

# INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LAW

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Those who read law books to cure insomnia will be surprised by S.M. Waddams' *Introduction to the Study of Law*. The writing sparkles. Professor Waddams has brought his considerable writing skills to a subject clouded by obscurity, particularly for the beginning law student.

The book begins with the question "What is Law?" This sets the tone of the book, which endeavours to introduce not only the vagaries of legal vocabulary but also the principles and policies behind them. Next comes a chapter on Legal Education, followed by chapters on Legal Language and Analysis of Legal Problems. The remainder of the book deals with Public and Private Law, Common Law and Equity, Statutes and the Structure of the Courts, and finally, the Legal Profession. The Appendices, which are very extensive for a book of this size, include Latin and French phrases, lists of law reports and other books, common abbreviations, law schools in Canada, and a Statement of the Association of American Law Schools on Prelegal Education Policy.

The book is intended for use in law schools as well as pre-law and law related courses. This, unfortunately, is a weakness. Beyond Orientation Week, its value in law school is very limited, although the portion on the analysis of legal problems may provide some helpful advice on answering examination questions. The portions on how to approach the admissions process are certainly superfluous for the student who has already made it. Several areas are given short shrift. In particular, those portions dealing with public policy and social change are barely explained.

The explanation of the divisions of law and the Canadian court system are given far better treatment in Gerald Gall's recent book.<sup>1</sup> Although Gall's book is more extensive, Waddams' book would be more helpful if some charts could be added explaining the court structure in each Province. By eliminating much of the material intended for others, and treating in greater depth the topics law students will encounter, such as precedent and *stare decisis*, and the interaction between the legislature and the courts, this book would be of greater value to law students.

On the other hand, Waddams makes good use throughout of the example of the original owner trying to recover a lost or stolen watch from a *bona fide* purchaser. He also gives a glimpse of every exciting case decided in Anglo-Canadian jurisprudence. This should whet the appetite of every student.

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1. G. Gall, *The Canadian Legal System* (1977) Chaps. 2, 5.

In the past, it has been necessary to turn to England<sup>2</sup> or the United States<sup>3</sup> for introductory materials in law. Therefore, Waddams' "little red book" does fill a gap in Canadian legal materials. Although significant improvements could be made, I would recommend it either as summer reading for incoming law students or for use in Orientation Programmes.

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2. G. Williams, *Learning the Law* (10th ed. 1978); J. Farrar, *Introduction to the Legal Method* (1977).

3. S. Mermin, *Law and the Legal System* (1973). See also J. Dobbyn, *So you want to go to Law School* (1976); B. Siegel, *How to Succeed in Law School* (1975); S. Kinyon, *Introduction to Law Study and Law Examinations in a Nutshell* (1971).

The study of law is intellectually stimulating and challenging and can lead to a variety of interesting careers. In the UK and the USA, law degree programmes usually take three years to complete. In the UK, these programmes typically include core subjects such as criminal law, contract law, tort law, land law, equity and trusts, administrative law and constitutional law. In addition, students are often required to take courses covering such as legal writing and legal research. Here is also a variety of optional (elective) courses available. These law clinics offer free legal assistance to the local community and provide a useful introduction to some of the day-to-day work of a lawyer. For students wishing to work in a commercial practice, knowledge of foreign language is essential. Introduction to Law is a half course for the second year ICEF students which is a part of the HSE degree programme. It is specifically designated so as not to require any prior exposure to law, and does not suppose that students will necessarily pursue any further law options. Nevertheless, it is designed in the belief that an acquaintance with core law concepts and processes is an essential element in the ICEF curriculum. The course provides an overview of the major legal systems of the world, introduces the students to the study of constitutions and constitutional system of Government. It also focuses on the key legal concepts, principles and doctrines which underpin the core areas of law, including public law, the law of obligations and company law. Teaching objectives. Comparison between the present official law of England and the present droit administratif of FRANCE<sup>53</sup>. Conventions of the CONSTITUTION<sup>63</sup>. First question. Library of Congress Cataloging in Publication Data. Dicey, Albert Venn, 1835-1922. Introduction to the study of the law of the constitution. Reprint. Originally published: 8th ed. Introduction to Law. Definition of law is a rule of conduct developed by government or society over a certain territory. Law follows certain practices and customs in order to deal with crime, business, social relationships, property, finance, etc. The Law is controlled and enforced by the controlling authority. Let us explore the various definitions of law by different authors in detail. Various Definitions of Law. Principle Sources of Indian Law – Customs. Principle Sources of Indian Law – Judicial Decisions. Principle Sources of Indian Law – Statutes and Legislation. Principle Sources of Ind

