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For a debt that a creditor is seeking to recover, securities may be accepted.

history of criminal law in nigeria

Being unwritten, every indigene of an ethnic group, reasoned Hon.

Criminal Law in Nigeria: All You Need To Know

Oath Taking The dreaded shrines and groves of secret societies, cults, priests and priestesses of ancestral gods and nature spirit among others under the traditional social order commanded so much public confidence that oath taking for whatever reason was considered serious business. You have a right to a , you have a right to understand your charges. Paul Minn West Publishing Co.

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Many authors are in agreement to the fact that there are some characteristics typifying traditional African judicial procedures. Traditional African justice systems were based on the restorative approach.

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Decisions as to whether or not an alleged offence could be brought before them, which witnesses should testify, what compensation or penalties should be awarded and how thoroughly they should be enforced, often depended on the interests or the policies of the big man in a village, a village group or a wider district as expressed through open or covert directions to the lineage heads and others. The Victim and his Criminal. This amounts to sending him into the bush until he repented.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT IN AFRICAN INDIGENOUS LAW

All the people of a village or district, even women and children, according to the importance of the case, assemble for the hearing. Nigeria, corruption of law enforcement officers has been a fact of life. In conclusion, attempts by the various scholars to define crime has been successful but futile.

CRIMINAL LAW 1.1 GENERAL INTRODUCTION

For the Bantus, all misdeeds and offences, even capital ones, may be condoned by a fine in goods, except only the murder of a man.

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Offenders were left in the care of their families or extended families once the appropriate penalty has been imposed Capital punishment At various times in the history of customary laws, hanging, beheading, stoning, drowning, burying alive and killing by the identical means used by the murderer had been allowed. Punishment was desirable for correctional purposes and preventive measure against re-occurrence of such a misdemeanour in the society. These definitions of crime, though taken from the contemporary statutory and Common Law foundation of criminal law, are not different from what the African indigenous law considers as crime.

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