



OUR COURTS: THE BEDROCK OF DEMOCRACY



MAIN TYPES OF LAWS IN AMERICA

STATUTORY LAW

WHERE ARE THEY MADE?



STATE LEGISLATURES



U.S. CONGRESS



CITY COUNCIL

WHEN THESE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES PASS LAWS,
THEY ARE KNOWN AS STATUTES.



COMMON LAW

HOW ARE THEY MADE?

THESE ARE RULES THAT
ARE DEVELOPED
THROUGH CASES THAT
COME BEFORE THE
COURT, BUILDING ON
PRIOR RULINGS KNOWN
AS PRECEDENT.



JUDICIAL
DECISIONS

