**Question;** Explain issues of the Nigerian legal system and its effects on engineering industries

The Nigerian Legal System or The [Law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law) of Nigeria consists of courts, offences, and various types of laws. Nigeria has its own constitution which was established on 29 May 1999. The [Constitution of Nigeria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitution_of_Nigeria) is the supreme law of the country. There are four distinct legal systems in [Nigeria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nigeria), which include [English law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_law), [Common law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_law), [Customary law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Customary_law), and [Sharia (Islamic) Law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharia). English law in Nigeria is derived from the [colonial](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Empire) Nigeria, while common law is a development from its post-colonial independence.

In Nigeria, common law principles and practices govern and regulate contracts for designs and building works. In a design or construction contract, the fundamentals of common law agreements, parties, intention, considerations etc must be in place. Many states in Nigeria have laws regulating contract and which laws are codifications of common law principles.

Designs and construction contracts due to their unique nature and technicalities usually contain terms that are standard and reflect the agreed construction process in standard uniform forms.

There are a number of local regulations governing designs and building construction works in Nigeria. These regulations specify the designs and building standards which the owners/developers, architects and building contractors must comply with when undertaking the construction works.

Aside the standard forms, construction contracts must not contravene the provisions of the relevant laws contained in the Urban and Regional Planning Laws, National Building Code, 2006, National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency Act, Environmental Impact Assessment Act, Public Procurement Act, and such other laws regulating the professionals engaged in the Construction Industry such as the Builders Registration Act, Engineers Registration Act, Quantity Surveyors Act and Architects Registration Act.