

objects of a power. Those persons belonging to a class who are eligible as appointees of a power.

objects of bounty. See **natural objects of bounty.**

oblata. Offerings; gifts to the crown.

oblatio. (Civil law.) An offer or tender of payment of a debt.

obligacion. An obligation.

Obligacion est on lien de droit. An obligation, is a bond of the law.

obligatio. An obligation.

obligation. In an early and narrow sense, a bond or deed under seal wherein a person binds himself under penalty to do a thing. In the modern and popular sense, that which binds, as an oath, vow, promise, contract, or debt. *Hargroves v Cooke*, 15 Ga 321, 330.

The word is derived from the Latin word "obligatio," tying up; and that from the verb "obligo," to bind or tie up; to engage by the ties of a promise or oath, or form of law; and obligo is compounded of the verb ligo, to tie or bind fast, and the preposition ob, which is prefixed to increase its meaning. *Edwards v Kearzey*, 96 US 595, 24 L Ed 793, 796.

obligation of contract. Simply, the binding effect of a contract. The law or duty which binds the parties to perform their agreement, being coeval with the undertaking to perform and consisting in the means which, at the time of the creation of the contract, the law affords for its enforcement, or, as otherwise stated, in the effective force of the law which applies to, and compels performance of, the contract, or a compensatory equivalent in damages for nonperformance. 16 Am J2d Const L § 435.

obligation of surety on bail bond. The undertaking that the accused shall appear in answer to the indictment, abide the orders and judgment of the court, and not depart without leave of the court. *State v Benedict*, 234 Iowa 1178, 15 NW2d 248.

obligations or liabilities outstanding in the state. A limitation, variously construed, on the effect of a service of process upon a foreign corporation through service upon an agent designated by the corporation or upon a statutory agent. 36 Am J2d For Corp § 484.

obligation under seal. See **specialty.**

obligatory bill. See **bill obligatory.**

oblige. See **noblesse oblige.**

obligee. A promisee. The person to whom an obligation has been incurred. The person to whom a bond is made payable. The person entitled to enforce a guaranty. 24 Am J1st Guar § 30.

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Within the meaning of the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act:—any person to whom a duty of support is owed, including a state or political subdivision. Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act § 2(h).