**Types of Law (Divisions of Law)**

**1.**

**A. Private Law (British terminology – Civil law)**

- E.g. Contract law (záväzkové právo), Civil law (občianske právo), Commercial law (obchodné právo), Company law (právo obchodných spoločností), Employment / labour law (pracovné právo), Family law, Law of Succession / Inheritance law (dedičské právo)

**B. Public Law**

- E.g. Constitutional law (ústavné) Administrative law (správne), Criminal (trestné)

* *Private law regulates those legal relationships, which exist between various natural or artificial persons (legal persons).*
* *Public law regulates those legal relationships, in which at least one of the parties is a public authority.*

**2.**

**A. National Law**

**B. International Law**

* *International public law regulates the legal relationships between nations, countries and international organizations.*
* *International private law deals with those relationships, in which there is a diversity of citizenship between the persons involved.*

**3.**

**A. Substantive Law** (hmotné právo)

- defines the rights and duties of the persons

**B. Procedural Law** (procesné právo)

- declares the legal steps that need to be taken in order to exercise a right or fulfill an obligation (duty)

**Title of Cases**

UK – kingdom, head is queen

US – republic, federation, head is president

**Civil Cases (UK/US)**

name A v. name B

A is the **plaintiff** (US), **claimant** (UK) – navrhovateľ / žalobca

B is the **defendant** – odporca, žalovaný

v. – versus – it is read as “versus” in the US, in UK it is pronounced as “and”.

- in some cases, the courts also deal with cases not involving a legal dispute (nesporové prípady) – there are not 2 persons involved

 - this is indicated by RE: name (res - vec)

 - e.g. RE: Brown’s will (závet)

-these cases usually involve matters of judicial interpretation

**Criminal Cases (UK)**

**1)** R v. name

- R stands for Rex – king or Regina – queen

- R – the Crown

**2)** DPP v. name

DPP – director of public prosecutions

**3)** name v. name

- the first name – police officer who investigated the case (usually in simple cases)

**Criminal Cases (US)**

-the power comes from the people

- in the US there is a dual legal system. There are State laws and Federal law.

State law – the state of…/ the people of… v. name

Federal law – USA v. name