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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 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 significance sources of law that barely carry 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 conventional , treaties, and resolutions of international bodies

Secondary sources of law are background resources. They explain, interpret and analyse.. They include encyclopaedias, law reviews, treatises, restatements. Secondary sources are a good way to start research and often have citations to primary sources.

Examples of secondary sources of law are:

Law Reports

Text Books and Treatises

Periodicals, Journals, and Legal Digests

Casebooks

Legal Dictionaries

Newspapers

The distinction between primary and secondary sources of law is very useful in determining authorities to follow in the law courts. 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 are only made use of whenever there are no primary sources of law to fall back on.