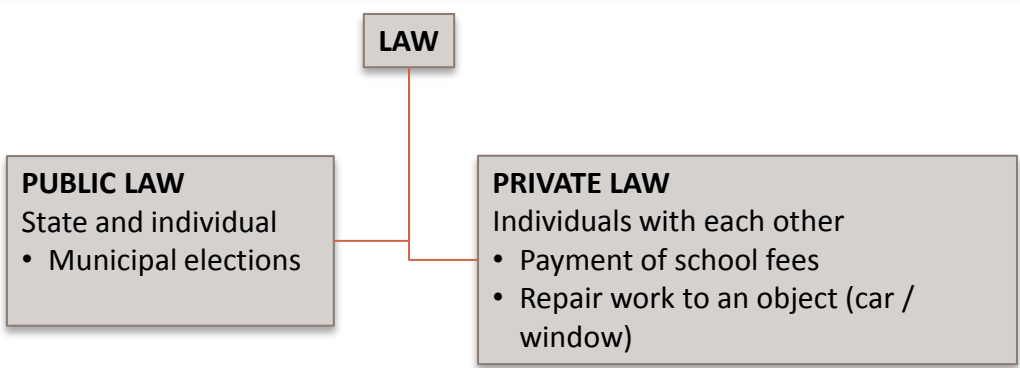


- Characteristics of the law:**
- Law governs human behaviour / conduct
  - Law should be obeyed by ALL of society
  - Law is enforced by state organs
  - By ignoring the Law we may be prosecuted / punished



**LAW**

**FORMAL / PROCEDURAL LAW**  
Followed in legal proceedings

- Evidence allowed in court, how court cases are decided

**SUBSTANTIVE / MATERIAL LAW**  
Contents and meaning of different legal rules



**The law and other normative systems**

**Religion**

**Individual morality**  
Personal ethics, being honest, not drinking too much.

**Community mores**  
The norms of a whole community. Collective morals (*Etiquette, fashion, interracial marriage*)

- Question about Justice**
- Laws can be just or unjust
- Formal Justice:**
- Must be **explicit rules** laid down to show how people must be treated in specific cases
  - Rules must apply **generally**. Must apply to all people in the same circumstances
  - Rule must be applied **impartially** by a legal institution (judge may not be biased)
- Substantive justice (material law):**
- The content of the rule – not the way it will be applied

**Formal Law is that part of the law that regulates the enforcement of substantive law**