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**The Acquisition of Africa (1870-1914)** Transaction Publishers  
 In *Social Control Through Law* Roscoe Pound formulates a list of social-ethical principles with a three-fold purpose. First, they are meant to identify and explain human claims, demands, or interests of a given social order. Second, they express what the majority of individuals in a given society want the law to do. Third, they are meant to guide the courts in applying the law. Pound distinguishes between individual interests, public interests, and social interests. He warns that these three types of interests are overlapping and interdependent and that most claims, demands, and desires can be placed in all three categories. Pound's theory of social interests is crucial to his thinking about law and lies at the conceptual core of sociological jurisprudence.

*Introduction to Modern Nigerian Legal Method* Springer  
 This text is a collection of writings on assigned topics by some scholars and lecturers in the Faculty of Law at Benson Idahosa University and those invited from outside the university. The idea to write a text for use in the study of legal methods for law students was borne out of the desire to present a range of updated material in this area of study. The focus of this text is Nigeria. The book is written in simple, easy-to-understand language, and meant essentially for law students in the first year of the five year course in Law, as structured by the National Universities Commission (NUC). Nevertheless, persons who are in need of information or education on different aspects of the Nigerian legal process will also find aspects of the text useful. The contributors come from diverse backgrounds and experiences, which is reflected in their styles of presentation. However, each has endeavoured to present the assigned topic in such a form as to enhance comprehension by the primary beneficiaries. The inclusion of chapters on advocacy and mooted skills, as well as examination skills and strategies, makes this text unique, and allows it to offer more detailed analysis than existing texts in Nigeria provide.

*Laws of UX* Routledge

Derived from the renowned multi-volume *International Encyclopaedia of Laws*, this practical analysis of the structure, competence, and management of Nigeria provides substantial and readily accessible information for lawyers, academics, and policymakers likely to have dealings with its activities and data. No other book gives such a clear, uncomplicated description of the organization's role, its rules and how they are applied, its place in the framework of international law, or its relations with other organizations. The monograph proceeds logically from the organization's genesis and historical development to the structure

of its membership, its various organs and their mandates, its role in intergovernmental cooperation, and its interaction with decisions taken at the national level. Its competence, its financial management, and the nature and applicability of its data and publications are fully described. Systematic in presentation, this valuable time-saving resource offers the quickest, easiest way to acquire a sound understanding of the workings of Nigeria for all interested parties. Students and teachers of international law will find it especially valuable as an essential component of the rapidly growing and changing global legal milieu.

*The Nigerian Legal System* O'Reilly Media

The competent study of law is a finely tuned balance of excellent language ability, good reading and writing skills, good personal study discipline, a thorough appreciation of the relevant areas of substantive law and excellent argumentative skills. Legal method is an important area of study for two main reasons. First, it is important for the range of techniques that it can offer to break into legal texts, both primary and secondary. Secondly, it exposes reasoning processes concerned with the theory and practise of law. The book deals in both the areas mentioned, and aims to deal with issues of.

*The Nigerian Legal System* Malthouse Press

This book, *The Nigerian Law of Evidence*, is inspired by the author's lecture notes on the subject at School of Law, Department of Common Law, Kwara State College of Arabic and Islamic Legal Studies, where he taught for nearly a decade before moving on to the Department of Public Law, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria, since 2001. In addition to being a basic text, current and most recently decided cases relating to the subject are cited and particularly the innovation introduced into the amended Act 2011 Cap E14 Laws of Federal Republic of Nigeria. A highly recommended book for law students, law teachers, legal practitioners, judges and magistrates.

**The Legal Effects of EU Agreements** OUP Oxford

'Law and Anthropology' offers an insight into the state of law and anthropology scholarship today. Focusing on the inter-connections between the two disciplines it also includes case studies from around the world.

