
Method Without Madness

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**Though this be madness, yet there is
method in't**

William Shakespeare *Hamlet* I:ii 211

Legal Method

systematising law

simplifying law

algorithm

Macro Analysis

Macro analysis involves looking at the:

big picture # overall shape

boundaries # structure

of a subject

Micro Analysis

<u>Rule</u>
Element 1
Element 2
Element n
↓
Consequences

Making Law

<u>Statutes</u>	\Rightarrow	<u>Effects</u>	\Rightarrow	<u>Net Benefit</u>
Statute 0		Effect 0		Net Benefit 0
Statute 1		Effect 1		Net Benefit 1
Statute 2		Effect 2		Net Benefit 2
Statute n		Effect n		Net Benefit n

Interpreting Law

Statute X	→	→	→	Effect X
				↓
Meaning 1		Effect 1		↓
Meaning 2	←	Effect 2	←	Effect X
Meaning n		Effect n		

Using Law

<u>Law</u>	←	<u>Facts</u>	←	<u>Evidence</u>
Element 1		Fact 1		Evidence 1
Element 2		Fact 2		Evidence 2
Element n		Fact n		Evidence n
Consequences				

5 Writing Law

Level 1 Words

Level 2 Sentences

Level 3 Joining Sentences

Level 4 Paragraphs

Level 5 Joining Paragraphs

Level 6 Overall Structure

The End of Legal Method

