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Diagram 1
The spectrum of German private law

Private law (= civil law)

Bürgerliches Recht
- regulated in the ***German Civil Code*** [Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch]
  (and supplementing laws)

• general part [Allgemeiner Teil]	- Book 1 BGB

• law of obligations [Schuldrecht]
 - general law of obligations
 - particular types of obligations
   (esp. contracts)
	- Book 2 BGB
	  - sect. 241 - 432 BGB
	  - sect. 433 - 853 BGB

• property law [Sachenrecht]	- Book 3 BGB
• family law [Familienrecht]	- Book 4 BGB
• law of succession [Erbrecht]	- Book 5 BGB

Special private law
- special legislation

• commercial law [Handelsrecht]	- Commercial Code [Handelsgesetzbuch]
• company law [Gesellschaftsrecht]	- BGB, Commercial Code - Act on Limited Liabilty Companies - Stock Corporation Act - Cooperatives Act
• labour law [Arbeitsrecht]	- Works Constitution Act - Collective Agreements Act - Employment Protection Act - numerous other laws
• competition law [Wettbewerbsrecht]	- Act against Restrict. of Competition - Act against Unfair Competition
• intellectual property law [Immaterialgüterrecht]	- Patent Act [Patentgesetz] - Trade Mark Act [Markengesetz] - Copyright Act [Urheberrechtsgesetz] - Design Act [Designgesetz] - Utility Models Act [Gebrauchsmustergesetz]
• securities law [Wertpapierrecht]	- Bill of exchange act [Wechselgesetz] - Check Act [Scheckgesetz]

• Capital market law [Kapital-
  marktrecht]
	- Capital Investment Code
	  [Kapitalanlagegesetzbuch]

• others	

Civil procedural law
- Code of Civil procedure
  [Zivilprozessordnung]

International Private Law
(law on conflicts of laws)
- Introductory Act to the Civil Code
- see also EU law: Rome I, Rome II and
  Rome III Regulations