

## 3.19 The corpus of traffic rules

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### Implicit Norm Compilation

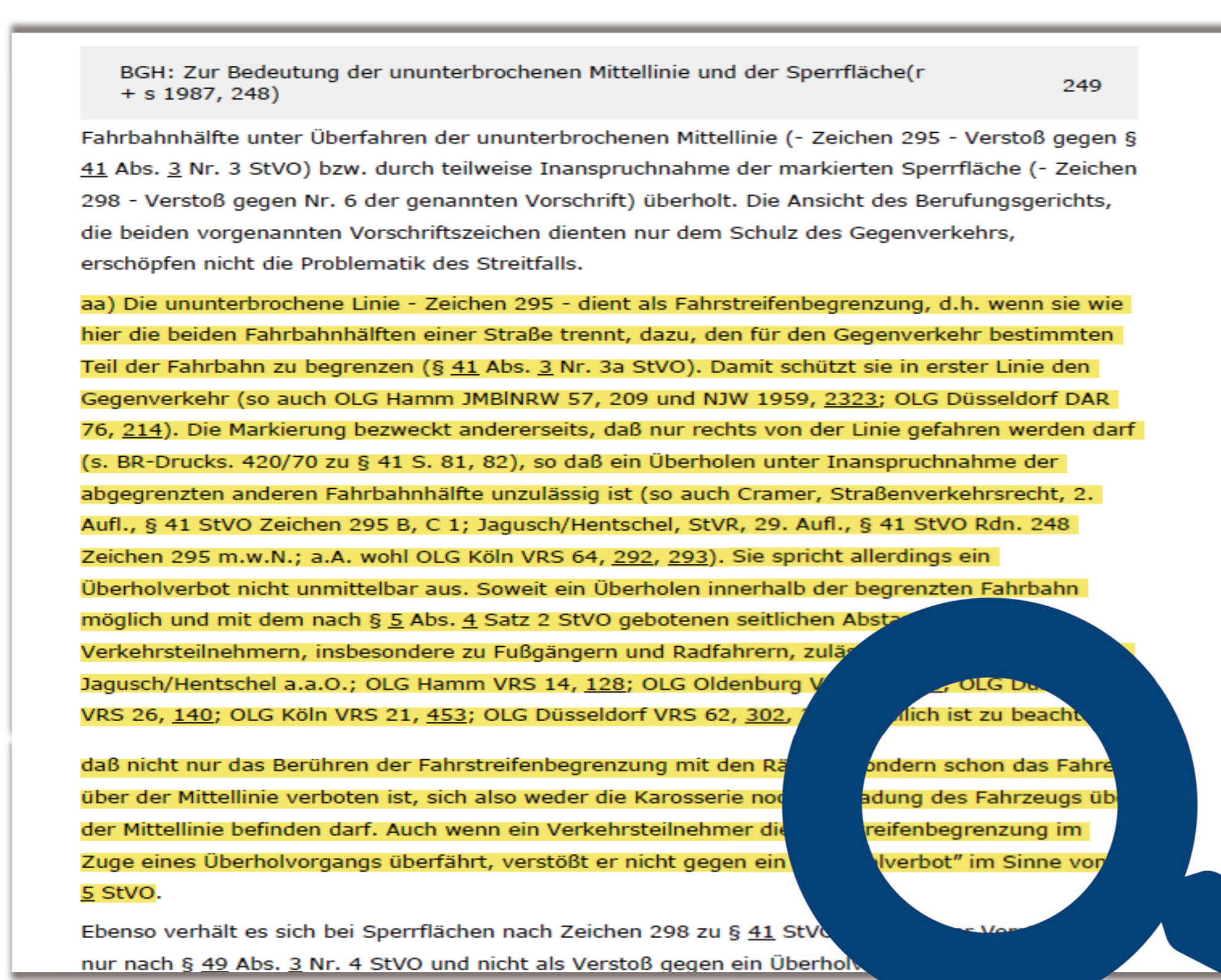
Saarland University **formalized normative knowledge**, focusing on legal norms and jurisprudence for Use Cases 2 and 3 in AP 1.4. This effort aims to align observed behavior with desired behavior (normative behavior) and to establish rules for legitimate deviations from the desired behavior. By expanding behavior arbitration capabilities, this initiative enables the identification of exceptional circumstances within rules and norms, facilitating appropriate responses.

### Thesis

- Before one can properly apply the set of norms applicable to a case, one must first **determine** the corpus of valid legal norms.
- Statutory law, such as the German Traffic Law Ordinance (Straßenverkehrsordnung, StVO), is the predominant source of valid legal norms.
- However, the corpus of legal norms can be significantly expanded by **deriving implicit norms** from other sources of law, in particular from case law and legal literature.

