and establish code of dueling. It is the right of the weaponed classes. A formal ritual must be observed. Seconds, letters the whole business. There more than likely will be a trial. Few if any duelers have failed to be acquitted.</p>
Assault & Battery	Corporal punishment	<p>With the restriction on weapons what you do you A&B with will matter nearly as much as to whom you do it to. Using a restricted weapons will get you the weapon charge on top of the A&B charge.</p> <p>It is also a case of responsibility here. As the upper classes are expected to defend the lower classes, abusing them is socially a damaging crime. Circumstances are important. Someone cussing you out and abusing the social standards needs to be beaten, and the court will agree.</p>
Sexual Assault	Castration	<p>Women are fine creatures to be protected and admired. This is one crime that no torture has been withdrawn from. The rapist will suffer and suffer long. Nothing quick or neat about it.</p> <p>Rape of a male is not a statue offense. It is a justification for homicide however.</p>
Theft	Corporal punishment	<p>Thieves are both despised and admired. Those that use violence are despised, the flamboyant thief that can charm and steal at the same time is something of a folk hero.</p> <p>Thieves get things cut off. It starts small and works its way up. The law does not wish to make beggars. However any gang of career thieves will have missing fingers and ears.</p>
Fraud & Identity (Forgery)	Corporal punishment	<p>Those committing fraud are seen as more "gentlemanly" than cut purses and muggers. While the law is no easier on them, they have better press.</p>
Real Property	Property is the ladder up which the socially mobile must climb. As the result people are very picky about that property.	
Trespass	This is not a crime if you are outside the buildings. Crossing a man's land is not a bad thing. However you are expected to stick to the trails and roads.	
Damage or Destruction of	Corporal punishment	This is considered the same as theft with violence. Vandals are worse than dogs and get treated that way.
Moral (Blue Laws)	Anorian has many class based behavior and sumptuary laws. While criminal law enforcement is largely blind to your status the law itself is not as you status in society will govern what laws apply to you. What is right and proper for high class people can be a crime for the lower classes.	
Sex	Prostitution is legal. It is highly regulated and taxed. Failure to met the conditions will get you fined mostly. It is considered more of a civil matter and less a criminal one.	
Adultery	Castration	This is sex with a married woman. The law punishes the male. The female is left to be dealt with by her husband. It is considered statutory rape as a married woman cannot legally give consent to sex outside her marriage.

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Fornication	Marriage	Sex between an unmarried woman not a registered prostitute and an unmarried man. If caught the man is expected to do the honorable thing, or else. If the man is married he can expect to be charged with rape if he is not really quick with making nice (paying off) Daddy.
Weapons	Corporal punishment and fines.	Those persons of not at least the Caviler class are not permitted to carry blades over 4 inches in length that are not clearly tools of your trade. Bows of any kind are forbidden outside the military. Magic of offensive nature falls into the status of bows. Armor likewise is admitting that you are looking for a fight. Only members of the Caviler class can own armor.
Corruption (Bribes, official lawbreaking)	Corporal punishment	King Tomarkin has a no tolerance policy for official malfeasance. He has retained the old Lictors for just this reason.
Civil Obedience	Corporal punishment	Breakers of the peace will usually find that a flogging is waiting with their name on it. Serious threats to the life or welfare of important persons will get the threatener put to the question, a punishment in and of itself, but not the punishment in the end.
Treason	Torture	Again one of the few crimes that the old ways have not departed from.
Civil Law		
Marriage	Anorian is a land with many religions and many customs. The government will stamp anything you bring them. The favored marriage is the traditional pairing, but enough other customs do exist that a single institution will not work.	
Inheritance	The default is Paterlinear, other arrangements can be specified, but they must be specified.	
Property rights	Anyone can own property, and most people strive to as many civil rights are tied to the ownership of property. However there is only so much land to go around. Most owners are not in the selling mood. Sell your land and you sell the rights that go with it.	
Personal Rights	<p>As mentioned your rights are very much dependent on your place in society.</p> <p>The nobility can do much as they please as long as they are mindful of their duty and do not break those laws that apply to everyone.</p> <p>The Cavilers are next down the scale, these are the families of professional soldiers. To be an officer one must own land. At least one son per generation must serve in the King's armed forces as a profession. Cavilers are allowed to bear arms.</p> <p>Landowners must of course own land. Land owners may keep slaves, vote, serve as judges and governmental officials.</p> <p>Tradesmen are the next rung down. They have more rights than Peasants because of the guilds they belong to. Tradesmen have the vote where that applies. They can serve in limited governmental posts that are associated with their given trade. Tradesmen have access to the civil courts for redress of torts.</p> <p>Those that do not own land or belong to a trade guild are Peasants. They can work, and work hard, not much else.</p>	
Slavery, indentured servitude	<p>Owning slaves is again a privilege of at least the landed classes. One doesn't have to be a noble, but only land owners can own or trade in slaves.</p> <p>There are also strict restrictions on what trades a slave can be taught. Forbidden are any trades that have a guild. Mainly because the guilds have lobbied with the King to have it that way. Slaves also cannot be taught any gentleman's profession, so slave doctors and lawyers are illegal. It comes down to labor and the sex trade.</p> <p>Indentures for the purpose of learning a trade are common and regulated by the guilds to prevent (much) abuse. A Master whose apprentices repeatedly fail to pass the test for journeyman will be fined for doing a bad job. After all, a slacker can be expected now and then, but constant failure is the teacher.</p>	
Trade	Anorian does feel threatened by the economic giant to the north. In truth the trade between the two is limited due to geography. However restriction on Eyrian imports exist, mainly to appease the Guilds. They are largely meaningless unless you are trying to import Eyrian goods.	
Contract	Contract law is exacting and complicated. The guild of Solicitors has seen to it. Breaking a contract is mostly a matter of civil redress, not on of criminal law, unless there has been a loss of goods or money. In these cases the civil case must be proven before the criminal courts will step in. The offending party is in for a double whammy.	

