**Later Middle Ages -- ~1000-~1500 ce/5**

**1178**

Election of doge Orio Mastropiero, during whose office the transition from Ducatus to Comune is completed.

**1181**

The doge Orio Mastropiero gives an oath called *Promissio maleficiorum,* swearing he will prosecute the culprits of the crimes listed therein according to a formal procedure; partial legification of criminal and judicial customs.

No private composition is allowed, because public interests are predominant in criminal repression: criminals are punished in order to restore public order and discourage further crimes, independently from the right to damages held by the victims or their families.

<http://www.arielcaliban.org/PX_maleficiorum_mastropiero.pdf>

**1183**

"Peace" of Konstanz: in fact an admission of defeat on the part of the Western emperor Frederick Redbeard, but formally an imperial law which acknowledges that the Comuni of the League have local *iurisdictio* = powers of government on matters of local interest = autonomy as particular institutions within and under the rule of the Western Empire.