# English for Lawyers 1

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### Branches of Law



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### **Branches of Law**

- 1. Explain the differences between:
  - a. international, national and supranational law
  - b. substantive and procedural law
  - c. private and public law
- 2. Translate them into Croatian.

### **Branches of Law**

- 3. What do the following branches of law concern:
  - a. constitutional law
  - b. administrative law
  - c. family law
  - d. employment law
  - e. tort law
  - f. law of succession
  - g. company law
- 4. Translate them into Croatian.

### Civil vs. Criminal Law



Unit 2

### Remember the difference!

- 1. CRIMINAL LAW
- 2. CIVIL LAW
  - 1: involves the prosecution of and punishment for crimes by the state
  - 2: non-criminal law, deals with disputes between individuals and regulates other areas of life not involving the state

### Civil vs. criminal law

- Read about the principal procedural differences between civil and criminal law (pp. 20 and 21)
- Sort relevant terms into three columns:
  - civil
  - criminal
  - civil and criminal (both)

### Civil vs. criminal law

- CIVIL: claim, claimant, sue, order/award of damages;
- CRIMINAL: criminal offence, prosecute, offender, punish, prosecutor, accused, plead guilty, jury, verdict, pass a sentence, imprisonment, acquit;
- BOTH: wrongdoer, settle, defendant, case, judge, enter judgment, trial, take action
- CIVIL ALSO: liability, find for the claimant/defendant
- CRIMINAL ALSO: convict

#### **CRIMINAL LAW**

- criminal offence
- prosecution by the state
- the accused pleads guilty/not guilty
- reaching a verdict (decision on guilt)
- conviction or acquittal
- passing a sentence (punishment)
- fine or imprisonment

Translate the terms into Croatian!

#### CRIMINAL LAW

- criminal offence kazneno djelo
- prosecution by the state kazneni progon od strane države
- the accused pleads guilty/not guilty okrivljenik se izjašnjava krivim/poriče krivnju
- reaching a verdict (decision on guilt) odlučivanje o krivnji
- conviction or acquittal osuđujuća ili oslobađajuća presuda
- passing a sentence (punishment) izricanje kazne
- fine or imprisonment novčana ili zatvorska kazna

CIVIL LAW (mostly concerns contract and tort law)

- private dispute
- protection of private rights and interests
- individuals take legal action/sue the defendant
- proving liability
- judgment in favour of the claimant or defendant
- an order/award of damages

Translate the terms into Croatian!

#### **CIVIL LAW**

- private dispute privatni spor
- protection of private rights and interests zaštita privatnih prava i interesa
- individuals take legal action/sue the defendant pojedinac pokreće postupak/tuži tuženika
- proving liability dokazivanje odgovornosti
- judgment in favour of the claimant or defendant presuda u korist tužitelja ili tuženika
- an order/award of damages odluka o naknadi štete

### **Exercises**

• p. 22 / ex. VII, VIII

- 1. The part of law concerned with the punishment of offences defined as crimes by the law
- The branch of law concerned with family matters
- 3. The law of state regulating its domestic affairs
- 4. The part of law concerned with the constitution or government of the state, or the relationship between the state and citizens
- 5. The part of law concerned with inheritance of property

- The part of law concerned with the punishment of offences defined as crimes by the law CRIMINAL LAW
- 2. The branch of law concerned with family matters FAMILY LAW
- 3. The law of state regulating its domestic affairs NATIONAL LAW
- 4. The part of law concerned with the constitution or government of the state, or the relationship between the state and citizens CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
  - The part of law concerned with inheritance of property LAW OF SUCCESSION

- The branch of law primarily concerned with the rights and duties of individuals towards each other
- The part of law consisting of rules which determine how a case is administered by the courts
- 3. The body of law which deals with the powers of the executive or administrative organs of the state
- 4. A body of rules that control or affect the rights of states in their relations with each other and of individuals in relation to foreign states
- 5. The law that determines the rights and duties, used by the courts in making decisions

- The branch of law primarily concerned with the rights and duties of individuals towards each other PRIVATE (CIVIL) LAW
- 2. The part of law consisting of rules which determine how a case is administered by the courts PROCEDURAL LAW
- The body of law which deals with the powers of the executive or administrative organs of the state ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
- 4. A body of rules that control or affect the rights of states in their relations with each other and of individuals in relation to foreign states (PUBLIC) INTERNATIONAL LAW
  - The law that determines the rights and duties, used by the courts in making decisions SUBSTANTIVE LAW

### True or false?

- A law is a type of provision.
- 2. Contract law is part of public law.
- In civil trials for a breach of contract, the claimant prosecutes the defendant.
- International law cannot relate to relations between individuals.
- 5. Legal doublets refer to words that are often used together, such as 'fair trial'.
- 6. Law of property regulates the inheritance of property by family members and other persons.
- 7. The passive voice is common in legal English because it refers to past events.
- 8. The judge may pass a sentence of 'guilty' or 'not guilty'.

### comply - resolve - government - breach - damage civil - fundamental - provision - sanction - regulation

- 1. 'Shall' expresses a legal imperative so it is suitable for binding \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. The procedural function of law concerns the rules for \_\_\_\_\_ disputes.
- 3. All citizens must \_\_\_\_ with the law to avoid
- 4. In case of a \_\_\_\_\_ of contract, the court may order the payment of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Constitutions usually protect \_\_\_\_\_ rights and set forth the organisation of the main branches of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Trespass and negligence are \_\_\_\_ wrongs.

### Translate into Croatian

- 1. 'Shall' expresses a legal imperative so it is suitable for binding PROVISIONS.
- The procedural function of law concerns the rules for RESOLVING disputes.
- 3. All citizens must COMPLY with the law to avoid SANCTIONS.
- 4. In case of a BREACH of contract, the court may order the payment of DAMAGES.
- 5. Constitutions usually protect FUNDAMENTAL rights and set forth the organisation of the main branches of GOVERNMENT.
- Trespass and negligence are CIVIL wrongs.

### Translate into Croatian

- 1. 'Shall' izražava zakonsku zapovjed te je stoga pogodan za obvezujuće odredbe.
- 2. Procesna funkcija prava odnosi se na pravila rješavanja sporova.
- Svi se građani moraju pridržavati zakona kako bi izbjegli kazne.
- 4. U slučaju povrede ugovora, sud može naložiti plaćanje naknade štete.
- 5. Ustavi obično štite temeljna prava i određuju organizaciju glavnih grana vlasti.
- Smetanje posjeda i nemar su građanski prijestupi (delikti).

### Thank you for your attention!