Coranth Empire

The Coranth Empire is built on the responsibility of the upper classes, not their privilege. The right to redress of law is a basic one that is held over from the Saxon Empire. Coranthians are some of the stingiest people around.

Trail is by Jury of Elders. The young are considered ill advised to rule on law. A Judge presides. Trials take the adversarial model familiar in US courts. Witnesses can be compelled to appear before the court. There is no right against self incrimination. Magic can and will be used to find the facts. The accused is considered neither guilty or innocent. The facts must be established.

Rank and class have no bearing in court. Titles, even if you have a dozen of them are never mentioned and never used. They do not appear in the court records, be in criminal or civil. The court strives to not be a respecter of persons, but a respecter of all.

For the most part they manage.

Coranth has the verdict of "not proven" it seldom comes up, as magic can usually get to the bottom of anything, but in the rare case when everyone knows you did it, but no one can prove it, you get, not proven, and told not to do it again.

Coranth has prisons, they are places of hard labor, and not of the pointless kind. Chain gangs are common as the debt to society must be paid. The death penalty is usually hanging or beheading depending on the crime. Mutilation is never used as this creates useless persons. Using magic in a crime will generally increase the penalty. Magicians being hard to keep, are usually executed.



Criminal Law		
Statute	Penalty	Social View
Murder	Death	It is hard to murder someone on the street. As Coranth society has the attitude that a free man is an armed man and armed assault will be met with armed counter assault. While there are enough killings, the majority get ruled as fair fights. Most convictions for murder are oddly women. Poison is considered the woman's weapon, and it isn't considered fair play. For a man to stoop to poison is admitting he is a honorless eunuch. A woman can carry arms and defend herself, but she isn't expected to.
Assault & Battery	Prison	There is a social inequity to this crime. A man is expected to defend himself and his honor. one that fails to do so, and brings a complaint instead is seen as less of a man. However assault or battery of a woman is a crime and treated as such. The only exception to the "rule" about men is if said man is clearly old and/or infirm. That is an infamous act and highly frowned on.
Sexual Assault	Prison	This is considered a crime against the woman, and a debt of honor is owed her. The Rapist will pay it with the sweat of his brow. Rapists tend to have industrial accidents in prison that leave them gelded. (Tragically fell down and cut his balls off on those river rocks.)
Theft	Death or lessor sentence	These three crimes are not considered separate in the Coranth legal system. Theft is taken very seriously in Coranth. A sufficiently infamous theft will get you hung. The courts prefer to send you to prison to pay back restitution, if the sale of your goods is not sufficient to repay the victim. You might also face a suit for damages due to your theft if the victim faced loss of business or some such.
Fraud		
Identity (Forgery)		
Debt	Prison	Those that have incurred debts they cannot pay are sent to prison to pay for them. Hard labor paid at the going rate and all the money not required for the upkeep of the prisoner goes to service the debt. It is a rule that convict labor must be paid at the rate for freemen so not as to take work from freemen.
Real Property:	Ownership of property is not restricted by class or gender. However, it is considered a position in and of itself "The Gentry". Commoners that own land are considered up and coming. Money is the road to the nobility and making money the national sport.	
Trespass:	Private matter	A landowner deals with trespass as they see fit. It is possible to go too far. Killing someone for standing on your lawn will get you in trouble. For the most part most people just kick trespassers off.
Damage or Destruction of:	Prison	Those that destroy property are considered as bad as thieves. A property owner that catches such destruction in the act may reply violently and if the perpetrator ends up dead nothing much is said. Those turned over to the authorities will not face death. It is far more likely that the damager will face a civil suit for redress of the damages and face an angry armed property owner. Dead vandals do not pay judgments.
Moral (Blue Laws):	Morals are a matter of religion and social pressure. They are not part of the law. While yes there are may things that are considered immoral, none of them are illegal.	

