

NIGERIAN LAW OF CONTRACT: STUDY COMPANION

PREFACE

The law of contract is the foundation of the body of laws relating to business and commerce. Thus, all commercial laws have their foundation in the law of contract. Its importance to efficient and effective business and commercial activities, as well as contractual relationships is the reason that it is taught in some degrees to both lawyers and non-lawyers. The non-lawyers who benefit from some education and knowledge of contract law include accountants, builders, architects, engineers, medical doctors and human resources managers.

This book is written to capture and present to the reader the overarching scope of the law of contract. Its distinctiveness lies in the fact that it is not merely a contract law textbook; but also, in the fact that it addresses the evolution of and recent developments in contract law. These recent developments have been engendered by factors including technology, innovative human thinking, and international relations. They include e (electronic) - commerce, e-contract and e-signature, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms (including arbitration), as well as the recently established principle of drafting and interpretation of contracts.

Most of these subjects have not been discussed in Nigerian contract law textbooks. This book, therefore, addresses the need to highlight their development and importance. This is in addition to treating such established law of contract topics as offer, acceptance, consideration, intention to create legal relations, contractual capacity, privity of contract, exclusion clauses, vitiating elements of a contract, termination/discharge of contracts, illegal and void contracts and remedies for breach of contract.

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