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The legal system in a country consists of all the judicial framework for the administration of justice promptly. The judicial arm of government is involved in the administration of justice and this is to be done in all fairness, without fear or favour. However, the judicial arm in Nigeria has some problems which are affecting it. Some of the problems facing the legal system are highlighted below:

### 1. Corruption

The situation in recent years have shown that even the judiciary (which is supposed to try corruption cases) has problems with corruption. There have been reported cases where judges will accept bribes in order to turn justice on its head. This is a problem as it prevents justice from being served.

### 2. Delayed Justice

It is said that justice delayed is justice denied. There are a large number of cases pending without the means to address them promptly. Some lawyers also employ delay tactics in order to buy more time for themselves and their clients in an unethical manner.

### 3. Unfair Appointment of Judges and Magistrates

Judges and magistrates are being appointed, not on the basis of merit, but corruptly. Such judges and magistrates will continue to do the bidding of those who appointed them and as such will have no real power to deliver fair trial.

## **HOW DOES THIS AFFECT THE ENGINEERING INDUSTRY?**

Corruption allows inequipped engineers to carry out contracts that they are not knowledgeable about as far as they can bribe their way through the legal system and all suits laid against them. Even if, a law suit is filed against based on loss of lives or properties as a result of poor carrying out

of a project or contract. They can bribe their way through without being fined or having their licence seized and would still go out to secure another major public project.

This puts the lives of the public in danger because it allows inequipped engineers or people who aren't even engineers in most cases to carrying out complex and crucial projects without holding them accountable for the damaged caused.