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Opinion Article

## Public law in jurisdictions with common law and civil law

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## DESCRIPTION

Public law is the area of the law that regulates interactions between individuals who are directly relevant to society and the government, as well as between various institutions within a state and between various branches of the government. Public law is considered to include all forms of procedural law as well as administrative law, tax law, criminal law, and administrative law. Laws governing interpersonal relationships fall under the purview of private law. Where, Common law nations have a slightly broader definition of private law because it also includes interactions between the government and private citizens or other organizations. In other words, connections between governments and people based on the law of torts or contracts are governed by private law and are not thought to fall under the purview of public law.

Public law regulates un-equalized and asymmetrical connections. The rights of individuals are subject to decision-making by government entities (local or central). But because of the rule-of-law idea, authorities can only take legal action. The government must uphold the law. For instance, a citizen who disagrees with an administrative authority's judgment may request judicial review from the court. The line separating public law from private law is not always distinct. The division of law into "law for the State" and "law for everyone else" is not a clean one. The division between public and private law is therefore mostly functional rather than factual, classifying laws according to which domain the relevant actions, participants, and primary concerns best belong into. As a result, efforts have been made to develop a theoretical framework for the principles

underlying public law. In the past, the legal systems present in Continental Europe, whose laws all fall under the tradition of civil law, have been used to draw the distinction between public and private law. The public/private division does not, however, exclusively pertain to civil law regimes. Common law legal systems recognize, even if unintentionally, that behaviors that must be forbidden by the State need not always be prohibited for private parties as well, contrary to public law's emphasis on features of the State that are true of all systems of governance and law. As a result, this difference has also been established by legal experts writing on common law jurisdictions like Canada and England. Public law has long held a supplementary role in continental European law. Private law was often regarded as general law. On the other hand, public law was seen to be made up of exceptions to this basic norm. The development of administrative law and various functional fields of law, such as labor law, medical law, and consumer law, as well as the constitutionalization of private law, all of the mentioned are occurred in the latter half of the 20th century. Prior to that time, public law had little influence on European society. Although this started to muddy the line separating public law from private law, the former was unaffected.

By acknowledging that few, if any, areas of the law are immune from possible Condition action, it lifted public law from its formerly marginal state. According to Vittorio Emanuele Orlando's theories, the creation of public law, for instance, was seen as a project of state-building in Italy. Public law now includes criminal law, administrative law, and constitutional law in nations like France.

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