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ENG 384 Short test

1. Explain issues of the Nigerian legal system and its effects on engineering industries?

Answer:

The existence of a spurring legal system that is mainly characterized by just practices and effective legal processes is the groundwork of justice and democracy. On the other hand, where there are colossal challenges confronting the justice system of a given jurisdiction, the elimination of injustice becomes a herculean task. In Nigeria, there are five current fundamental challenges that have become a stalwart clog to the wheels of her legal system. This work, thus, using practical analysis, discusses these challenges using relevant primary and secondary authorities. It concludes that, justice, as a necessity in the society, cannot survive democratically in the country if the survival of these challenges is not adequately addressed. It therefore recommends among other things that Independence of the Judiciary Act should be enacted to give total effect to its practice in Nigeria.

Engineering firms work with clients, and almost every project involves a contract. Contracts form the basis of an engineer's work, and contracts are legally binding documents.

Understanding the basics of contract law protects engineers' rights and obligations, and it helps avoid potential lawsuits due to accidental breach of contract.

#### **Tort Laws**

In engineering, laws about tort primarily deal with civil injuries resulting from negligence. Courts measure the damages resulting from these injuries in monetary amounts. Liability issues can be complex, but engineers should learn the basics to protect themselves and their companies.

#### **Intellectual Property Laws**

The term "intellectual property" is a broad classification, but engineers work with it on a daily basis. Patents, copyrights and proprietary designs all fall under intellectual property laws.

Engineers who do not understand patent law can end up infringing on someone else's intellectual property rights or accidentally forfeiting their own. Companies often have their own policies regarding intellectual property, and engineers need to understand those policies and how they affect their own work.