

Ulex, an Open Source Legal System, in One Page

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What is Ulex? Ulex provides an open-source legal system for special jurisdictions, ZEDEs, seasteads, and other startup communities. It combines tested and trusted rule sets from private and international organizations in a robust but flexible configuration. Ulex protects personal and property rights with an efficient and fair dispute resolution process, promoting the rule of law. It is not imposed by any government but instead adopted by the mutual consent of those it governs.

Why Do We Need Ulex? In recent years, a few visionary countries have begun exploring how special legal jurisdictions can encourage economic growth. The rules that govern these zones have to come from somewhere. Ulex offers an alternative both to the same old legal system and one that relies on the laws of a foreign sovereign.

What Are the Procedural Rules of Ulex? The default procedure for resolving disputes in Ulex v. 1.1 has three elements:

- 1. Judges:** Each party chooses a judge, who together choose a third.
- 2. Remedies:** The judges choose a remedy offered by one of the parties.
- 3. Costs:** The losing party pays the winning party's legal costs.

Ulex includes more detailed procedural rules, too—as always, authored by preeminent private, nongovernmental, and international organizations.

What are the Substantive Rules of Ulex? The default substantive rules of Ulex 1.1 come from the American Law Institute's *Restatements of the Common Law*, the Uniform Law Institute's *Uniform Business Organizations Code*, and select other rule sets. These, together with the procedural rules mentioned above and a handful of meta-rules, create a comprehensive legal system.

What Inspired Ulex? Ulex follows the lead of open source operating systems like Unix, GNU, and Linux. Whereas those codes run on computers, though, Ulex runs in communities. In either case, the rules can be downloaded, used, and modified by the public at large, voluntarily, and free of charge.

Where Can I Learn More About Ulex? Video from BIL, in Los Angeles: <https://youtu.be/I83ywM-zd4k>; Text of version 1.1: <https://goo.gl/YByFti>; Chapter 3.7 in “Your Next Government?": <https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/1316613925>.