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Corruption (Bribes, official lawbreaking)	Death or lesser punishment	The government of the Saxon Empire considered squeeze the right of an official. Coranth has a different point of view. Those that abuse their office are quickly tried and punished. The more publicly the better. Official corruption is the only case in Coranth law where such things as flogging are seen.
Civil Obedience:	Prison	No action is taken unless direct threats to the person of the Emperor or his family are made. Noise is considered noise.
Treason:	Death	Traitors are given the Empire's most gruesome punishment. They are bled to death. Nothing so quick as a slit throat. they are stuck in a way that assures it will take ten minutes of more to bleed out. The blood is caught and burned with the body so that no creature will nourish themselves on the tainted blood and flesh.

Civil Law

Marriage:	Coranth does not have a fixed definition of marriage. While couples are the most common form of marriage anything you want to call a marriage will be officially stamped and called that.
Inheritance:	The law has no fixed method. Various parts of the Empire practice Paterlinear, Materlinear and even "Sister's Son" customs of inheritance. It is advised that you make a will.
Property rights:	Property has a Celtic feel. Both men and women have the right to property and marriage does not change that. A woman retains her property and decides who gets it.
Personal Rights:	The law has a basic duty to leave people alone. It is the responsibility of those in authority to see that those under them have every opportunity to prosper if they have the ability and perseverance to do so. The most exercised right in the book is the right of redress. Cornthians will sue at the drop of their new hat on the floor. Property and contract are 90% of the civil docket's business.
Slavery, indentured servitude	Slavery is barely tolerated in Coranth. It is heavily taxed and there is no market. Slaves cannot be bought or sold in the county. A slave can be brought into the county and remain a slave. But you will pay though the nose to keep them.
Trade:	The country is built on trade. The law does everything possible to encourage a healthy trade.
Contract:	Coranth has a complex and iron clad contract law. Even something as simple as a handshake agreement gives rights and responsibilities on both sides.



The Domains

Legal rights are few and depend on class.. Justice is striven for. Fairness is not. Counsel is available if you can pay for it. The golden rule applies in that if you have gold, you make the rules. Judgment and punishment are very much dependent on your class and stature in society. Crimes that would get a commoner hung are mere fines to a nobleman, or no crime at all.

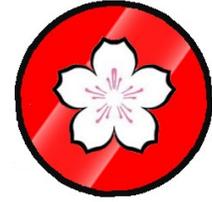
Trial is on the Inquisitorial model. The judges do the questioning directly. They may use what methods they deem needful to compel an answer. Magic, torture, anything. The accused is considered innocent until guilt is proven.

Punishment in Domain is corporal or monetary. Few crimes do not call for death. Those typically call for mutilation unless you are rich.

Many penalties can be bought off. If someone else pays the fee they own the convict. If the convict themselves can pay the fee, they are free to go. Yes this favors the moneyed.

Most death sentences are executed by hanging. A method of hanging is favored that is slow and painful. There is no drop. Mutilations from hands, tongues even breasts is practiced for "lessor crimes".

Use of magic in a crime gets you sent to the Emperor regardless of the crime. Being hung is a better outcome.



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Statute	Penalty	Social View
Murder	Death	<p>If sufficient social distance exists is between the victim and the killer the penalty will be severely lessened. Provided it's the killer who is higher class. The fee will depend on the social class of the victim.</p> <p>Domain also has a long tradition of the code of dueling. Duels are not considered murder as long as both participants were armed and willing. Dueling is a right of land owners "Dons". Those without land rights have no right to violent redress. Defending yourself against a Don and winning will get you hung for murder.</p>
Assault & Battery	<p>Not usually dealt with in law. A matter of personal redress. This is only a crime if the offended is of a higher social class. The offended Don that doesn't stick the upstart is usually considered less of a man for not defending his honor. Conversely any low class person that lays hands on someone from the upper classes has committed a crime, even if the Don started it.</p>	
Sexual assault	Castration or death	<p>This is considered a property crime against the male that is responsible for the female, husband, father, or brother as the case may be. Raping a male is a matter of honor, not criminal law. If the rapist is low enough in the social scale and the female high enough they will be castrated then hung.</p> <p>The victim of record, the responsible male, decides if the convicted can be bought. They also have the option of simply taking them in a duel themselves.</p> <p>NOTE: Forcing an unmarried female tenant to have sex with you is not rape by statute. It is rape if the female tenant is married.</p>
Theft	Death or lessor punishment	<p>A fee is usually attached. Thieves can be bought off the gibbet. They are not a popular choice as slaves. Would you trust someone that steals? Not to mention they can be expensive slaves for the quality. The fee will reflect the amount of theft that was not recovered.</p> <p>Dominion law is big on recovery of stolen goods. If the money or goods are recovered the thief themselves will generally suffer less.</p>
Fraud	Death or lessor punishment.	<p>A highly unpopular crime. Lying to steal is considered worse than sticking a knife in someone's back. An "honest thief will not lower themselves to fraud. Yes, thieves care about this sort of thing. A "guild" might buy a member of the gibbet if they are an honest thief. A fraud is allowed to hang.</p>
Identity (Forgery)	Death or lessor punishment.	<p>This generally falls under fraud for the social view. Forgers generally get their hand cut off before they are hung. The exact punishment will depend very much on how much was stolen, how much was recovered and who was stealing from whom.</p>

