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SUBJECT SYLLABUS



THE IRISH LEGAL SYSTEM (REPUBLIC OF IRELAND ONLY)

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Introduction:

Irish Legal System a Common Law System

Sources of Law:

Development of the Irish Legal System
The Arrival of English Law
Establishment of Northern Ireland & the Irish Free State

The Legal Profession:

Solicitors
Barristers
Law Officers
Legal Education

The Court system:

Introduction & Development
The Court System
The Judiciary
Appointment
Judicial Independence
Vacating Office
Court Officers
The Management of the Court System
Civil & Criminal Procedure
Appellate Jurisdiction

The Government:

Administrative Law
Adjudicative Bodies

Access to the Law:

Remedies
Enforcement
Law Reform
Precedent
Stare Decisis
Ratio Decidendi
Obiter Dicta
Legislation
Interpretation of Legislation

Legislative Process:

Delegated Legislation
Interpretation of Legislation
The Constitution & Its Interpretation
European Community Law
International Law

Reading List**Main Text:**

The Irish Legal System - Byrne & McCutcheon (Butterworth)