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Name of the Course : LLB **(** HONOURS**)**	**Type of Course :** CBCS
Year : 2nd Year	**Semester : 3rd**
Subject Code : ALCH03ELLB1	**Subject** : INTERPRITATION OF STATUTE
W.E.F. : 2026-27	**Teaching Hours : 60** Hours

Teaching & Examination Scheme:

Credit	Lec	Lab	Tut	Internal Marks			External Marks		Passing Marks	Passing Marks	Total Marks
				T	P	CE	T	P	Internal	External	Int+Ext
4	4	-	-	30	-	10	60	-	16/40	24/60	40/100

Lect = Lecture, Tut = Tutorial, Lab= Lab,T=Theory,P=Practical Theory Passing % :40, Practical Passing

Course Objectives:	1. To enable students to ascertain the true intention of the creator of the law. Since words can be ambiguous, the objective is to learn how to determine the Legislative Intent when a statute is silent, vague, or contradictory**. L4 Analyze / L5 Evaluate** 2. To develop the skill of applying different rules of construction based on the nature of the law. **L3 Apply** 3. To provide a deep understanding of the "Rules of the Game." Students must master linguistic maxims like Ejusdem Generis (words of the same kind) and Noscitur a Sociis (meaning from context) to resolve technical ambiguities in legal drafting. **L3 Apply** 4. To train students in the forensic use of Internal and External Aids. **L4 Analyze** 5. To ensure that every interpretation aligns with the Object of the Law and the Constitution. This involves the "Purposive Rule"—interpreting a statute in a way that promotes the purpose of the Act rather than defeating it through literal rigidness**. L5 Evaluate**

Course Outcome (CO):

Upon completion of the course, student shall be able to

CO 1	To provide a comprehensive understanding of the conceptual framework, meaning, and fundamental purpose of statutory interpretation in the legal system.
CO 2	To examine the various classifications of statutes and their operational mechanics, including commencement, repeal, and the principles of retrospective and prospective application.
CO 3	To develop proficiency in applying primary rules of construction, specifically the Literal, Golden, and Mischief rules, to resolve linguistic ambiguities in legislation.
CO 4	To analyze the doctrine of Harmonious Construction and the principles of Strict and Liberal construction in the context of various types of legislation.
CO 5	To master the use of linguistic maxims and subsidiary rules, such as Ejusdem Generis and Noscitur a Sociis, for the precise extraction of legislative intent.
CO 6	To differentiate the specialized techniques required for interpreting specific subject matters, including Taxing, Penal, and Remedial statutes.
CO 7	To apply core Constitutional doctrines, such as Pith and Substance, Colorable Legislation, and Repugnancy, to determine the validity and scope of legislative powers.
CO 8	To cultivate practical legal reasoning and analytical skills through the critical study of landmark judicial precedents and contemporary case law.

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Detail of Syllabus: INTERPRETATION OF STATUTE
Total Teaching Hour: 60 Hours

Module	Description	25%
1.	**THE MEANING, OBJECT AND NECESSITY OF INTERPRETATION**	**(4)**
1.1	Meaning of Interpretation	
1.2	Object and Purpose of Interpretation	
1.3	Necessity to Interpret A Provision	
1.4	Types of Statutes and Classification of Statutes	
1.5	Operation of Statutes – Commencement, Expiry, Repeal, Retrospective,Operation	
1.6	Fundamental Principle of Interpretation	
1.7	Guiding Rule of Interpretation	
1.8	**Kinds Of Construction** Literal Construction, Golden Rule, Mischief Rule**,** Harmonious Construction, Strict Constriction, Liberal and Beneficent Construction	
1.9	**Construction of General Words** 1. Noscitur a Sociis 2.Rule of Ejusdem generis 3. Reddendo Singula Singulis 4. Casus Omissus	
1.10	**Case Study** 1. Bhatia International Vs. Bulk Trading S.A.((2002) 4 SCC 105 AIR 2002 SC 1432) 2. Pandian Chemical Ltd. Vs. C.I.T. ((2003) 5 SCC 590) 3. Tata Consultancy Services Vs. State of AP ((2005)1 SCC 308) 4.Mumbai Kamgar Sabh, Bombay Vs. Abdull Bhai Faizulla Bhai (AIR 1967 SC 1455) 5. Keshvalaal Vs. Mohanlal, (AIR 1968 SC 1336) 6. Madhavrav Sindhiya Vs. Union Of India (AIR 1971 SC 531) 7.Tukmansing Vs. Union of India (AIR 2011 All. 51) 8. Kavita G. Pillai Vs. Joint Director (AIR (2017) Ker. 12) 9. Nemaichandra Vs. Manisqver (AIR 2015 SC 2955)	
1.11	**Practical Application** 1. The "Words in Motion" Game (Topic: Literal vs. Golden Rule) 2. Time Machine" Debate 3. Case Analysis 4. Statute Scavenger Hunt	
2	**INTERNAL AIDS AND EXTERNAL AIDS**	**25%**
2.1	Title, Preamble, Definition, Clause, Heading,	**(4)**
2.2	Marginal Notes, Punctuation Marks, Illustration, Proviso, Explanation,	
2.3	Schedules, Procedural Provisions, Exceptional and Saving Clauses,	
2.4	Non Obstante Clause, Transitional Provision	
2.5	External Aids	
2.6	Dictionaries, Parliamentary history, Historical fact and surrounding circumstances,	
2.7	Later Social, Political and Economic Development and scientific inventions, Reference to other statutes,	
2.8	Use of Foreign Decisions & Judgements **,** Text book**,** Precedent**,** websites	

