

### The Place of Torts and a Model Tort

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## The Law

# There are three elemental claims in the law.

Every preschooler knows them ...

You hurt me. You promised me. It's mine. You hurt me. →torts
You promised me. →contracts
It's mine. →property

There are, fundamentally, two things the courts can do about it.

• The court can punish you.

→ criminal

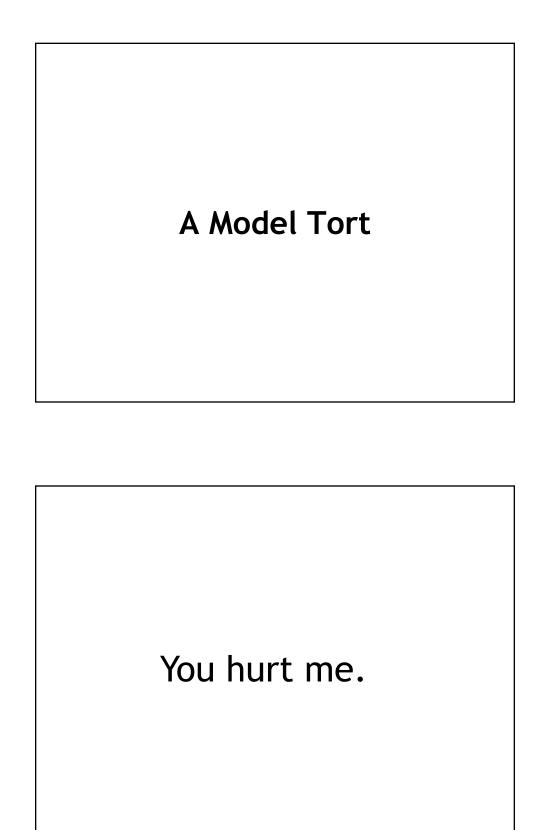
• The court can make you make it up to the person wronged.

**→**civil

- How the courts go about punishing you ...
   →criminal procedure
- How the courts go about making you

make it up to the person wronged ...

→civil procedure



#### You hurt me.

- Act
- Causation
- Damages
- Culpability

You wrongfully did something that caused me harm.

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You wrongfully did something that caused me harm.

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#### You hurt me.

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You wrongfully engaged in an act that actually caused me harm that is pretty directly connected to your action.