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**ASSINGMENT**

* Discuss secondary sources of law in Nigeria

**Answers**

secondary Sources of Nigerian 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 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 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 according to Beredugo 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 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.

  Some other examples of secondary legal sources include;

Legal dictionaries;

[*Black’s Law Dictionary, Nolo’s Plain English Law Dictionary*]

o  Legal encyclopedias and digests  
        [*Gale Encyclopedia of American Law*, *American Jurisprudence,  
         Washington Digest*]  
  
o  Law reviews and journals  
       [*Virginia Law Review*, Seattle University Law Review, Yale Law Journal]

o  Legal treatises, nutshells, hornbooks, deskbooks  
       [*Criminal Law in a Nutshell, Principles of Employment Law*,  
       *American Constitutional Law, Washington Civil Procedure Deskbook*]

o  Manuals and guides on how to practice law  
       [Washington Practice, Washington Lawyers Practice Manual]