

Agency

Law

One person contracting on another's behalf.

Authority and its consequences.

Types of authority

Actual express — explicitly given

Actual implied — from the role

Apparent — the principal held them out

Ratification — approved after the event

Consequences

The principal is bound, not the agent

Agent liable if no authority existed

Third party may sue an undisclosed principal

Agent owes fiduciary duties

Educational reference. Apparent authority protects the third party who reasonably relied on how the principal presented the agent.