



Editorial

This issue of *NIU Journal of Legal Studies* touches on the Issues such as Criminal Policy for Malicious Complaints, Legal Consequences of State Pardons, Access to Medical Records Under Nigerian Law and so on.

One of the papers, in this edition, highlights the precise distinction established by the Court of Cassation between release due to insufficient evidence and proven malicious intent, which warrants prosecution. It further emphasizes the right of the aggrieved party to compensation and concludes by stressing the need to enforce the legal oath and expand investigative procedures to curb malicious reports

By comparing the pardon processes of South Africa, India and the United States, another paper shows how a rational, transparent and fair standards framework has become increasingly a component of pardon systems in modern democracies. The paper concludes by presenting a blueprint of legislative and institutional changes which include the enactment of a Prerogative of Mercy (Regulatory and Procedural) Act, an independent statutory Advisory Board and the codification of mandatory criteria for the restoration of public trust, respect to victims' rights and tame monarchical executive mercy in Nigeria.

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.

Professor Oyetola O. Oniwide

Nexus International University,
P.O. Box 70773,
Kampala, Uganda.

editor@niuournals.ac.ug

September, 2026.