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introduction 3. This view approaches law as a more or less coherent set of principles and rules that relate to each other according to a particular logic or dynamic. The object of study in jurisprudence is this internal logic and the rules and principles that circulate within it. According to this approach, law comprises a self-contained system that, with some no-table exceptions, works like a syllogism, with abstract principles and legal precedents combined with the concrete facts of the issue at hand leading deductively to legal outcomes. While this model has been up-dated recently to allow What purposes does the Constitution of the United States serve? Introduction. I find the study of constitutional law to be immensely interesting. It concerns some of the most fundamental questions about the nature of our government and our society. The Internet and euthanasia. Constitutional law, in its baffling complexity, is a reflection of our deepest values, our political conflict, and our nation's moral trajectory. I understand, however, from years of teaching that constitutional law is not every student's cup of tea. Some students become frustrated with its "fuzziness." Yes, it is fuzzy--and one cannot take a clear picture of a fuzzy object. INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LAW (Taught in the second semester) 1.) Describe and explain the nature and purpose of law 2.) Understand legal concepts and terminology 3.) Describe the nature and purpose of rights and duties in law 4.) Provide an outline of some of the legal systems of the world 5.) Describe the divisions of law. 6.2 INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LAW Outcomes (On successful completion of this course you will be able to) Assessment Criteria (What evidence must a student provide to show that they are competent?) The student must be able to: 1. Describe and explain the nature and purpose of law 2. Understand legal concepts and terminology. 3. Describe the nature and purpose of rights and duties in law. 1 An Introduction to Law. Text 1: The Two Traditions of Law. 1. Pre-reading tasks. 1. This text has three sections. In order to ensure that everyone adheres to the laws, there are specific penalties, such as fines or imprisonment, for those who are found guilty of breaking them, and there are specific law-enforcement agencies like the police and the courts. Of course, there may be instances where the law is not enforced against someone - such as when children under age commit crimes or when there is so much crime that the police are unable to deal with all offences - but the general nature of modern law is that it is enforced equally against all members of the nation and no one is above the law (this is the importance of studying law. 1. law defines how we are supposed to act. 2. Ignorance of the law is not a defense. 3. learning about the law can be fun. cause of action. A claim that, based on the law and the facts, is sufficient to support a lawsuit. Sometimes someone is wrong but a lawsuit can't be filed. evaluating the facts. where, who, what, and when. Two types of law. Enacted Law and common law. enacted law. reversed: decision is reversed when the court disagrees with the lower court's decision remanded: when the higher court sends the case back to the trial court for a new trial. affirmed: the court agrees with the decision of the lower court. concurring: opinion that agrees with the decision but disagrees with the reasoning of the majority. dissent: opinion that disagrees with the.

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Introduction to the study of the law of the constitution. Reprint. Originally published: 8th ed. Law students in most countries study at the law department of a regular university. In Britain and most other common-law countries, law students typically study for a Bachelor of Laws (LLB, or Legum Baccalaureus – the double L simply means that Legum is plural). The syllabus lists a wide range of legal terms and concepts, and as such offers an excellent introduction to the topics that lawyers need to understand. Although the exercises associated with this text encourage students not to check every unknown word and to develop the skill of guessing meaning from context, there is none the less a danger for teachers here that they may be expected to explain large quantities of terminology. It is therefore essential that you read the text, plus the associated notes in this book importance of studying law.

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