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Real Property	<p>Land owners are called "Don" (Dame if female) A land owner has considerable rights over tenants on their land. That land can be as small as a single farm or even a city dwelling. Or as large as a Provence. While the tenants are not serfs and do have freedom of movement, the Don has similar rights to those of a noble over his serfs.</p> <p>On large estates a Noble Don is considered to have a duty to "ravish" and impregnate a few maidens. It proves his virility and ensures that should the worst happen he will have heirs. He is also considered responsible for those children, and must at the least give the Mother a stipend yearly. Surprisingly peasant girls with the Lord's bastard on their knee are not shunned by men. A tradesman or farmer. will often consider that stipend and her proven fertility. There is a double standard of Machismo.</p>	
Trespass	This will depend on the landowner	A matter of personal redress. Since a property owner has the right of justice on their own lands they can kill you if it suits them. That will get you talked about. Most of the time people are told to scram. Repeat offenders or those caught stealing are another matter.
Damage or Destruction of	Death or slavery	In this case the criminal is fined. If the fines are high enough the convicted is given to the property owner. They may keep them or sell them as they please.
Moral (Blue Laws) Prostitution	Legal, but taxed.	<p>Prostitutes, that fail to pay their taxes are debreasted. This is in effect a death sentence. If they don't have the money for the taxes they don't have the money for healers. The knives are not close to clean. This law is enforced no matter the social status of the woman. (Technically it is also enforced on men, they are castrated. But male prostitutes in Domain are rare as hen's teeth.) If you take money for sex, and don't have a tax certificate, too bad.</p> <p>The convicted can be bought off the gibbet. It is a popular method for getting female slaves.</p> <p>In the case of slave prostitutes the owner is responsible for the taxes. The penalty is usually surrendering the slaves, they are usually sold.</p>
Intoxicates	As long as you are doing it to yourself the law doesn't care. However those that distribute "bad" drugs or drink will suffer in accordance with the damage caused.	
Adultery	Death	<p>This is a crime for women, but not for men. A woman convicted, and only married women can be convicted is impaled, nude and publicly.. They cannot be bought.</p> <p>The man that did it with her can be killed by the offended husband or not. He can grant his wife mercy, and keep her as a slave. If he does he cannot pursue the male.</p> <p>Curiously sex with animals is not considered adultery. Exotic slaves are considered animals, and many a bored noble woman has an exotic male or two to ease her boredom.</p>
Fornication	Not a criminal matter.	<p>This is a moral failing, but not one that is punishable by law. While sex between an unmarried woman and any man is not a crime, it is a sin and frowned on. If she gets pregnant the man is expected to "do the honorable thing" and "make an honest woman of her". Frankly this is often pursued by couples when Daddy doesn't see the man as a good catch. An unmarried girl that gets caught with a married man has effectively assured she will die an old maid and end up the family Duma.</p> <p>Virginity has a value, and in that last case a father or brother will sometimes pursue a civil case to get damages or challenge the fornicating cuckoo to a duel.</p> <p>The Duma is either the Father or Mother's maiden or widowed sister that sees that good young girls stay good young girls. They are not popular with girls or suitors.</p>
Religion	Fines or Enslaveing	There is a state religion. It is illegal to publicly practice any other faith but that of Torshira Nagara. What you do in private is your own business, but flaunting it is forbidden. Likewise proselytizing another religion is against the law. Clerics will not be enslaved. they will be fined and cast out of the country. A second offense will result in Death.
Corruption (Bribes, official lawbreaking)	Death, or worse	Torshira Nagaria has no and I mean no patience with corruption. Not only will the official suffer, but most likely so will his family.
Civil Obedience	Death or lessor punishment.	Speaking out is not a right of the people. Keep your place and keep your tongue. Removal of the tongue is not an uncommon punishment either.
Treason:	Disappearance	Torshira Nagaria has no and I mean no patience with treason either. Not only will the traitor suffer, but most likely so will his family while he watches. No one knows for sure other than a few rumors. Traitors and their families are simply never seen again.

