



Editorial

This issue of *NIU Journal of Legal Studies* touches on the Issues such as Public Policy Implications of Immunity Practice in U.S.A and Nigeria Jurisdictions, Combating the Hurdles of Prosecuting Sexual Slavery and Insurgency in Nigeria, Interrogating the Crisis of Prison Congestion in Nigeria and The Role of Law in Ensuring Equitable and Sustainable Use of Water in Africa

One of the papers, in this edition, critically explores relevant legal provisions, constitutional articles, and statutory frameworks in both the United States and Nigeria, drawing attention to their similarities and notable distinctions, particularly concerning which officials are covered and the scope of their protection. While this paper in its submission does not advocate for the outright elimination of constitutional immunity due to the risks of politically motivated lawsuits from habitual litigants, it strongly recommends that impeachment procedures, as outlined in the Constitution, should be activated in verified instances of constitutional violations.

Another paper examines the surge of sexual violence during armed conflict in Northern Nigeria, primarily driven by Boko Haram's war, its psychological and physical toll on women and girls, and the persistent failure of the Nigerian legal system to hold perpetrators accountable due to outdated laws, lack of political will, and the absence of specialized legal frameworks. The paper therefore concludes that Nigeria must urgently reform its legal system to criminalize conflict-related sexual violence and establish special courts for effective prosecution, thus, ensuring justice for victims and survivors and by extension deterring future violations.

In sum, this issue of *NIU Journal of Legal Studies* features many empirical and theoretical based articles which can be of great benefit to every reader.

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