**Who enforced the law in Ancient Rome?**

During the republic and until the bureaucratization of Roman judicial procedure, the judge was usually a private person. He had to be a Roman male \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The parties could agree on a judge, or they could appoint one from a list. They went down the list until they found a judge agreeable to both parties, or if none could be found they had to take the last one on the list.

No one had a legal obligation to judge a case and the judge had great latitude in the way he conducted the litigation. He considered all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and ruled in the way that seemed just. Because the judge was not a legal technician, he often consulted a jurist about the technical aspects of the case, but he was not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the jurist's reply. At the end of the litigation, if things were not clear to him, he could refuse to give a judgment, by swearing that it wasn't clear. Also, there was a maximum time to issue a judgment.

The *Vigiles Urbani* ("watchmen of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_") were the firefighters and police of Rome, implemented by Augustus.

In AD 6, Augustus levied a 4% \_\_\_\_\_\_ on the sale of slaves and used the proceeds to set up the new force. They were divided into seven cohorts commanded by a tribune. Each cohort was divided into seven centuries, each of which had 70–80 men commanded by a centurion. Each cohort patrolled two of the city's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ administrative regions. The cohorts were doubled in size in AD 205.

The Vigiles also acted as a night watch, keeping an eye out for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and hunting down runaway \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and were on occasion used to maintain order in the streets. The task of guarding the [baths](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thermae) was added as a duty of the *Vigiles* during the reign of [Alexander Severus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_Severus) when the baths remained open during the night. They dealt primarily with [petty crimes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Misdemeanors) and looked for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the peace while they patrolled the streets. [Sedition](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sedition), riots and violent crimes were handled by the [Praetorian Guard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Praetorian_Guard), though *Vigiles* could provide a supporting role in these situations.

Roman citizens had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ body of laws that applied to them as opposed to foreigners.