Civil Law	
Marriage:	Marriage is both a rite of the church and a matter of law. Only marriages recognized by the church are recognized by law. Women are basically chattel. The husband to be and the Father do the arrangement. The bride will be lucky to get a say in the matter. The higher the social position, the less say the woman really has.
Inheritance:	Patrimonial decent. First sons get the lion's share. In the rare case a son does not exist an illegitimate son will be considered before a daughter. If, and only if, no boy can be found can a girl inherit. Daughters, widows, unmarried sisters excreta are expected to be cared for. A widow without sons is likely the luckiest woman in Domain. She inherits the property and is free to do as she pleases, unless she marries again. Highly unlikely.
Property rights	Considered the right of men. Under only rare circumstances can a woman even own property. Those that own land are called Dons. A Don can be anyone from a slum lord to the ruler of the equivalent of a small nation. the more land the more rights. Any Don with a village in their estate must spend half the year, with their family at court. These are considered the "Noble Dons". They have more rights than most including high justice. They are however expected to keep the peace. If word of a lack of peace reaches the ears of the Emperor, they will "be replaced".
Personal Rights	The golden rule. He that has the gold, makes the rules. The more gold and land you have the more rights you have. The less, the less you have. Noble Dons have nearly unlimited power on their estates, as long as the peace is kept. A slave doesn't even have the right to themselves.
Slavery, indentured servitude	Slaves are the total property of the slave owner. He can do as he wishes including putting them to death just to watch them die. Slaves have no personal or property rights. They can be forced to mate and to breed. The children of slaves are slaves. Slaves have no normal responsibility for their actions. If a slave commits a crime the owner is sought for redress. That can be a simple as turning the slave over to be killed. No matter how minor the crime this is usually the case. The slave is sacrificed to appease the law. Slaves must be at least bare above the waist. They can be kept completely nude. A well considered slave will have either full skirts or baggy pants. They are still nude above the waist. A Dominion Freeman will turn inside out to avoid being seen with bare shoulders. Bare breasts have become a fashion in the Imperial Court, massive shoulders compensate for the bare skin above the waist.
Trade:	As long as you pay your taxes the Empire does not care with whom you do business.
Contract:	Only Dons may make binding contracts, and then only with each other . The common people must make due with a word and a handshake.



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Eryian Empire

Legal rights include A swift trial by Magistrate, assuming of innocence. A right to counsel is not given, but the Magistrate will advise the accused in their favor if required.

Trial is on the Solomonic model. Judges do not accuse they judge. The prosecutor must prove the case. Magic will be used, if required, to find the truth.

There are two levels of appeal. The Judges of Proprietary will examine the case for proper procedure and fact. If they find flaw in either argument the case is sent to the Emperor for his judgment.

If they find no flaw the case is retired. A party can demand redress by the Emperor, but it is bad idea if you are simply delaying for time.

Lawyers are available in two flavors. Advocates that argue cases, and Clerks of Law that do legal paperwork such as wills and contracts.

The Eyrian Empire has no prisons. Those crimes that in some places would be punished with imprisonment are "bonded" that is the convicted is made a bonded slave for the duration of their sentence and sold as such on the market.

False accusations usually result in the accuser suffering a like punishment or complementary punishment. Famously a false accuser in a rape case will be raped. Accusing someone of theft will mean you have to pay them and so forth. This not in the case of honest mistakes, but for malice.

Death is usually delivered by hanging. Exact method will vary from place to place. The humanness is not a factor. Some Kingdoms behead, some garrote. Magic used in a capital crime results in being burned to death.

Eyrie has the unusual punishment of "Pain of Death". The convicted is killed in some drawn out and painful manner, usually impaling, and raised from the dead. This is employed where the victim of a murder is recovered, but the method or circumstances of the murder are considered cruel. In most cases if the victim of a murder is recovered Death is not used.



Criminal Law

Statute	Penalty	Social View
Murder:	Death or lesser punishment depending on circumstances	All killing is not murder. If both parties draw weapons it is considered fair fight.
Assault:	Fines or bonding	This falls under the same view as killing. Tit for tat is considered fair due.
Battery:	Fines or bonding	This falls under the same view as killing. Tit for tat is considered fair due.
Sexual assault:	Castration	The law makes no difference for men or women, ether can suffer it or be punished for it.
Theft:	Fines or bonding.	Theft is taken seriously. You will get more social backlash from being a thief than from being a killer.
Fraud:	Fines and bonding.	See above.
Identity (Forgery):	Fines and bonding	See above
Real Property:		
Trespass:	Fines or bonding	This is considered on a "show the harm" basis. Merely standing on someone's land is not considered a crime.
Damage or Destruction of:	Restitution and or bonding.	This is considered the same as taking the property.
Moral (Blue Laws) Drugs:		
	Very few drugs are prohibited. The law considers you are your own best judge and using harmful drugs carries its own punishment.	
Sex:	There are no laws that deal with consensual sex. Age of majority is 14.	
Corruption (Bribes, official lawbreaking)	Death or lesser punishment.	Corruption is dealt with harshly with punishments up to and including getting eaten alive.
Civil Obedience:	As long as you don't cause other trouble, no one really cares. So standing around saying "Tesral is a fink" will generally get you ignored. Destroying propriety is another crime.	