### Approach

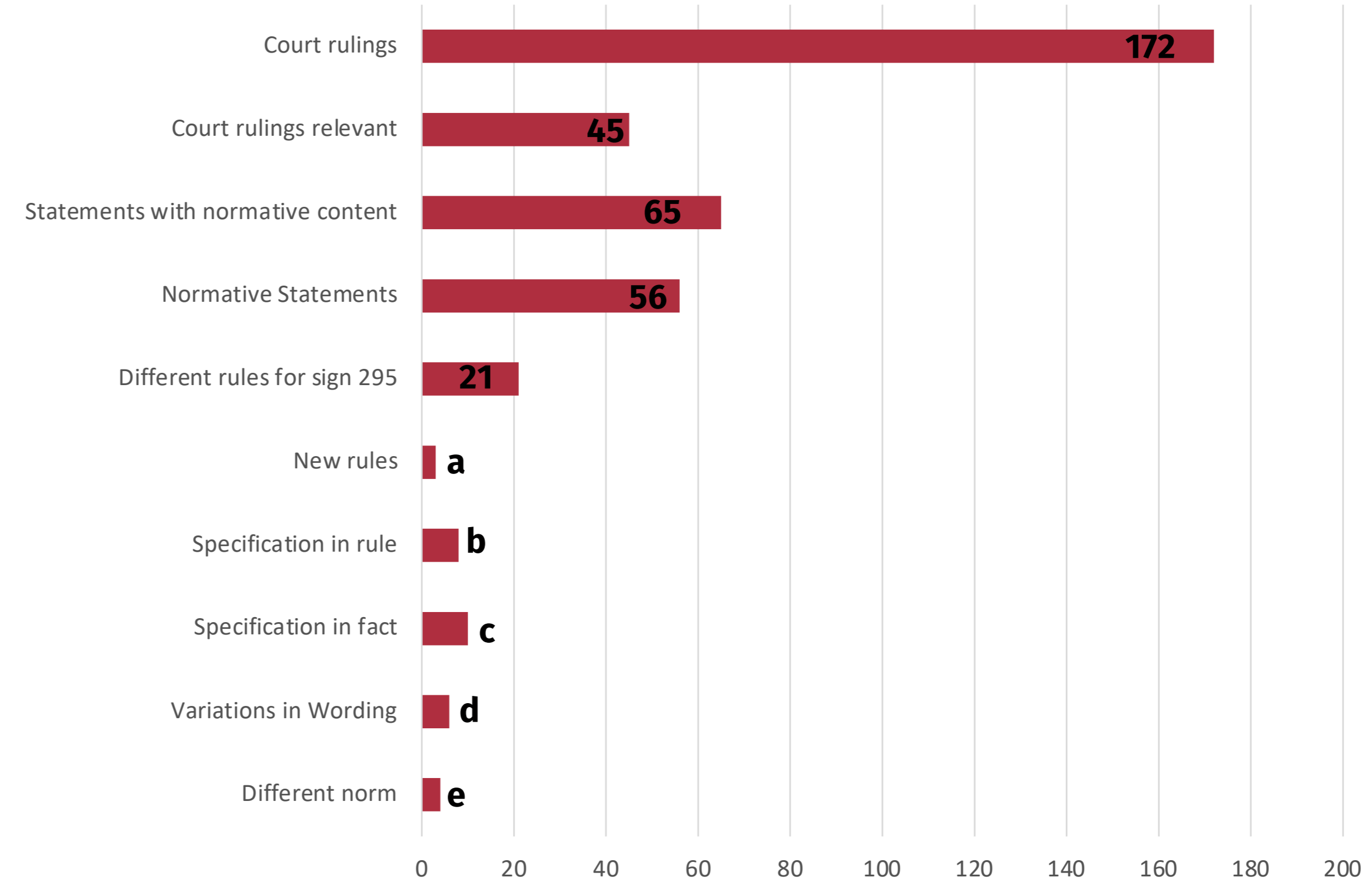
- To find these implicit norms, we developed a **method to systematically compile** them.
- First, court rulings on written norms were collected.
- Second, pertinent fragments of each judgment were extracted.
- Third, the legal norm contained in the fragment was standardized into a scheme of conditional sentences (“if...then-sentence”).



- Finally, it was checked whether the rule is recognized by checking the found norm against other rulings and literature.

