

## EXAMPLE OF INTERPRETATION

### SARI LANKA PENAL CODE, (ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 1883)

#### ORIGINAL TEXT FOR LITERAL OR GRAMMATICAL INTERPRETATION

#### 79. Offence requiring a particular intent or knowledge committed by one who is intoxicated:

In cases where an act done is not an offence unless done with a particular knowledge or intent, a person who does the act in a state of intoxication shall be liable to be dealt with as if he had the same knowledge as he would have had if he had not been intoxicated, unless the thing which intoxicated him was administered to him without his knowledge or against his will.

#### CONTEXTUAL INTERPRETATION OF CLAUSES IN SECTION 79

1. in cases, where an act done is not an offence (*Adverb clause of place, modifying "shall be" in 3*)
2. unless is done with a particular knowledge or intent (*Adverb clause of condition, modifying "is" in 1*)
3. a person shall be liable to be dealt with (*Main clause*)
4. who does the act in a state of intoxication (*Adjective clause, qualifying "a person" in 3*)
5. as if he had the same knowledge (*Adverb clause of manner, modifying "shall be" in 3*)
6. as he would have had (*Adjective clause, qualifying, "same knowledge" in 5*)
7. if he had not been intoxicated (*Adverb clause of condition, modifying "would have had" in 6*)
8. unless the thing was administered to him without his knowledge or against his will (*Adverb clause of condition, modifying "shall be" in 3*)
9. which intoxicated him (*Adjective clause, qualifying "the thing" in 8*)

**CLASSIFICATION OF SECTION 79:** It contains two main clause and seven subordinate clauses