The **Malaysian Legal System** is based on **English common law** due to the country’s colonial history. It is a hybrid system incorporating **customary law**, **Islamic law**, and **civil law**. Below is an overview of its key components:

**1. Sources of Law**

The primary sources of Malaysian law include:

* **The Federal Constitution** – The supreme law of Malaysia.
* **Legislation (Statutory Law)** – Laws enacted by Parliament and State Assemblies.
* **Common Law and Equity** – Derived from English law and judicial precedents.
* **Islamic Law (Syariah Law)** – Governs Muslims in matters like marriage, divorce, and inheritance.
* **Customary Laws** – Includes **Adat Perpatih** and **Adat Temenggung** (Malay customs) and native laws (e.g., for Orang Asli and indigenous groups in Sabah & Sarawak).

**2. Court System in Malaysia**

Malaysia has a dual court system: **Civil Courts** and **Syariah Courts**.

**A. Civil Court System (Hierarchy)**

1. **Federal Court** – The highest court in Malaysia.
2. **Court of Appeal** – Handles appeals from lower courts.
3. **High Court** – Divided into:
	* High Court of Malaya (Peninsular Malaysia)
	* High Court of Sabah and Sarawak (East Malaysia)
4. **Subordinate Courts**:
	* **Sessions Court** – Handles criminal and civil cases with higher value.
	* **Magistrates' Court** – Handles minor criminal and civil cases.
	* **Penghulu Court** – Minor cases in rural areas.

**B. Syariah Court System**

* Applies only to **Muslims** and deals with **Islamic family law** and **offenses under state Islamic laws**.
* Hierarchy:
	1. **Syariah Subordinate Court**
	2. **Syariah High Court**
	3. **Syariah Court of Appeal**

**3. Legal Profession**

* **Judges** – Appointed by the **Yang di-Pertuan Agong** (King) on the advice of the Prime Minister.
* **Lawyers** – Divided into:
	+ **Advocates & Solicitors** (practicing in civil courts)
	+ **Syariah Lawyers** (practicing in Syariah courts)

**4. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)**

* Includes **arbitration**, **mediation**, and **conciliation** as alternatives to litigation.

Would you like details on any specific aspect?