

Victoria **Law** Foundation's Resources

[Unit 3 Legal Studies](#)

Week 1

Introduction rights and justice

Distinctions between civil and criminal law, Parliament and judge-made law

Principles of Justice

[Magna Carta – The story of our freedom](#)

[An overview of the Victorian Legal System](#)

[Legislation and judge-made law](#)

[How Laws are made - Courts](#)

[The Principles of Justice: Equality, Fairness and Access](#)

[Fair trial and fair hearing rights](#)

Week 2

Distinctions between summary and indictable offences

[Summary and Indictable Offences](#)

The burden and standard of proof

[The Standard of Proof](#)

The presumption of innocence

[Rights of an accused in a fair trial](#)

Week 3

Rights of the accused

[Rights of an accused in a fair trial](#)

Rights of victims

[Victims of Crime](#)

[Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal](#)

[Factsheet: Victims' rights and roles](#)

[The role of Victims of Crime in the criminal trial process](#)

[Online Law Talks: The Victorian Legal System – Courts, Juries and Judges \(Jane Patrick and Paul Dore\)](#)

[Fair trial and fair hearing rights](#)

Week 4

Determining a criminal case

Legal Aid and Community Legal Centres

Reasons for a court hierarchy

[Your Day in Court](#)

[Factsheet: Criminal trial process](#)

[About Community Legal Centres](#)

[What is the Neighbourhood Justice Centre?](#)

[Victoria's courts and tribunals](#)

[Structure of the courts](#)

[Learning the law: fines and driving offences](#)

[Youthlaw – making a difference to young lives](#)

[VCE Legal Studies – Criminal case scenario – introduction](#)

[VCE Legal Studies – Criminal case scenario – Part 1](#)

[VCE Legal Studies – Criminal case scenario – Part 2](#)

[VCE Legal Studies – Criminal case scenario – Part 3](#)

Week 5

Purposes of committal proceedings

Plea negotiations and sentence indicators

[The Magistrates' Court of Victoria](#)

[The Judge and Sentencing](#)

[Guilty Pleas and Sentencing](#)

Week 6

Responsibilities of key personnel in a criminal trial, including the judge, jury and legal practitioners

[Online Law Talks: The Victorian Legal System – Courts, Juries and Judges \(Jane Patrick and Paul Dore\)](#)

[Victorian Law Week 2021: What's in a sentence?](#)

[Online Law Talks - Paul Dore - Juries Victoria](#)

[Q&A with the Chief Judge](#)

['Dear Judge, please help'](#)

[Sentencing at the County Court](#)

[The Judge and Sentencing](#)

[Life as a barrister](#)

[Factsheet: County Court work and personnel](#)

[Factsheet: Appointment, role and power of judges](#)
[Victorian Legal Studies – Crime Case Scenario – Part 1](#)

Week 7

Types of sanctions and their purposes and factors considered when sentencing

[Victorian Law Week 2021: Courts and the Media](#)

[Victorian Law Week 2021: What's in a sentence](#)

['Dear Judge, please help'](#)

[Sentencing at the County Court](#)

[You be the judge: virtual tour](#)

[You be the judge \(Four case studies\)](#)

[Why mandatory sentencing fails](#)

[Victorian Sentencing Manual: Part C – Sanctions](#)

[Victorian Sentencing Manual – Part E – Offences](#)

[Victorian Sentencing Manual](#)

[The Judge and Sentencing](#)

[Sentencing Snapshots](#)

[Drug Court](#)

[Sentencing Children and Young People in Australia](#)

[SACStat](#)

[Learning the law: fines and driving](#)

[Fact sheet: Sentencing and the principles of justice](#)

[Diversion programs](#)

[County Court Decisions of Note](#)

[County Court Criminal Division sentencing decisions](#)

[A Quick Guide to Sentencing](#)

[See also County Court criminal case studies](#)

Week 8

Reforms to criminal law

[Ability of Parliament and Courts to respond to need for law reform](#)

[Online Law Talks – Nick Gadd, Victorian Law Reform Commission](#)

[Law Reform in Action](#)

[VLRC Part 1: About the VLRC](#)

[VLRC Part 2: Neighbourhood tree disputes](#)

[New Laws to Crack Down on Emergency Worker Attacks](#)

[County Court and law reform](#)

[Engage Education – Role of the VLRC](#)

[The 227 Recommendations on Family Violence](#)

Week 9

Victorian Civil Justice System – key concepts and resolving a civil dispute

[The Principles of Justice: Equality, Fairness and Access](#)

[Civil Liability Task](#)

[S140 – Civil proceedings: standard of proof](#)

