Though every U.S. jurisdiction has its own regulations regarding what, precisely, must be said to a person when they are arrested, the typical warning is as follows:

“You have the right to remain silent. If you give up that right, anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to an attorney and to have an attorney present during questioning. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided to you at no cost. During any questioning, you may decide at any time to exercise these rights, not answer any questions, or make any statements”.

Typical Miranda warning

Roman Law is the legal system of ancient Rome. The development of Roman law covers more than one thousand years from the law of the twelve tables to the codification of Emperor Justinian I. Roman law as preserved in Justinian's codes became the basis of legal practice in Europe and North America.

Using the term Roman law in a broader sense, one may say that Roman law is not only the legal system of ancient Rome but the law that was applied throughout most of Europe. For these reasons, many modern civil law systems in Europe and elsewhere are heavily influenced by Roman law. This is especially true in North America.
Law of the twelve tables

This is the first code of law for Ancient Rome. These laws were engraved on twelve bronze tablets. In this code system the following is stated:

- All citizens are equal in front of the law
- Privileges and arbitrary decision making are abolished
- Laws are divided into Civil and Criminal law

Justinian’s code

Justinian code will greatly modify Roman Law and will greatly influence our civil code. This will be the first law code that states that one can be tried for his actions not for his way of thinking. Also this Law code states that you are innocent until proven guilty.

Roman law today

Today, Roman law is no longer applied in legal practice, even though the legal systems of some states like South Africa and San Marino and the legal system of the United States state of Louisiana are still based on the old code. However, even where the legal practice is based on a code, many rules deriving from Roman law apply. For this reason, knowledge of Roman law is indispensable to understand the legal systems of today.