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The law is an abstract term. In order to know what comprise the law, you have to derive it from various places. The places where the laws are derived from are called sources of law. Sources of law can be defined as the places legal practitioners or a judge turn to in order to answer a legal problem. They can regarded as springboard from which the law emanates.

The Nigerian law can be divided into two sources which are;

1,] Primary Sources.

2.] Secondary Sources.

Primary sources of Nigerian law can simply be regarded as those sources whose provisions are binding on all courts throughout Nigeria. They include;

1.] Received English Law

2.] Case Law

3.] Nigerian Legislation

4.] Customary Law

5.] International Laws

On the other hand, the secondary sources of Nigerian law are indirect ways through which we get our law. Save for law reports, secondary sources of Nigerian law are of persuasive authority in the law courts. Law reports are only authoritative due to the fact that they serve as the vehicle through which judicial precedent is carried. Examples of secondary sources of law are;

1.] Law Reports

2.] Text Books

3.] Periodicals, Journals and Legal Digests

4.] Casebooks

5.] Newspaper.