

INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES & PRINCIPLES OF LEGISLATION SYLLABUS

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A) Principles of Interpretation

1. Meaning of Interpretation and Construction of Statute.
2. Basic Rules of Interpretation.
 - a) Literal or Grammatical Rule of Interpretation.
 - b) Golden Rule of Interpretation.
 - c) Mischief Rule of Interpretation.
3. General principle of Interpretation.
 - a) Statute to be read as a whole.
 - b) Intention of Legislature Predominates.
 - c) Statute to be construed to make it effective and workable.
4. Guiding Rules of Interpretation.
 - a) Causus Omissus.
5. Subsidiary Rules of Interpretation.
 - a) Use of "Shall" and "May"
 - b) "It shall be lawful", "Shall have Power"
 - c) As be deems fit.
 - d) "or" and "and"
 - e) Mandatory and Directory Provisions

6. Maxims.

- a) Ejusdem Genesis.
- b) Expressio Unius Est Exclusio Alterius.
- c) Reddendo Singula Singulis.
- d) Generalia Specilibus non Derogant.
- e) Nosciturus asociis.

7. Internal Aids to Construction.

8. External Aids to Construction.

9. Interpretation of Taxing Statute.

10. Interpretation of Penal Statute.

11. Interpretation of Social and Beneficial Legislation.

12. Interpretation of Constitution.

B) General Clauses Act : The General Clause Act, 1987

C) Principles of Legislation :

- a) Definition and Nature and scope of Legislation
- b) Criteria and Types of Legislations Individualism
- c) Collectivism and Marxism

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