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The distinction between primary and secondary sources of law is very useful in determining authorities to follow in the law court. If a case is brought before a court and one party uses a primary source of law as his authority while the other makes use of secondary sources,the scale of justice would tilt in favour of the person who presents primary sources of law.

SECONDARY SOURCES OF LAW

1. Law Reports
2. Treaties
3. Periodical, Journals, and Legal Digests
4. Casebooks
5. Legal Dictionaries
6. Newspapers
7. LAW REPORTS

A law report is a record of a judicial decision on a point of law which sets a precedent. Not all decisions taken in a court of law set a precedent, however interesting they may be in terms of the facts of the case or its consequences. For Example:

1. Abuja Law Report
2. All Nigerian Law report {1961-1990}
3. Criminal Law Report
4. Election petition Report
5. Federation Of Nigerian Law Reports
6. TREATIES

A treaty is a formally written agreement entered into by actors in international law, namely sovereign states and international organizations. A treaty may also be known as an international agreement, protocol, covenant, convention, pact, or exchange of letters, among other terms.

1. PERIODICALS,JOURNALS,AND LEGAL DIGESTS

Periodicals are laws stating tha the elements, when listed in order of their atomic numbers, fall into recurring groups, so that elements with similar properties occur at regular intervals.

Law journals are lengthy,scholarly articles written by experts int he field on a variety of legal topics.

1. CASEBOOKS

A casebook is a written record of cases that were previously dealt with or in other words, it is a book containing records of illlustrative cases that are used for referencing and instuctions.

1. LEGAL DICTIONARIES

A Legal Dictionary is a Dictionary that is designed and compiled to give information about terms used in the field of law.

1. NEWSPAPER

A Newspaper is a printed publication consisting of folded unstapled sheets and containing news, articles, advertisements and law cases.