*The Nigerian Law of Evidence* Introduction to Nigerian Legal Method  
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 Nigerian Legal Methods  
 This volume makes a timely intervention into a field which is marked by a shift from unipolar to multipolar order and a pluralization of constitutional law. It addresses the theoretical and epistemic foundations of Southern constitutionalism and discusses its distinctive themes, such as transformative constitutionalism, inequality, access to justice, and authoritarian

legality. This title has three goals. First, to pluralize the conversation around constitutional law. While most scholarship focuses on liberal forms of Western constitutions, this book attempts to take comparative law's promise to cover all major legal systems of the world seriously; second, to reflect critically on the epistemic framework and the distribution of epistemic powers in the scholarly community of comparative constitutional law; third, to reflect on - and where necessary, test - the notion of the Global South in comparative constitutional law. This book breaks down the theories, themes, and global picture of comparative constitutionalism in the Global South. What emerges is a rich tapestry of constitutional experiences that pluralizes comparative constitutional law as both a discipline and a field of knowledge.

*The Global South and Comparative Constitutional Law* Cambridge Scholars Publishing

This encyclopaedia provides a comprehensive overview of major theories and approaches to the study of peace and conflict across different humanities and social sciences disciplines. Peace and conflict studies (PCS) is one of the major sub-disciplines of international studies (including political science and international relations), and has emerged from a need to understand war, related systems and concepts and how to respond to it afterward. As a living reference work, easily discoverable and searchable, the Palgrave Encyclopedia of Peace and Conflict Studies offers solid material for understanding the foundational, historical, and contemporary themes, concepts, theories, events, organisations, and frameworks concerning peace, conflict, security, rights, institutions and development. The Palgrave Encyclopaedia of Peace and Conflict Studies brings together leading and emerging scholars from different disciplines to provide the most comprehensive and up-to-date resource on peace and conflict studies ever produced.

**An Introduction to the Study of the Law of the Constitution** Malthouse Press

How should students begin their legal education? Professor Peter Strauss's innovative materials build on a Columbia Law School commitment reaching back to Karl Llewellyn's *Bramble Bush*--that legal education should start with orientation to the materials lawyers use and the institutions they deal with. Like its predecessors, the third edition builds both case analysis and statutory interpretation skills, with an increasing emphasis on the latter. After a general introduction, four chapters deal with three historical stages in American legal development Karl Llewellyn and Grant Gilmore had identified--"Discovery" at the nation's beginnings; "Faith" as judges turned formalist in the late Nineteenth Century; "Anxiety" as progressive legislation challenged judges and legal realism emerged --and "Modern

Times," the current day. Each chapter presents both case and statutory materials--simple at first and gradually becoming more complex, with statutes increasingly dominating. The first three of these chapters, "Discovery," "Faith," and "Anxiety," follow the development of product liability law, wholly a common law matter, and workplace injury law, which begins in the courts and is displaced by statutes. The distribution of authority between federal and state courts, that begins with *Swift v. Tyson* and ends with *Erie RR v. Thomson*, is a secondary theme. That displacement is signaled, for teaching purposes, by the Railroad Safety Appliances Act of 1893. Innovative teaching materials reflect the realities of law practice by engaging the students with practical problems the railroads were required to solve, legislative materials they would have been attentive to, and Interstate Commerce Commission reports on the negotiated implementation of the Act, hours before they encounter the first judicial dealings with its interpretation. That they will quickly reach an understanding of the statute that initially eludes the judges is, in itself, an important lesson. "Modern Times," brings product liability developments through the ALI's Third Restatement of Torts. On the statutory side, a unit on litigation fee reimbursement, structured along the same lines as the Railway Safety Appliances Act materials, engages students in contemporary congressional materials and lawyers' briefs, in the courts' increasing struggles over interpretive technique, and in the difficulties of contemporary legislative-judicial "conversation." The interpretive debate is then revisited in extensive passages from the writings of Judge Stephen Breyer, purposivist, and John Manning, textualist, supplemented by many shorter excerpts from the literature. The chapter ends by setting three interpretive problems for students to resolve for themselves before turning the page to discover how the Supreme Court very recently resolved them. In proceeding from the early 19th Century to the greater complexities of the current day, then, the casebook explores the sources, forms, and development of law, the analysis and synthesis of judicial precedents, the interpretation of statutes, the coordination of judge-made and statute law, and the uses of legal reasoning. Understanding that today's lawyer must often deal with transactions governed by the civil law, the dominant legal system in much of the rest of the world, the casebook attempts briefly to expose the student to its development as well. With this casebook, a student will have acquired skills essential to work in other law school classes, an appreciation for the changing styles of legal analysis that American jurists have brought to their work over time, and an awareness of current disputes about the modern role of judges, particularly in relation to the work of legislatures.

