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Types of Legal Documents

s	Term	Definition	Example Sentence
1	Affidavit	A legal document containing a written promise that something is true.	<i>Next, you'll most likely need an affidavit from the registration office that says the certificate is missing.</i>
2	Article	Part of a legal document or agreement that deals with a particular point.	<i>The first few articles in the contract mention the details of the employee's duties.</i>
3	Contract	A written legal agreement between two people or businesses that says what each must to for the other or give to the other.	<i>The fisheries have signed a contract with a major seafood restaurant chain to provide them with fish.</i>
4	Criminal Record	An official list of crimes that someone has committed.	<i>Before being hired in any job, a person must obtain an affidavit from the police department stating that he/she has not committed any crimes nor has a criminal record.</i>
5	Deed	An official document that gives details of a legal agreement, especially about who owns a building or piece of land.	<i>The deed for this house is 40 years old since it used to be owned by my grandfather.</i>
6	Power of Attorney	A legal document granting an individual authority to make decision on one's behalf.	<i>This Power of Attorney may be revoked any time by sending a written notice to the Agent.</i>
7	Living Will	A legal document in which you state the decisions about your medical treatment you want others to make if you become too ill to make those decisions yourself.	<i>It is strange how someone could issue an end of life directive or a living will.</i>

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8	Patent	An official document that gives someone who has invented something the legal right to make or sell that invention for a particular period of time, and prevents anyone else from doing so.	<i>He took out a patent on the idea and started exploring uses for his invention</i>
9	Petition	A document on which people sign to ask for a certain action.	<i>More than 50,000 people signed an online petition protesting the program.</i>
10	Preamble	The introductory part of a legal document.	<i>Including the preamble at the beginning, the conclusion, and all 27 articles, the law is 20 pages long.</i>
11	Restraining Order	A legal document from a judge that stops someone from doing something.	<i>The actress issued a restraining order against an obsessed fan who keeps following her.</i>
12	Service Contract	A contract with a company to keep equipment working correctly at an agreed price during a fixed period of time.	<i>King Saud University has a standing service contract with our company to provide maintenance work.</i>
13	Subpoena	An official legal document that says you must come to a court of law to give information (i.e., to testify)	<i>He used a subpoena to put people on the witness stand day after day.</i>