



Editorial

This issue of *NIU Journal of Legal Studies* touches on the Issues such as Child Abuse, Anti Corruption and Immigration Laws.

One of the papers, in this edition, argues that public procurement process has been deeply undermined by entrenched corruption, resulting in waste, inefficiency, and diversion of resources. It recommends therefore that the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) must be empowered and supported to fully discharge its statutory functions

Another paper examines the effects of parental incarceration on the welfare of their children in Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria, focusing specifically on their educational continuity and health status. The paper therefore concludes that parental incarceration and the resultant loss of a breadwinner significantly disrupt the educational continuity and health status of their children in Benin City. It is recommended that policy interventions like establishing emergency welfare funds to cover school fees and healthcare, integrating child support mandates into the criminal justice system, and implementing community support programmes such as expanded counselling services and microfinance loans for extended family caregivers.

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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