

Legal Language and Terminology Course-1-

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Administrative Coordination:

Targeted group: 4th year law students, lawyers, judges, academicians, paralegals, legal assistants, law enforcement officers and any other person interested in this field.

Course period: 90 days/ 2 days per week/ 2 hrs./ day

Course Date: Monday(20:00-10:00)-Thursday(20:00-10:00)

Materials needed: None. Content will be totally supplied by the lecturer.

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Course Aims:

- Explain the scope and nature of terminology used in law.
- Explain the meaning of Business Law and describe the processes involved in the formation of simple contracts
- Explain the meaning of property law and its processes.
- Research and explain common terms and processes related to wills.
- Describe and investigate legal terminology associated with the areas of Family Law, Bankruptcy and Insurance

Course Topics

The following is a list of topics which will be covered in the course. Please refer to the course schedule for details on topics. Any change related to the course schedule will be communicated to the students through an announcement to all students or by modifying the course syllabus and notifying students of the modified syllabus.

Module 1. Nature and Scope of Legal Language

Module 2. Importance of Language in Law

Module 3. Origin of Legal Words

Module 4. Contract and Business Law

Module 5. Property Law

Module 6. Family Law

Module 7. Wills

Module 8. Bankruptcy

Module 9. Insurance Law

Course Schedule

Week	Dates	Module	Details
Week 1	Monday	Nature and scope of legal language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Definition of legal language- Origin of legal words- Development of legal language
	Thursday		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sources of law- Common legal terms- The legal workplace
Week 2		Importance of language in law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Speaker's personal character- Reaching the audience- Apparent proof of the speeches' words
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Law and signs- Language and legal interpretation- The pragmatic of legal language

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vagueness in language and in law
Week 3		Origin of legal words	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The legacy of Roman Law - The influence of Latin - The survival of indigenous law
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Codification - The influence of French - Legal English around the world - The globalization of legal language
Week 4		Contract and Business Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nature of Contract - Unilateral contracts - Bilateral contracts - Classes of contract - Formal Contracts
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simple contracts - Validity and enforceability - Agreement - Rules as to offer - Rules as to acceptance of an offer
Week 5			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revocation of an offer - Rules as to rejection of an offer - Rules as to lapse of an offer - Intention to Create Legal Relations - Consideration
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rules relating to consideration - Lawful Object - Capacity to Contract - Discharge and Conclusion of Contract - Formation of Simple Contract
Week 6		Property Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Real Property - Personal Property - Conveyancing
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intellectual Property

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patent, Trademarks, Copyright, Design patent - Confidential information (trade secrets)
Week 7		Family Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decree nisi - De facto marriage - Equitable adoption
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption by estoppels - Interlocutory decree - Judgement nisi
Week 8		Wills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will and Trust - Will and Testament - Types of Wills - Beneficiaries
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Testamentary intent - Testamentary capacity - Lack of duress - Absence of undue influence <p>Witnesses</p>
Week 9		Bankruptcy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bankruptcy Vs Insolvency - Types of bankruptcy - Types of debts
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Claims - Remedies - Garnishments - Exemptions
Week 10			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liens - Trustee - Discharge
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Related terminology
Week 11		Insurance Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insurance intermediaries - Insurance contract formation - Insurance contract terms
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Causation - Claims - Subrogation - Abandonment
Week 12			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indemnity - Reinstatement - Mitigation of loss - Ombudsman

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