2.9	Codifying and Consolidating Statutes, Modern Trend	
2.10	**Case Study** 1. Union of India Vs. Elphinstone Spinning and Weaving Co. Ltd. (AIR 2001 SC 724) 2. Kedarnath Vs. State of West Bengal (AIR 1953 SC 404) 3. Bengal Immunity Co. Ltd. Vs. State of Bihar (2001 8 SCC 607) 4. Keshavlal Khemchand and Sons Pvt. Ltd. Vs. Union of India (2005 (4) SCC 770) 5.Re Rameshwar Prasad 6. Jay Engineering Works Ltd. Vs. Insdurty Facilitation Council, (AIR 2006 SC 3252) 7. Forthergill V. Monrcha Airlines (1980 (2) All ER 696 8.R. v. G (2003 (4) All ER 765) 9. Subramanian Swamy V. Manmohan Singh (2012 SCC 64)	
2.11	**Practical Application** **1.** Quick Reference for Activity 2. Class Activities by Topic	
3	**SUBSIDIARY RULES OF INTERPRETATION**	**25% (4)**
3.1	Operation of Statute	
3.2	Presumption in Statutory Interpretation	
3.3	Presumption that legislation in territorial	
3.4	Presumption of Constitutionality/ Jurisdiction/ validity	
3.5	Presumption against Hardship, Inconvenience, Injustice	
3.6	Presumption against permitting advantage from one's own wrong	
3.7	Presumption of Prospective Operation of Statute	
3.8	Consideration of Absurdity, Futility, Injustice, Inconvenience, Anomaly, Hardship	
3.9	**Case Study** 1. Brihanmumbai Mahanagarpalika V. Willingdon Sports Club (2013 (16) SCC 260) 2.Lachmi Narain Vs. Union of India , (AIR 2002 SC 444) 3. State of Punjab Vs. Bhajan Kaur (2008 12 SCC 112 4.Gem granites Vs. Commissioner of Income Tax,TN (2005 (1) SCC289) 5.B. Premanand Vs. Mohan Koikal (2011 (4) SCC 266 AIR 2011 SC 1925) 6. Union of India Vs. Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd. (AIR 2008 SC 2286)	
3.10	**Practical Application** **1. Case Study Focus** **2. Speed Dating**	
4.	**INTERPRETATION WITH RESPECT TO SUBJECT MATTER AND PURPOSE**	**25% (4)**
4.1	Construction of taxing statutes	
4.2	Remedial and Penal Statutes	
4.3	Mens Rea in Statutory offences	

4.4	Vicarious liability in statutory Offences	
4.5	Offences by Legal Person eg. State and Companies	
4.6	Principles of Constitutional Interpretation	
4.7	Harmonious Construction 4	
4.8	Doctrine of pith and substance	
4.9	Colorable Legislation	
4.10	Doctrine of repugnancy	
4.11	Prospective Overruling	
4.12	Doctrine Eclipse	
4.13	Statutes Affecting Jurisdiction of Courts	
4.14	**Case Study** 1. Tata Sky Limited Vs. State of Madhya Pradesh (2013 (4) SCC 656) 2. Municipal Corporation of Delhi vs. Female Workers (muster roll AIR 2000 SC 1274) 3. CIT Vs. Walfort Share of Stock brokers Ltd. (2010 (8) SCC 137) 4. Prof. Yashpal Vs. State of Chhatishgarh (2005 (5) SCC 420) 5. MAhendra lal Jaini Vs. State of Uttar Pradesh (AIR 1963 SC 1019) 6. Rohtas Industries Ltd. Vs. Rohtas Industries Staff Union (AIR 1976 SC 425)	
4.15	**Practical Application** 1. The Doctrine Defense 2. Real-World Case Study 3. Group Tasks of Legal Teams	

Suggested References

Reference Books:

1. Principles of Statutory Interpretation - G.P. Singh
2. Interpretation of Statutes - Vepa P. Sarathi
3. Interpretation of Statutes - N.S. Bindra
4. Interpretation of Statutes – C N Mathur, Central Law Publication
5. Interpretation of Statutes – Rohan Thakar
6. Justice G.P. Singh: *Principles of Statutory Interpretation*

Online Reference:

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2. e- PG Pathshala (MHRD)
3.SCC Online