

Lecture Five: Private Law

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Translate the following passages

Civil-law systems are based mainly on statutes (legislative acts). The majority of civil-law countries have assembled their statutes into one or more carefully organized collections called codes. Most modern law codes can be traced back to the famous code commissioned by the Roman emperor Justinian I in the A.D. 500's. Justinian's code updated and summarized the whole of Roman law. It was called the *Corpus Juris Civilis*, meaning *Body of Civil Law*. For this reason, legal systems that are based on the Roman system of statute and code law are known as *civil law* systems. This use of the term *civil law* should not be confused with its use as an alternative term for *criminal law*. In civil law countries, such as France, Germany, and Mexico, the statutes, not the courts, provide the final answer to any question of law. (Cited in P.83 book of English for Law Student, 1999).

Other systems.

Many countries have patterned their legal system after both civil law and common law. For example, Japan and most Latin American nations have assembled all their private law into a code. But public law in these countries has been greatly influenced by common-law principles, especially those that guarantee the rights and liberties of the people. (ibid)

 Grammar to be revised: Passive Voice

Ex. 1. Read a sentence and write another sentence with the same meaning.

Model: The committee examines the matter in detail. (The matter...)

The matter is considered in detail by the committee.

1. The Government sponsors most public bills that become laws.

Most public bills are sponsored.....

2. The Prime Minister appoints and dismisses members of the government.

Members of the government are appointed.....

3. The Sovereign grants membership of the Privy Council to eminent people of Britain.

Eminent people of Britain are granted.....

4. The Queen summons, prorogues and dissolves Parliament.

Parliament is prorogued and dissolved.....