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# Introduction to Law in KZ (Lecture #1)

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# Terms & Translation

- a. Law – Право
  - b. Statute - Закон
  - c. Offense - правонарушение
  - d. Tort – деликт
  - e. Felony – преступление
  - f. Misdemeanor - проступок
  - g. Normative – нормативный (обязательный)
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# Plan

- I. What is Law? (Law vs. Statute)
  - II. Legal Acts
  - III. Hierarchy of Legal Acts
  - IV. Scope of Study
  - V. Offense
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# I. What is Law?

- What is Law?
- Law vs.(против) Statute



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# I. What is Law?

- Law (definition) – set of
    - (1) compulsory norms of behavior
    - (2) sanctioned and enforced by government
    - (3) to be complied with by all people in the country
  - Statute – source of law, legal (i.e., binding/то есть, обязательный) act
    - Hierarchy of legal acts
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## II. Legal Acts

- Legislative Act (законодательный акт)

**vs. or versus** (против)

- Sub-legislative Act (подзаконный акт)
    - Why it is necessary to define acts and know the hierarchy?
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## II. Legal Acts

### Example

- Let's assume that KZ president issued a decree authorizing (уполномочивающий) the police to make arbitrary (произвольные) arrests of people in KZ without court or prosecutor sanctions.
  - Let's assume that it contradicts (противоречит) KZ Criminal Procedure Code?
    - What act prevails? Code or Presidential Decree?
    - What act is legislative? What act is sub-legislative?
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# III. Hierarchy of legal acts

- **Legislative acts (законодательные акты)**
    - A. Constitution
    - B. Constitutional Statute
    - C. Code
    - D. Statute
    - E. Presidential Decrees having the force of Statute
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# III. Hierarchy of legal acts

- **Sub-Legislative Acts (подзаконные акты)**
    - A. Presidential Decrees
    - B. Acts of Parliament
    - C. Acts of Cabinet of Ministers
    - D. Other government acts
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## IV. Scope of Study

1. Theory of State & Law
  2. Criminal Law
  3. Civil Law
  4. Constitutional Law
  5. Labor Law
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# V. Offense

1. Offense (правонарушение) vs.
  2. Felony (преступление) vs.
  3. Misdemeanor (проступок) vs.
  4. Tort (деликт)
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# V. Offense

- What are the differences?



# V. Offense

**Offense**

**Tort  
(Civil  
Offense)**

**Misdemeanor  
(Administrative  
Offense)**

**Felony  
(Criminal  
Offense)**