

A New Legal System for Wales

Wales needs a completely new legal system to develop our culture and notable social values. A Welsh Civil Legal system is needed to replace the English Common Law Legal system. The English Common Law system is costly and based on adversarialism and individualistic values.

In its place, we need a system with the following attributes:-

- **A More Organised and Accessible System**
The law should be organised to ensure that key principles and important details are clear and intelligible. The system should be simply published and be open to discussion and reasonable developments.
- **A Non-adversarial System**
The Common Law system is too adversarial regarding criminal justice matters. Wales needs an independent judicial process with investigative powers to decide whether cases need to be sent for a full trial.
- **A Simplified System with regard to Land Law and Commercial Law Matters**
The legal system should be reorganised in order to create legal forms which are simpler to implement and which will reduce transactional costs. That means that a more established legal form will need to be used with regard to commercial activities, with the judge playing a more important role if any dispute reaches the courts.
- **A Judiciary which is Independent from the Legal Profession**
A judiciary which is independent from the general legal profession needs to be created. The new judiciary will operate as a particular career, with the possibility of joining after university and after sitting certain exams. This system will reduce costs and help to arrange special training for the role.
- **New Courses at Universities in Wales**
Two different law courses need to be created at universities in Wales, namely Welsh Civil Law and English Common Law.