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ENGINEERING LAW TEST

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

**ANSWER**

1. **Judicial corruption**; Everyone knows and is aware that the rate of corruption in Nigeria is alarming and it has affected all the aspects of life in this country including the legal system.
2. **The neglect of independence of the judiciary**; The judicial arm should not be subjected to any form of improper influence by the other arms of government, private individuals or partisan interest in order to dispense justice without fear, favor or bias. But reverse is the case in Nigeria. SO MUCH INJUSTICE IN THIS COUNTRY, IT IS SICKENING!
3. **Poor implementation of laws;** The constitution is the primeval source of law in Nigeria from which the validity of every other law is derived. The constitution has given birth to a plethora of enactments within the jurisdiction. Now the implementation of these laws forms the basic challenge in the legal system. For example, there is a law to curb corrupt practices and the abuse of power but to what end is it when corruption and abuse of power in the country rises at a very alarming rate and still nothing is done about it?
4. **Justice favoring the RICH;** this is no new subject to everyone in this country that the Nigerian legal system finds it hard to lay a free and fair verdict but must be influenced by the influential people because we all are corrupt!

There are many other issues in the Nigerian legal system which all cannot be spoken about. But how has this affected the engineering industry?

The index of bribery and corruption in the engineering industry is the highest source so far. For instance, engineering contracts are usually large and construction projects are often unique and therefore difficult to benchmark for costs and time. This makes it easier to hide and inflate additional expenditure.

This corruption has hindered infrastructural development across Nigeria. This also brings a rise to the lack of transparency in the industry