

Criminal Law

-Emphasizes adjudication of guilt with adversarial procedures for the accused
accused

-Punishment

-State vs. accused

-Deals with violations of criminal law

-Standard of proof – beyond a reasonable doubt (95%)

-many due process protections

Civil Law

-Emphasizes the rights and responsibilities of private parties

-Compensation

-Private vs. private

-Deals with violations of civil principles

-Standard of proof – preponderance of the evidence (51%)

-fewer due process protections

-greatly outnumber criminal cases