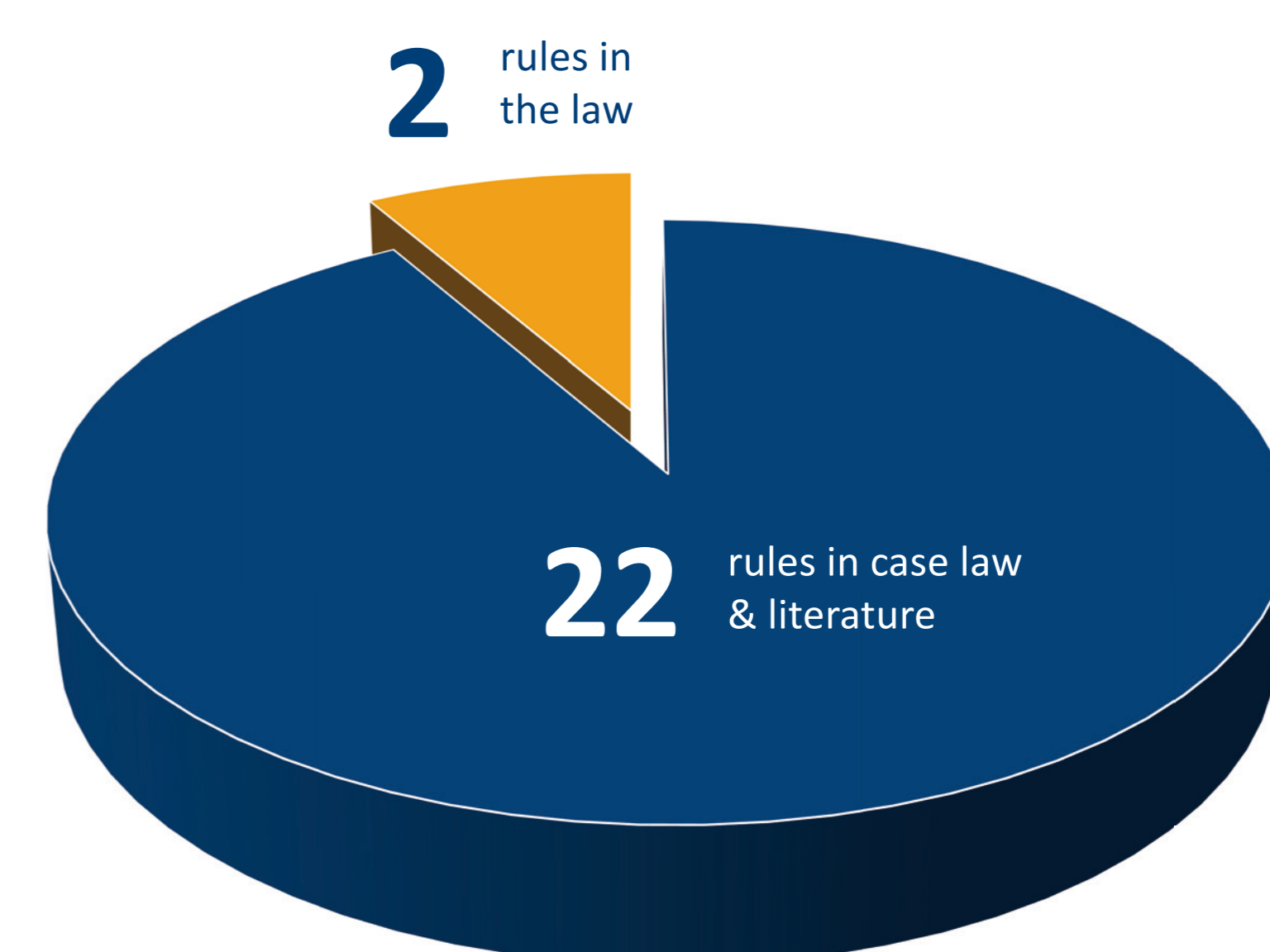
- This approach was tested using the example of two norms, Sign 295 (the solid line) and Section 6 StVO.
- In the case of Sign 295, 172 cases related to this provision were identified, of which xx contain pertinent fragments. In the end, we could identify xy norms.

### Results



### Conclusion:

- We were able to considerably **expand the normative corpus** by compiling implicit norms from case law and literature. In the case of sign 295, the statute contains two norms, whereas the complete body of rules amounts to xy norms, including important exceptions from the statutory norm.



### Ongoing

- We identified a “shortcut” to the process: By analyzing legal literature, in the case of sign 295, we found that all of the xy norms and major rules expressed by case law have been identified by scholars. We are checking the example of other statutory norms to determine whether the literature offers a reliable representation of case law for other rules as well.
- We are currently collaborating with the **National Institute of Informatics (NII)** in Tokyo, Japan, to use Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques for the extraction of normative statements directly from judicial judgments.

### Partners



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