*The Nigerian Legal System* Peter Lang Pub Incorporated  
A starting point for the study of the English Constitution and comparative constitutional law, *The Law of the Constitution* elucidates the guiding principles of the modern constitution of England: the legislative sovereignty of Parliament, the rule of law, and the binding force of unwritten conventions.

*Introduction to Modern Nigerian Legal Method* Lulu.com  
The author is both a practitioner within the Nigerian legal system and is a lecturer in law. From these two perspectives, he provides a full introduction to the Nigerian legal system. Amongst topics covered are branches and institutes of the system, functions, classifications, sources, English law, doctrines of equity, statutes in England and those extended to Nigeria, Nigerian legislation, judicial precedent, hierarchy of Courts, customary law, application of State decisions in Customary and Sharia Law, conflicts between English and Customary Law. Also covered are applicable law between the different provenances, conflicts between Islamic and Customary Law, types of Courts in Nigeria and their jurisdiction, and legal aid. Essential documents are provided: Protocol to the African Charter on Human & People's Rights of Women in Africa; Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and African Charter on Human and People's Rights. A valuable explanation is given of words and maxims used in the Nigerian legal system, and an index. Olong Adefi is a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria; and lecturer at the Faculty of Law at Kogi State University where he teaches administrative law, commercial law, land law, legal research method, human rights and the Nigerian legal system.

*The Evaluation of Forensic DNA Evidence* Xlibris Corporation  
This reference book is primarily a procedural work which examines the many forms, customs, and practices which have been developed and established for the House of Commons since Confederation in 1867. It provides a distinctive Canadian perspective in describing procedure in the House up to the end of the first session of the 36th Parliament in Sept. 1999. The material is presented with full commentary on the historical circumstances which have shaped the current approach to parliamentary business. Key Speaker's rulings and statements are also documented and the considerable body of practice, interpretation, and precedents unique to the Canadian House of Commons is amply illustrated. Chapters of the book cover the following: parliamentary institutions; parliaments and ministries; privileges and immunities; the House and its Members; parliamentary procedure; the physical & administrative setting; the Speaker & other presiding officers; the parliamentary cycle;

sittings of the House; the daily program; oral & written questions; the process of debate; rules of order & decorum; the curtailment of debate; special debates; the legislative process; delegated legislation; financial procedures; committees of the whole House; committees; private Members' business; public petitions; private bills practice; and the parliamentary record. Includes index.

*Introduction to Nigerian Legal Method* Worldwide Business Resources

"Formerly known as the International Citation Manual"--p. xv.  
*Commercial and Economic Law in Nigeria* Stevens Publishing  
This book outlines the findings and suggestions of the Law and Society Association's International Research Collaborations, which focused on the African Union's Agenda 2063. This outlined the ideal Africa aspired to by the year 2063: 'the Africa we want'. The authors examine socio-economic rights issues and their impact on developing a strong educational agenda that can drive Africa to realize Agenda 2063. As Africa's development has remained slow in the face of many challenges, the need to embrace good governance, rule of law and human rights obligations are major tools to realize the continent's potential. The project focuses in particular on the central place of education law and policy in achieving the goals of Agenda 2063.

