

Topics Covered in the Open Access Legislative Drafting Courses

LGST 551 Introduction to Legislative Drafting

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[Legislative Structure, Style and Limits.](#)

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- What do we mean by “interpretive approaches and rules”?
- How should legislative counsel look at interpretive approaches and rules?
- How should legislative counsel take account of interpretive approaches and rules?
- What questions of interpretation arise most commonly?

2. Judicial approaches to interpretation.

- How do judicial approaches affect drafting?
- How can we anticipate judicial approaches?

3. Interpretive assumptions and presumptions.

- What are the principal linguistic assumptions?
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- What intrinsic aids may be used?
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Module 3: Section 2 - How do we work with Interpretation Acts?

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- Why are Interpretation Acts important to legislative counsel?
- How are the benefits of Interpretation Acts obtained?

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LGST 555 Drafting Preliminary, Amending and Final Provisions

[Drafting Preliminary, Amending, and Final Provisions.](#)

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- [What matters are usually contained in preliminary or final provisions?](#)
- [How are preliminary and final provisions arranged?](#)

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2. Preambles.

- What purposes do preambles serve?
- When might a preamble be used?
- How should a preamble be drafted?

3. Words of enactment.

- What purposes do words of enactment serve?
- How are words of enactment dealt with?

4. Short titles.

- What purposes does a short title serve?
- How should a short title be selected?
- How should a short title be drafted?

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Module 1: Section 3 – How do we draft commencement and duration provisions?

1. Commencement provisions.

- What purposes do commencement provisions serve?
- When are commencement provisions needed?
- What are good reasons for including commencement provisions?
- How should commencement provisions be drafted?

2. Expiry provisions.

- What purposes do expiry provisions serve?
- How should expiry provisions be drafted?

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Module 1: Section 4 – How do we draft interpretation provisions?

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- What are interpretation provisions?
- What is the difference between a definition and an interpretive rule?
- Where should interpretation provisions be placed?
- Do interpretation provisions have any shortcomings?

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 - [When are application provisions most commonly used?](#)
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 - [How has past-application generally been treated in law?](#)
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4. Drafting saving and transitional provisions.
 - How does the presumption against retrospective legislation relate to these provisions?
 - How do we decide which matters should be saved?
 - What forms may saving provisions take?
 - How should the drafting of transitional provisions be approached?
 - What forms may transitional provisions take?
 - What practical points should be borne in mind?

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LGST 557 Implementation Provisions and Drafting Processes

Implementation Provisions and Drafting Practices.

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 - When are penal provisions likely to be useful?
 - What alternatives are there to penal provisions?
 - What factors should we bear in mind when using alternatives?
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 - What general factors should we bear in mind?
 - What steps should we take to determine the content of penal provisions?
 - Step 1: Are penal provisions required?
 - Step 2: Is the same activity already subject to penal provisions under existing law?
 - Step 3: Whose and what precise conduct is to be prohibited?
 - Step 4: Should the mental element be addressed expressly?
 - Step 5: At what level of court is the offence to be triable?
 - Step 6: What is the maximum penalty to be attached to the offence?
 - Step 7: Should any special defence be included?
 - Step 8: Should any limitations on prosecutions be included?
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 - How should we draft penal provisions?
 - How may offence provisions be expressed?
 - When should we use these different forms?
 - Can the style of offence provisions be improved?
 - What particular points should we look out for?

- [Describing the offender.](#)
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- [Who is to be the delegate?](#)
- [Is any body to be linked with the making? If so, how?](#)
- [What powers are to be delegated?](#)
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Appendix - Checklist for drafting subsidiary legislative powers.

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 - How does drafting subsidiary legislation differ from drafting bills?
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 - How should we approach the drafting of subsidiary legislation?
 - How do we check to prevent unauthorised subsidiary legislation?
3. Drafting details.
 - Two instruments or one?
 - What are the characteristic features of subsidiary instruments?
 - What type of instrument is required?
 - What headings are required?
 - What authorising words should be used?
 - How should the title be drafted?
 - When should provision be made for commencement?
 - When should definitions be included?
 - What special factors should be borne in mind in drafting substantive provisions?
 - Should section notes be provided?
 - Are there special features for amending, repealing or re-enacting provisions?
 - What authenticating words are needed?
 - How should an instrument be dated?
 - Should an explanatory note be added?
4. Drafting executive instruments.
 - What should we bear in mind when drafting executive instruments?

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Module 2: Law-making processes and working with clients.

Module 2: Section 1 – What are the processes for making laws and our role as legislative counsel?

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 - [How are drafting instructions provided?](#)
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 - [What questions might we ask to understand instructions?](#)
 - [What questions might we ask to ascertain the elements of the proposal?](#)
 - [How might we approach the task of analysis?](#)
 - [What other analytical aids can we use?](#)
 - [Should the analysis be discussed with the client Ministry?](#)

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