Treason:	Death	Sometimes this will be commuted to something lighter. If the person is an official, never.
Civil Law		
Marriage:	There is no civil law dealing with marriage exclusively, it is considered another contract. Who may marry whom and how many is a matter for the people getting married to decide. There are dozens of marriage customs and practices throughout the Empire.	
Inheritance:	Other than legal Wills must be challenged to be overturned there is no law as to who may or must inherit what. A registered Will is considered a legally binding document and is extremely difficult to get overturned. Malice or madness are about the only things that will change one.	
Property rights:	If you own it it is yours. There are no taxes on land.	
Personal Rights:	No person can be born a slave in Eyrie. All Freeman have rights of self determination. They may speak their minds, acquire an education (offered free by the Empire), serve in the armed forces, own land, marry as they choose, and carry arms.	
Slavery, indentured servitude	Bonded slaves have the rights of Freeman except for the freedom to move and choose their own work. Indentures are permissible for no more than seven years for the purpose of learning a trade. Slavery exists in some Kingdoms, but is heavily taxed. Slaves are more expensive to keep than freemen are to hire.	
Trade:	Trade cannot be restricted between the Kingdoms. While the Empire might advise about trade with other nations, it has not embargoed any nation in memory. The Imperial Banking system is a method of vetting private banks as meeting certain criteria of solvency and banking practice. There are no government run banks.	
Contract:	Contracts are binding if registered with the Imperial Courts. Most business is done on the handshake and good word. However if a written agreement is wished it will be duly noted and stamped for the proper fees. This does give you more leverage if a dispute comes up.	
War:	The Empire has the peculiar practice of "Private War". A formalized feud between persons or families. No one can be included who doesn't wish to be (As long as they stay out of it), and no person can be added to the roster after the war has begun. When a war is declared (in court) the declared on party has the right to refuse war, that ends it. Should both parties agree to the war the list of participants is drawn up. From that day until peace is declared all participants on either side can be killed by those on the other side without fear of legal reprisal. Getting innocents in it or collateral damage will bring down the wrath of the Empire. It is not a popular method of solving disputes. A Private War has not been declared in 800 years. Most people, even lawyers are unaware of the practice.	

Hellsgate

Hellsgate law is nearly a contradiction in terms. There is little if any statute law. Those that break the peace will be dealt with by the Princes. Property damage or personal harm are dealt with by your neighborhood society and the strong man (or woman) that runs it. The city is run as a gamocracy. The more powerful your gang, the more you can get away with.

Might is right and if you don't have might you seek someone that does and swear fealty to them. The primary points of power are the Two Princes, one from Hell and one from Eyrie. Rolasalor is the Prince from Hell and has the largest "constituency" in the City as all Devils look to him. Ivan is the Eyrian Prince, and while he has few that look to him, no one smart crosses him. He and his body of people see that some form of justice is imposed on the

mess that is Hellsgate. The will default in the direction of Eyrian law, but not if it simply does not apply. The largest non governmental body is Kirt Hellreaver who all but owns the north of the city. They are countless smaller associations that protect or avenge their members.

In Hellsgate it is said that anything can be bought and sold. It is true. There are several flesh markets. Anything you can think of is sold, including some you wouldn't think of. The only law is Caveat Empator.. If you get cheated, you have to take care of it yourself.

There is no written law code for Hellsgate. What laws are enforced are those the strongest can enforce. Their personal codes of behavior.

Atlas of Law

Moreland Empire

Moreland is a Theocracy, an absolute Theocracy. It makes no bones about it. The Church and the State are one. In spite of this the laws regarding behavior are remarkably liberal.

All cases are tried in the Canon Court overseen by the Blessed of Law. The accused is considered guilty until proven innocent. If Damian has ordered your arrest himself they don't even bother with a trial, you are guilty. Trial is on the Solomonic model. Judges do not accuse they judge. Magic will be used, if required, to find the truth. If the truth is too buried the Blessed has spells to access the knowledge of Damian, and the truth will be known.

This Blessed has no Church authority. other than being a cleric. Lord Damian is rigorous about keeping Church

administration and State administration separate. It is his opinion and therefore law that politics is the death of religion.

Punishment can be Draconian, but is seldom public. While those at hard labor might be seen those sentenced to death are generally put down without fuss or fanfare. A trip through the Cattle Gate and off to the temple slaughter house to be made into meat, unless they were foolish enough to do something that Damian wishes to deal with personally.



