

# **PROBLEMS OF THE NIGERIAN LEGAL SYSTEM IN THE LIGHT OF THE ANALYTICAL JURISPRUDENCE OF NORZICK AND RAWLS**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The importance of this paper is to look at the relevance of the Analytical Jurisprudence of Norzick and Rawls to the present Nigerian Legal System and problems militating against the efficiency of the system. In so doing, the paper is divided into six sub sections viz:

- a) Analytical Jurisprudence of Norzick and Rawls. This area posits what the two jurists profess - the minimalist and maximalist theories of justice.
- b) Characteristics of the Nigerian Legal System. This aspect traces the evolution of the Nigerian Legal System and attempts to exclaim why it has its present features.
- c) Under the "Sources of the Nigerian Law, an attempt is made to highlight the divergent nature of the Nigerian Law" and the results consequent upon this.
- d) The fourth sub section takes an in-depth look at the various problems associated with the Administration of justice in Nigeria.
- e) The fifth area looks at the military aberration on the political scene and the impact of Decrees and ouster clauses on the authority of the courts.

Finally, the recommendations made are sweeping and far reaching. It attempts to revolutionalise the socio-political and cultural values of the entire polity.

## **THE ANALYTICAL JURISPRUDENCE OF NORZICK AND RAWLS**

### **NORZICK:**

Norzick, a minimalist, is an economic liberal who conceives of justice as when people are free from state control, economic deprivation and insecurity to engage in valued pursuits. To the minimalists the state should leave to the individual as large an area of liberty as possible. Its intervention should therefore be minimal, limited to the negative function of preventing a group

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