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Statutory Interpretation

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ACROSS

- 1) This exception "allows" a court to ignore the plain meaning of a statute, when unless doing so would produce injustice, unnecessary hardship, or a ridiculous result (two words, no space).
- 4) CALI stands for The Center for "___"-Assisted Legal Instruction.
- 6) The concept that a statute should be interpreted to mean what the statute-passing body intended it to mean (two words, no space).
- 7) "___ a statute" is the process of giving that statute meaning, i.e., interpreting it.
- 9) In this method the court should focus on the mischief or evil that the legislature intended to eradicate and interpret the statute to have that effect (two words, no space).
- 12) Meaning ___, ejusdem generis is used to narrow a general term that is at the conclusion of a list to the same category as the specific terms in the list (two words, no space).
- 13) Coming from Expressio unius est exclussio alterius, under this canon when a statute provides (particularly a list of) specifics, any specific item not mentioned is not included by ____ implication.
- 14) Judges (like Justice Scalia) who are ___ reject any use of legislative history in the interpretation process, instead just focusing on the text itself.

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- 2) An ambiguity that is not apparent just from reading the language of a text is called a ____ ambiguity.
- 3) Before becoming a statute, a proposed statute starts life as a ___ when it is presented to the legislature.
- 5) In this approach the focus is on the words used and the way they are used (most accepted meaning of those words) (two words, no space).
- 8) What statutes produced by local governments such as cities and counties are called.
- 9) An ambiguity that is obvious on its face is called a ___ ambiguity.
- 10) What is the name of CALI's annual conference?
- 11) CALI's online, interactive tutorials are called CALI ____.
- 12) Unlike a pure purpose approach, a "___ plain meaning" approach considers the plain meaning to be just one factor to be weighed in the process of determining legislative intent.



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