*Key Directions in Legal Education* BRILL

Rivers State was created out of the former Eastern Nigeria on 27 May 1967 by virtue of the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) Decree No. 14 of 1967, and inherited Eastern Nigeria legislation in accordance with section 1(5) of the said Decree. Consequently, legislation applicable to Rivers State as at 27 May 1967 consisted of the Laws contained in The Revised Edition of The Laws of Eastern Nigeria 1963 and those enacted between 1963 and 1967. Thereafter, Edicts were promulgated by the successive Military Governors of Rivers State between 1968 and 28 May 1999, interspersed with brief periods of democratic Government that enacted Laws. The first and only revision of the Laws of Rivers State of Nigeria was published as The Laws of Rivers State of Nigeria 1999 containing legislation still in force at that time. It should be noted that by virtue of section 3 of the Revised Edition (Laws of Rivers State of Nigeria) Law 1991, there may be Laws which, although omitted in The Laws of Rivers State of Nigeria 1999, still have the force of law, just like those included in it. Unfortunately, there is an operational disconnect between the enactment of legislation and their publication in the official form either in the Official Gazette or in bound annual volumes as required by law. Consequently, it becomes a Herculean task to search for every piece of legislation which may be hidden in volumes of files containing signed copies or among thousands of copies of the Official Gazette littered in several locations! Herein lies one aspect of the indispensability of this book, the first edition of which was published in 1994. Without this book, citizens, businesses, organisations, law enforcement agencies, lawyers, Customary Court Judges, Magistrates, High Court Judges, Federal High Court Judges, Justices of the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court, various Rivers State Government Ministries and Departments, etc. may not be aware of some of the existing laws of Rivers State that are in force. The Author Dr Leesi Ebenezer Mitee holds a doctoral degree (PhD) of Tilburg University, The Netherlands; Master of Laws degree (LLM) of the University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom; Barrister-at-Law postgraduate professional law practice certificate (BL) of the Nigerian Law School, Lagos, Nigeria; Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) and Higher National Diploma (HND) in Town Planning and Country Planning, both of the Rivers State University, Nigeria. Leesi, a former legal research national consultant to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on the 1998 PCASED project and a legal research consultant to the government of Rivers State of Nigeria on the Laws of Rivers State, is the global pioneer advocate of the universal recognition of the right of free access to public legal information as a stand-alone or substantive human right. He discussed the concept of free access to public legal information and the proposal for its universal recognition elaborately in his 628-page PhD thesis, *The Human Right of Free Access to Public Legal Information: Proposals for its Universal Recognition and for Adequate Public Access*. His Human Right of Free Access to Public Legal Information (HURAPLA) website ( [publiclegalinformation.com/](http://publiclegalinformation.com/) ) is dedicated to actualising the law-reform and policy-relevant proposals and recommendations in his PhD thesis. Dr Mitee's special research interests include different issues in the concept of the human right of free access to public legislation; legal informatics or legal information technology (the application of information technology to legal processes and specialised legal information systems); public access to indigenous customary law; indigenous rights; and legal systems. More resources on Dr Leesi Ebenezer Mitee's books are available on his Human Right of Free Access to Public Legal Information (HURAPLA) website ( [publiclegalinformation.com/](http://publiclegalinformation.com/) ) and PublishThem.Com website ( [publishthem.com/](http://publishthem.com/) ).  
*The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Peace and Conflict Studies* Springer  
Volume 1 on public law provides an introduction to the Nigerian legal system. The various chapters deal with: introduction and sources of law; jurisprudence and Nigerian perspectives; African customary law; Islamic law; comparative constitutionalism and Nigerian perspectives; citizenship, immigration and administrative

law; judicial system and legal profession; criminal law, evidence and civil procedure; statutory marriage and divorce laws; customary marriage and divorce; marriage and divorce under Islamic law; matters of children; gender and law in Nigeria with emphasis on Islamic law. Volume 2 has 25 chapters on private law that includes security of the environment and environmental law, land and property administration, commercial business and trade laws, communication, media and press laws, transportation and carrier laws, law enforcement, armed forces and military laws, investments, and intellectual property.

