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Secondary sources of law

Secondary sources of law are the sources of law that do not carry a dominant legal weight and binding effect. The legal authorities contain in these kind of sources are diluted and persuasive which are not binding on any court of law. secondary sources of law are less significance 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 includes:

* decisions of courts of foreign countries
* International conventions, treaties, and resolutions of international bodies;
* Statements or opinions of jurists and learned authors contained in law textbooks, journal, periodicals, dictionaries, letters, speeches, and interviews;
* legal opinions contained in nullified judgments.

1. Decisions of courts of foreign countries:

The decisions of court cases of foreign countries is a secondary sources of law in Nigeria. As these courts makes his decision on a case it has its effect on Nigerian laws , in a case where there is the same scenario. This secondary source of law is a good means of creating laws in Nigeria.

1. International conventions, treaties, and resolutions of international bodies;

**International conventions** are **treaties** or agreements between countries. "**International convention**" is often used interchangeably with terms like "**international treaty**," "**international** agreement," "compact," or "contract between states." this agreement or treaty between the states allows or is a good secondary source of law in Nigeria.

1. Statements or opinions of jurists and learned authors contained in law textbooks, journal, periodicals, dictionaries, letters, speeches, and interviews. Which is a good means of secondary source in Nigeria. These books written by the authors, allows for the influence of the Nigerian laws.
2. legal opinions contained in nullified judgments.

A nullified judgement means that the case does not have any value because of no legal force or proof for such case.. it can cause and affect the Nigerian law and also lead to the creation of more laws in Nigeria.

**Secondary Information Resources in Nigerian Law Libraries** Secondary information sources are the materials that contain information derived or extracted from the primary sources of law and have undergone diluted processes or certain alterations. 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:

Text books (of different practice areas and others)

Journals /Law reviews

Law digests Court forms (e.g. Atkins Court Form)

Practice notes Magazines

Encyclopaedias

Law dictionaries,

and Others