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Understanding law

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The hierarchy of sources

- Legislation
- (Preparatory works)
- Customary law
- Practice from courts and other authoritative bodies
- Doctrine (legal writing)



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- Legislation
 - International agreements
 - EU-law (regulations and directives)
 - National law
- (Preparatory works)



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The hierarchy of sources

- Customary law
 - A certain legal practice is observed
 - The relevant actors consider it to be law



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The hierarchy of sources

- Practice from courts and other authoritative bodies
 - World Trade Organization (WTO) Panels
 - EU Court of Justice
 - National courts
 - Etc.



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The hierarchy of sources

- Doctrine (legal writing)
 - Monographs
 - Legal Journals, etc.



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How to solve a legal problem

- Getting started
- Where to find legal material
- Solve the problem
- When to stop



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Questions?