**Sources of Nigerian Law** Kluwer Law International B.V.

In 1992 the National Research Council issued *DNA Technology in Forensic Science*, a book that documented the state of the art in this emerging field. Recently, this volume was brought to worldwide attention in the murder trial of celebrity O. J. Simpson. The *Evaluation of Forensic DNA Evidence* reports on developments in population genetics and statistics since the original volume was published. The committee comments on statements in the original book that proved controversial or that have been misapplied in the courts. This volume offers recommendations for handling DNA samples, performing calculations, and other aspects of using DNA as a forensic tool--"modifying some recommendations presented in the 1992 volume. The update addresses two major areas: Determination of DNA profiles. The committee considers how laboratory errors (particularly false matches) can arise, how errors might be reduced, and how to take into account the fact that the error rate can never be reduced to zero. Interpretation of a finding that the DNA profile of a suspect or victim matches the evidence DNA. The committee addresses controversies in population genetics, exploring the problems that arise from the mixture of groups and subgroups in the American population and how this substructure can be accounted for in calculating frequencies. This volume examines statistical issues in interpreting frequencies as probabilities, including adjustments when a suspect is found through a database search. The committee includes a detailed discussion of what its recommendations would mean in the courtroom, with numerous case citations. By resolving several remaining issues in the evaluation of this increasingly important area of forensic evidence, this technical update will be important to forensic scientists and population geneticists--and helpful to attorneys, judges, and others who need to understand DNA and the law. Anyone working in laboratories and in the courts or anyone studying this issue should own this book.

*Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Development in Africa* Cavendish Publishing

Frequently overlooked in the search of knowing and acting wisely are some important philosophical and cultural ideas and questions. The *Kpim of Social Order* boldly captures such ideas and questions for awareness through critical thinking. The current volume in the *Kpim Book Series* makes the point that for a systematic analysis and significance of Social Order to be attained, we need to ask, What is the *kpim* or central core of Social Order of things? Where does the deepest layer, notion, symbolism, reality and application of social order, programs, human rights, institutions, communities, diplomacy, uprising, social asset, social power, policy action, inter-culturalism, global forces and all else lie? How can we reach and understand the innermost part of Social Order in the modern world? By gathering articles from seasoned, experienced, and emerged scholars from various backgrounds, the book explores deep-rooted questions touching on African context and related societies. The refreshing perspectives, analyses, deep reflections, vigorous arguments, and representations shown by the essays are distinctive and have been referred to as a comprehensive reader in the season of inquiry, meaning and significance of social order in the contemporary time. This is a book no one should ignore. Students, scholars, researchers, universities, colleges, educationists, institutions, policy makers, governments, legislatures, agencies, labour unions, civil society organizations, occupy movements, religious groups, entrepreneurs and the general public will find this book as an asset and a must read. The *kpim of Social Order* is therefore written out of the critical need to fill the gap for a decisive knowledge society in the modern world.

*Introduction to Nigerian Law* Bloomsbury Publishing

*Key Directions in Legal Education* identifies and explores key contemporary and emerging themes that are significant and heavily debated within legal education from both UK and international perspectives. It provides a rich comparative dialogue and insights into the current and future directions of legal education. The book discusses in detail topics like the pressures on law schools exerted by external stakeholders, the fostering of interdisciplinary approaches and collaboration within legal education and the evolution of discourses around teaching and learning legal skills. It elaborates on the continuing development of clinical legal education as a component of the law degree and the emergence and use of innovative technologies within law teaching. The approach of pairing UK and international authors to obtain comparative insights and analysis on a range of key themes is original and provides both a genuine comparative dialogue and a clear international focus. This book will be of great interest for researchers, academics and post-graduate students in

the field of law and legal pedagogy.

**Model Questions and Answers on Nigerian Legal Methods,  
Legal System & Introduction to Nigerian Law** Malthouse  
Press

This book is on the nature and practice of legal education in

Nigeria, with comparative material sometimes deployed to shed light on current local situation. The primary goal of legal education is to prepare students for the profession. To do this, a faculty will need to pay attention to a theory of learning to guide

it in implementing a programme that will serve the mission. It is hoped that the basic information here provided on the basic structure and content of legal education and ensuing challenges should point in more fruitful directions to all in the legal profession in Nigeria.