Criminal Law		
Statute	Penalty	Social View
Murder	Death	Those that murder are rabid animals that have no use. Rabid animals are killed for the good of the State. If convenient they are turned into useful food animals, slaughtered and fed to the poor. Above all do not waste.
Assault & Battery	Hard Labor	If, and a big if, the matter is brought to the law. Most people will deal with this matter themselves. Only the young, the old and infirm will turn to the law for redress. Incidentally, battery or abuse of a child will send the God-King into rage that the people around you don't want to see again. You will never see anything again. Hopefully he will be to busy to deal with you for long.
Sexual Assault	Death	As with murder rape is an act of violence that is not tolerated. Torture is not necessary. Feed their mooring body to the masses.
Theft	Hard Labor	Above all the law does not waste. Those that take are sentenced to give. They are put to work on any job that needs workers. Usually the least wanted jobs in the Empire. Waste cleaning, road work, dangerous mining, and so forth. They are never put in jobs that take wages from hard working subjects.
Fraud		
Identity (Forgery)		
Contract	Hard Labor	Promises are a serious thing in Moreland. Those that break contracts are considered criminals that must pay. It is not merely a matter of civil redress.
Real Property	All the land is a gift from Damian. It is Damian that keeps it peaceful and useful, Damian that sees to the balance of the weather and that crops do not fail. If required it it Damian that replenishes the mines so that the country need not depend on others. Those that "own" the land are enjoined to be good stewards of it. Damian protects their rights as long as they make the land useful.	
Trespass	Simply walking on land is not a crime. After all all land is a gift from Damian.	
Damage or Destruction of	Hard Labor	First to fix what ever they damaged, then to pay the debt feeding them incurred.
Moral (Blue Laws)	As long as you are not hurting other people there is little that Damian cares about you doing.	
Religion	Damian is tolerant about other religions in spite of the State religion. The only exception is any religion that practices unwilling sentient sacrifice, or underage sacrifice of any kind. Practice of any of the few forbidden religions, specifically the old Assyrian religions, is death. Complimentary religions are actually welcome. Julian the Healer for example. Damian's own demigods are acceptable as are the Avians of Phoenix variety. Damian's family. Worship were you will as long as you give service to the God-King as well.	
Sex	Knock yourself out. As long as you don't break any oaths, or bring any harm. Prostitution is taxed but not more or less than anything else is.	

Drugs	Hard Labor	Mild intoxicants that do not leave long term damage are fine. However those few drugs that harm the body long term are considered wasteful. Those that pander in them or use them to excess will be dealt with. Anyone dealing in adulterated drugs that are outright poisons can expect death.
Debt	Slavery	If you are wasteful to the point you cannot pay your debts you are given to your debtors. They can work you for the money.
Corruption (Bribes, official lawbreaking)	Death, you hope.	The law does not mess around. Officials that play fast and loose are not needed. They are a detriment to the rigorous governance Damian demands. Damian himself will find uses for them.
Civil Obedience	Hard Labor	Those with time to rail against the government don't have enough to do. They are given enough to do.
Treason	Death, you hope.	See above. Those that break a promise to Damian might wish to have been sent to Hell. Hell would be shorter and sweeter.
<i>Civil Law</i>		
Marriage	The State church does not care what form of marriage you want. However they do require you remain faithful to your promises. This is reflected in the State law codes.	
Inheritance	The default is wife, eldest child, brother or sister if there are no children or their descendants if required. If you want different, register a will.	
Property rights	Property is considered a privilege. The God-King can revoke a deed if the land is not well stewarded by the current owner. If that is the case other punishments might be forthcoming depending on Damian's mood.	
Personal Rights	All are subject of Damian and such privileges as they enjoy are at the sufferance of Damian. There is no such nonsense as personal rights.	
Slavery, indentured servitude	Slavery is legal if not encouraged. It is a sentence in the case of debt. The children of slave are not slaves, so breeding slave to get slaves is pointless. Slaves have the same legal privileges as freemen except for freedom of movement. They cannot be killed out of hand and will get the same trial as a freeman if they break the law. Indenture of apprenticeship is permitted. The laws follow much the same format as in Eyre.	
Trade	Trade increases the wealth. That is good for the State. What is good for the State is good for the people. Trade is encouraged on all cases.	



The Sauroi Lands

Legal rights include A swift trial, assuming of innocence. A right to counsel is not given. Most trials are held by clerics. An extensive legal structure does not exist and the Clerics of Kirt are known to be fair. If you and the other party agree you can ask any willing person to judge the case. However their judgment will be considered binding.

Trial is on the Solomonian model. Judges do not accuse they judge. The prosecutor must prove the case. Magic will be used, if required, to find the truth.

There is one level of appeal. A hearing before Kirt. that is it case over. Everyone has the right to this. He doesn't like people that just waste his time.

