**300 LEGAL Words are  most helpful for Legal  drafting.**

**Expedient** – To Prioritize, to rush

**Cavil** – Argument by which a conclusion evidently false, is  drawn from a principle evidently true.

**Elusive** – Difficult to find, catch or achieve.

**Scuffle** – a short, confused fight or struggle at close quarters.

**Credential** – a qualification, achievement, quality, or aspect of  a person ‘s background, especially when used to indicate their  suitability for something.

**Oblivious** – Aware.

**Accustomed** – Customary; usual.

**Treacherous** – Guilty of or involving betrayal.

**Erudite** – learned.

**Accentuating** – More noticeable.

**Crescendo** – Progressive increase in intensity.

**Tedious** –Too long, slow or dull.

**Dreadful** – involving great suffering.

**Enigma** – Mysterious or difficult to understand. **Sceptical** – Doubtful.

**Sardonic** – grimly mocking or cynical.

**Habeas corpus** – a prerogative writ to a person who detains  another in custody and which commands him to produce or  ‘have the body of that person before him ‘

**Mesne** – middle, intervening or tame by nature. **Per se** – by itself

**Nocumentum** – an annoying, unpleasant or obnoxious thing  or ptactice.

**Non obstante** – notwithstanding

**Prima facie** – on the face of it.

**Aequitas** – Equity i.e. fair or just according to natural law. **Bona fide** – in good faith.

**Certiorari** – a writ of a superior court calling forth the records  and entire proceedings of an inferior court or a writ by which  causes are removed from an inferior court into a superior  court.

**Obiter dictum** – an incidental and collateral opinion uttered  by a judge while delivering a judgement and which is not  binding.

**Pari material** – on the same material.

**Pendente lite** – during the process of litigation. **Supra** – above.

**Status quo** – the state in which the things are, or were. **Volkogeist** – general awareness of the people.

**Res judicata** – a case or suit already decided.

**RE** – in the matter of.

**Ratio Legis** – according to spirit of law

**Scienter** – knowledge; an allegation in a pleading that the  thing has been done knowingly.

**Ex gratia** –as an act of grace or favour.

**In rem** – an act, proceeding or right available against the world  at large, as opposed to in personam.

**Noscitur a socits** – a word known by its associates, i.e. the  meaning of a word cab be gathered from the context.

**Res sub judicata** – a matter under judicial consideration.

**Ad hoc** – created or done for a particular purpose as  necessary.

**Pertinent** – Relevant or applicable to a particular matter, apposite.

**Curative petition** – question arises whether an aggrieved  person is entitled to any relief against the final judgment /  order of the Supreme Court, after dismissal of a review  petition

**Erect** –rigidly upright or straight.

**Advent** – arrival of a notable person or thing.

**Submergence** – to cover; bury.

**Vicinity** –the area near or surrounding a particular place.

**Detention** –the act of detaining someone or the state of being  in official custody.

**Rebuttable** – an instance of rebutting evidence or an  accusation.

**Preclude** – prevent from happening; make impossible.

**Discrepancy** – an illogical or surprising lack of compatibility or  similarity between two or more facts.

**Superannuation** – pension paid to a retired employee who has  contributed to a superannuation fund.

**Ordinance** – An authoritative order

**Promulgation** – to make known by open declaration; publish; proclaim formally or put into operation.

**Consortium** – the right of association and companionship with  one’s husband or wife

**Averred** – allege as a fact in support of a plea

**Estoppel** – the principle which precludes a person from  asserting something contrary to what is implied by a previous  action or statement of that person or by a previous pertinent  judicial determination.

**Plenary** – unqualified; absolute

**Impugned** – dispute the truth, validity or honesty of (a statement or motive); call into question.

**Prejudiced** – harm or injury that results or may result from  some action or judgement.

**Legal Luminary** – a person who inspires or influences others, especially one prominent in a particular sphere.

**Plagiarized** – the act of appropriating the literary composition  of another, or parts or passages of his writings, or the ideas or

language of the same, and passing them off as the product of  one’s own mind.

**Evacuee** – A person evacuated from a place of danger. **Demarcate** – Set the boundaries or limits of.

**Unfettered** – not confined or restricted

**Discernible** – able to be discerned; perceptible. **Arenas** – a place or scene of activity, debate, or conflict.

**Transgression** – An act that goes against a law, or code of  conduct; an offence.

**Construed** – interpret in a particular way.

**Consonance** – Agreement or compatibility, between opinions  or actions.

**Retrospectively** – looking back.

**Dissuade** – persuade not to take a particular course of action. **Rationale** – set of reasons.

**Embezzlement** – Theft or misappropriation of funds placed in  one’s trust or belongings to one’s employer.

**Perished** - die, especially in a violent or sudden way. **Inter alia** – among other things

**Arbitration** – the use of an arbitrator to settle a dispute.