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**QUESTION: Discuss the secondary source
of law in Nigeria**

Secondary sources of law in Nigeria

The legal sources literally refer to where, how and by what authority a particular rule is made and becomes legally effective to regulate human conduct. The entire source of Nigerian law is classified into two which include, primary and secondary sources.

Secondary sources of law are the sources of law that do not carry a dominant legal weight and binding effect. The legal authorities contained in these kinds of sources are diluted and persuasive which are not binding on any court of law. According to Beredugo (2009), secondary sources of law are less significant sources of law that carry barely persuasive legal authority or effect and are therefore , not binding on any court of law. Secondary sources can be useful in court of law or resorted to where the court finds the opinion or fact underlying the authority contained therein. Secondary sources can also be referred to in court if it supports the authorities of the primary sources. Examples of secondary sources of Nigerian law according to Beredugo includes;

- (a) decisions of courts of foreign countries
- (b) International conventions, treaties, and resolutions of international bodies
- (c) Statements or opinions of jurists and learned authors contained in law textbooks, journal, periodicals, dictionaries, letters, speeches, and interviews;
- (d) legal opinions contained in nullified judgements.

Secondary sources of law also include all sources that provide helpful introductions to legal subjects, synopses of decisions, statutes, and regulations in a given field, analyses of trends and historical background of law, explanation of new or difficult concepts, descriptions and analysis of the law and its developments and citations to primary sources through footnotes and annotations. Secondary sources of law are background resources used for legal research. .They offer analysis, explanation, interpretation, commentary, or a restatement of primary law and are used to help locate and explain primary sources of law. They discuss the law, but are not the law itself i.e, Secondary sources may influence a legal decision but do not have the controlling or binding authority of primary source of law. They are a good way to start research and often have citations to the primary source of law. Unlike primary materials (case law, statutes, regulations), secondary sources will help you learn about an area of law, and provide you with citations to relevant primary materials. Secondary sources often explain legal principles more thoroughly than a single case or statute, so using

them can help you save time and avoid unnecessary research, since one is tapping into work that someone else has already done on an issue. Hence, they are a good way to start research and often have citations to primary source.

However, As oxygen is a necessity for human survival so is the law library to research activities. Law libraries are rich with numerous materials that contain sources of law. Both the primary and secondary sources of law are predominant in the law library for research purposes.

Secondary Information Resources in Nigerian Law Libraries

Akinyemi (2017) defines secondary information sources as the information resources extracted from the primary sources after they have been manipulated, diluted and rearranged.

They include:

textbooks(of different practice areas and others)

Law digest

Court Forms(e.g Akins Court Form)

Practice notes

Magazines

law reviews,

Treatises

dictionary restatements.

Encyclopedias

Legal textbooks:

Members of Nigerian academia, the bench, and the bar have written a lot of legal textbooks.

A few of these textbooks include;

Human Rights:

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Encyclopedias

A legal encyclopedia is a comprehensive set of brief articles on legal topics. It is arranged in alphabetical order, with an index generally included in the final volume. Legal encyclopedias are a great place to start your research on a new topic since they offer a general introduction to a legal topic, and often include citations to cases and additional materials.

The two main legal encyclopedias are:

Corpus Juris Secundum (C.J.S.) is available in print at the NYU Law Library; this source is also available via Westlaw

American Jurisprudence 2nd (Am. Jur.2d) is available in print at the NYU Law Library; this source is also available via Lexis and Westlaw

Law journal or law review

Law review and law journal articles are lengthy, scholarly articles written by experts in the field on a variety of legal topics. They are scholarly publications covering the legal field.

They publish articles that are comprehensive studies of current topics in law, generally written by law professors and practitioners. The articles generally contain substantial citations to primary and secondary sources on the topic, which may lead you to additional information on the subject. Most law journals are published by law schools, but the category of legal periodicals also includes publications by bar associations and other legal organizations. The full-text of journal articles can nowadays be found in several different locations, both in print and electronically.

Some Nigeria law journals include;

- Nigerian Law Journal (Journal of the Nigerian Association of Law Teachers)
- Nigerian Law and Practice Journal (Journal of the Nigerian Law School)
- Nigerian Current Law Journal (Published by Current Law Publications Limited, Lagos)
- Nigerian Current Law Review (Journal of the Nigerian Institute for Advanced Legal Studies)
- Ahmadu Bello University Law Journal
- Obafemi Awolowo University Law Journal
- Civil Liberty Organisation (CLO) Reports on State of Human Rights in Nigeria. CLO, Lagos.
- The Nigerian Journal of Contemporary Law (Journal of the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos)
- Ibadan University Law Review
- Ife Law Juris (Journal of the Department of Jurisprudence and Private Law, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria)
- The Calabar Law Journal (Journal of the Faculty of Law, University of Calabar, Nigeria)
- The Commercial and Industrial Law Review
- Nasarawa State University Law Journal (Journal of the Faculty of Law, Nasarawa State University, Keffi)
- Nigerian Bar Journal (Journal of the Nigerian Bar Association)
- Ibadan Bar Journal (Journal of the Nigerian Bar Association, Ibadan Branch)
- Nigeria Journal of Education Law
- The Journal of Private and Property Law (Journal of the Department of Private & Property Law, University of Lagos)
- University of Ibadan Journal of Business and Private Law (Journal of the Department of Business and Private Law, University of Ibadan)
- University of Ibadan Law Journal

- University of Maiduguri Law Journal (Journal of the Faculty of Law, University of Maiduguri)
- University of Benin Law Journal.
- Obafemi Awolowo University Law Journal.

Treatises

Legal treatises provide a scholarly and in-depth treatment of a legal subject. They often clarify significant concepts in the area of the law covered by the treatise and provide citations to pertinent cases and other primary materials. The Law Library maintains treatises covering a wide variety of subjects, in both print and electronic formats which can be located through a search on JULIUS.

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Legal dictionaries

Legal dictionaries like; Black's Law Dictionary,

Prince's Bieber Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations,

The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citations, e.t.c

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