

What is Statutory Interpretation?

- Legislation usually drafted by Parliamentary counsel
- Parliament's role is to create legislation
- Judge's role is to apply it
- No matter how hard Parliamentary counsel work to make clear always some issues with definition
- Sometimes deliberately broad to allow flexibility
- This often means that judges have to interpret the Acts
- 75% of cases heard by Lords (now Supreme Court) are Statutory Interpretation

Statutory Interpretation

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Statutory Interpretation:

Dynamic Statutory Interpretation William N. Eskridge, 1994 Contrary to traditional theories of statutory interpretation which ground statutes in the original legislative text or intent legal scholar William Eskridge argues that statutory interpretation changes in response to new political alignments new interpreters and new ideologies It does so first of all because it involves richer authoritative texts than does either common law or constitutional interpretation statutes are often complex and have a detailed legislative history Second Congress can and often does rewrite statutes when it disagrees with their interpretations and agencies and courts attend to current as well as historical congressional preferences when they interpret statutes Third since statutory interpretation is as much agency centered as judge centered and since agency executives see their creativity as more legitimate than judges see theirs statutory interpretation in the modern regulatory state is particularly dynamic Eskridge also considers how different normative theories of jurisprudence liberal legal process and antiliberal inform debates about statutory interpretation He explores what theory of statutory interpretation if any is required by the rule of law or by democratic theory Finally he provides an analytical and jurisprudential history of important debates on statutory interpretation

The Theory and Practice of Statutory Interpretation Frank B. Cross, 2008-11-19 Today statutes make up the bulk of the relevant law heard in federal courts and arguably represent the most important source of American law The proper means of judicial interpretation of those statutes have been the subject of great attention and dispute over the years This book provides new insights into the theory and practice of statutory interpretation by courts Cross offers the first comprehensive analysis of statutory interpretation and includes extensive empirical evidence of Supreme Court practice He offers a thorough review of the active disputes over the appropriate approaches to statutory interpretations namely whether courts should rely exclusively on the text or also examine the legislative history The book then considers the use of these approaches by the justices of the recent Rehnquist Court and the degree to which they were applied by the justices either sincerely or in pursuit of an ideological agenda

Interpreting Statutes Suzanne Corcoran, Stephen Bottomley, 2005 *Interpreting Statutes* was cited 4 times by the High Court in *Momcilovic v The Queen* 2011 HCA 34 8 September 2011 *Interpreting Statutes* has been written for lawyers and judges who must interpret statutes on a daily basis as well as for students and scholars who have their own responsibility for the future This book takes a new approach to statutory interpretation The authors consider the fundamental importance of context in statutory interpretation across various fields of regulation and explore the problems which arise from the frequent disjunction between regulatory design and subsequent statutory interpretation As a result they bring to the fore fundamental theoretical questions underlying interpretive choice and expand our appreciation of how critical interpretive issues are to the proper functioning of our legal system The book is divided into two parts The first covers several areas dealing with fundamental theoretical issues The second deals with particular areas of the law such as criminal law or corporate law addressing the utility and

functionality of the general theories from different legal perspectives and illustrating the fact that different interpretive principles may take precedence in different areas of the law. It reveals the complexity of statutory interpretation when applied to actual practice in a particular area of law. Despite this complexity and the unique problems of statutory interpretation within each area of law, some major themes emerge including the strong influence of constitutional interpretation, tension between common law rights and statutory innovation, questions about the interaction of domestic law with international law, tension between settled judicial principles of interpretation and principles embedded in legislation, issues concerning the interpretation of delegated legislation and questions about gap filling and discretion in the interpretation of statutes and codes.

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