Lawyers are not generally available. One can find Clerks of Law that do legal paperwork such as wills and contracts. Socially one is expected to know your rights and argue them.

The Sauroi Land has no prisons. All crimes are dealt with in terms of physical damage or fines. At worst exile.

False accusations usually result in the accuser suffering a like punishment or complementary punishment. Famously a false accuser in a rape case will be raped. Accusing someone of theft will mean you have to pay them and so forth. This not in the case of honest mistakes, but for malice.

Death is usually delivered by beheading. Exact method will vary from place to place. The humanness is not a factor.

If Sauroi law has a more than passing resemblance to Eyrian law that is not an accident. Kirt Hellreavar was a Knight of Eyrie who returned the ring on becoming a god.



Criminal Law

Statute	Penalty	Social View
Murder	Death or lesser punishment.	While killing happens "murder" is a rare crime. It is defined as the killed not having a chance to defend themselves or proceeding with the fight when they have refused it. Death is the rarer punishment. Sauroi are not common and killing their own de jure is considered wasteful. You are more likely to be required to pay for resurrection
Assault Battery	Fines	Under most circumstances assault and battery are not considered a matter of criminal redress. You are expected to defend yourself. However in cases of obvious inability or significant difference in capacity. Assault and/or battery can be changed.
Sexual Assault	Fines	The Sauroi are one of the few nations that do not practice the castration of male offenders. One, it is complicated to castrate a male Sauroi with his testicles held internally, two the need to breed. The victim of the assault is entitled to a hefty fine. Being believers in equal law they don't castrate anyone else either.
Theft Fraud Identity (Forgery)	Death or lesser punishments.	Sauroi are highly property minded. Stealing is a serious crime socially more than anything else. A thief that fails to learn is usually killed and eaten. The type of theft is unimportant the stealing is. No form if stealing is considered socially more acceptable.
Real Property		
Trespass	Not a crime	Specially mentioned is statues, merely standing on someone's land is not a crime. Sauroi being so property focused this has to be mentioned.
Damage or Destruction of	Death or lesser punishments.	This falls under theft. To destroy something is to steal it. If caught you are seldom likely to see a court. More likely to be killed and served for dinner.
Moral (Blue Laws)	No crimes	Sauroi have no sense of moral law. There are certainly things that will get you looked at, even talked about. But they are not crimes. The moral condemnations of no religions, even Kirt's own are fixed in law.
Corruption (Bribes, official lawbreaking)	Death	No questions, Death, your body burned and scattered to the winds. You don't even get eaten.
Civil Obedience	No a crime	Tweaking the nose of authority is expected. If you don't have the guts to stand up for your ideas, what are they worth? Now calling Kirt a fink might get him out there to object in rather strong terms. But it's personal, not a matter of law.
Treason	Death	So dead, see Corruption. If it's bad enough you might get to die several times.

Civil Law

Marriage	<p>Marriage law is thin. Marriage custom is as thick as they come. As far as the law is concerned Marriage is a you keep your own stuff affair. Only those items bought or acquired within the marriage are considered common property, and then only if the spouses agree on it at the time.</p> <p>There is no law limiting marriage to single couples, but the politics of Sauroi marriage assure it. The mating dance between two people is complex enough. More would mean it never happens. How much you have matters. Spouses want to be as equal in property as possible. Again, no law, but custom.</p>
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Criminal Law

Inheritance	Who ever you decide to give it to. That is if you plan on dying at all. Frankly with the long lives of Sauroi and the short time they have been around this has not been an issue much. Give it a couple more hundred years.
Property rights	What is yours is yours. There is no question about this. Anyone and everyone has an equal right to have stuff.
Personal Rights	All are considered equal under the law. The same laws apply to Sauroi that apply to everyone else. Everyone has the right to property, the right to speak their mind and the right to the consequences of their actions.
Failure to Eat	This is one of the curious facts of Sauroi culture. They eat the flesh of their dead foes. <i>Except</i> , and very important, <i>those they do not respect</i> . So, if one Sauroi kills another and does not eat them, that is a deadly insult. It has resulted in feuds that Kirt himself had to deal with. This has not resulted in a legal challenge yet. But as the crown has indicated that arguing in court is better than feuds it is only a matter of time
Slavery, indentured servitude	The Sauroi keep slaves. They are unrepentant of the fact. Slaves are "special" property. While no one argues they are yours, you are expected to treat person as persons, even if they are slaves. Even slaves have the right to property and their master cannot order them to disposes of it. Slaves do not have the right to buy freedom. You cannot force someone to sell anything.
Trade	All for it. they do not see much. Hellsgate is the closet body they can trade with and the trip is arduous inless you have flying ships. No law prevetns or restrices trade. Honesty is expected.
Contract	Kirt is pretty sharp about you keeping your word. Make what contract you will. Be prepared to abide by it.