[Sorts of Torts Task](#)

[Tort of Defamation Outline](#)

[Tort of Defamation Task](#)

[Defamation in Action – Geoffrey Rush case study](#)

[Tort of Negligence Outline](#)

[Tort of Negligence Task](#)

[Your guide to dispute resolution](#)

[VLRC Access to justice review: Litigation funding and group proceedings](#)

[Victoria's super tribunal: how VCAT evolved into Australia's busiest tribunal for resolving civil disputes](#)

[Victoria's courts and tribunals](#)

[Engage Education – Civil Remedies](#)

Week 10

Methods of resolving civil disputes

[Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman](#)

[Ombudsman investigation into Department of Health oversight of Mentone Gardens](#)

[Legal Briefs Episode 2 – The Adversarial System](#)

[Legal Briefs Episode 10 – Mediation](#)

[Law Week Law Talks: the role of the Victorian Ombudsman](#)

[How can the Victorian Ombudsman help you?](#)

[Factsheet: Civil trial process](#)

[Factsheet: Access to justice and dispute resolution](#)

[Energy and Water Ombudsman Victoria](#)

[Derham v Chamber Trustee Services Pty Ltd and Anor \[2017\] VCC 1174](#)

[County Court civil case scenario video – Introduction](#)

[Civil Juries Charge Book](#)

[Appropriate/Alternative Dispute Resolution \(ADR\) learning Resource](#)

[Study Notes: Arbitration, Conciliation and Mediation](#)

[About Community Legal Centres](#)

[Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria](#)

Week 11

Purpose and appropriateness of Consumer Affairs Victoria and VCAT

[The Australian Consumer Law](#)

[Legal Help](#)

[Consumer Affairs Victoria](#)

[And Introduction to VCAT](#)

[A Guide to VCAT's Human Rights Division](#)

[Victoria's super tribunal: how VCAT evolved into Australia's busiest tribunal for resolving civil disputes](#)

[VCAT Practice Notes](#)

Week 12

Court hierarchy's role in civil disputes - purposes of pre-trial procedures

Judicial powers of case management

[VCE Legal Studies – Civil case scenario – Introduction](#)

[VCE Legal Studies – Civil case scenario 1](#)

[VCE Legal Studies – Civil case scenario 2](#)

[VCE Legal Studies – Civil case scenario 3](#)

[Legal Briefs Episode 5 – Civil justice](#)

[Legal Briefs Episode 10 – Mediation](#)

[Factsheet: Civil trial process](#)

[Factsheet: Appointment, role and powers of judges](#)

[Civil Procedure Act](#)

Log onto www.wiki.engageeducation.org.au then open Legal Studies Notes, Scroll to Unit 4 Area of Study 2 and see Civil pre-trial procedures and Purposes of civil pre-trial procedures.

Week 13

Responsibilities of judge, jury, parties and practitioners in civil trials

[Online Law Talks – Paul Dore, Juries Commissioner](#)

[Jury Service in Victoria](#)

[Juries and social media: not like peaches and cream](#)

[Q&A with the Chief Judge](#)

[‘Dear Judge, please help’](#)

[Life as a barrister](#)

[How evidence is tested in courts](#)

[Factsheet: Civil trial process](#)

[VCE Legal Studies – Civil case scenario – Introduction](#)

[VCE Legal Studies – Civil case scenario – Part 1](#)

Week 14

The purpose of remedies – damages and injunctions and their specific purposes

[Engage Education – Civil Remedies](#)

[County Court Civil case scenario video - Introduction](#)

[Tort of Defamation Outline](#)

[Tort of Negligence Outline](#)

[VCE Legal Studies – Civil case scenario – Part 3](#)

[Maley v O’Shane \[2017\] VCC 1996](#)

[Hunt v Bailey and Anor \[2017\] VCC 990](#)

[Derham v Chamber Trustee Services Pty Ltd and Anor \[2017\] VCC 1174](#)

[6DC Pty Ltd v Dunleavy, Prince and Raston \[2016\] VCC 4253](#)

Week 15

Factors affecting ability of civil justice system to achieve principles of justice – reforms

[The Principles of Justice: Equality, Fairness and Access](#)

[Rights of equality and non-discrimination](#)

[Factsheet: Access to justice and dispute resolution](#)

[Fair court costs](#)

[Victoria Law Reform Commission Part 1: About the VLRC](#)

[Victoria Law Reform Commission Part 2: Neighbourhood Tree Disputes](#)

[Online Law Talks – Nick Gadd, Victorian Law Reform Commission](#)

[Law Reform in Action](#)

[Factsheet: County Court and law reform](#)

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