Unit 1: Key Terms

**English Common Law**
English common law is judge made law applying legal precedent to decide the cases before them.

**Intentional Tort**
A civil wrong caused by the intentional act of the tortfeasor.

**Tortfeasor**
The wrongdoer. The person who commits the wrongful act that causes the harm.

**Vicarious Liability**
A legal doctrine that provides liability to a person who did not cause the injury but who has a particular legal relationship to the person who did act negligently. This is common in employment situations.

**Assault**
An intentional act by a wrongdoer that causes another immediate fear or apprehension of an unconsented, unauthorized touching.

**Battery**
An intentional act by a wrongdoer that brings about an unconsented, unauthorized physical contact with another.

**False Imprisonment**
The intentional act of restraining another in a confined area, without consent, and the victim is aware of the confinement.

**Chattel**
Chattels are goods. It includes all property, but does not include real property/real estate.

**Liability**
A tortfeasor incurs liability, or fault, for harm caused by committing a civil wrong, and will have to pay the victim for the harm suffered.

**Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress**
An intentional tort that results from intentional conduct that causes extreme distress, outrage, or emotional distress.