A REASSESSMENT OF MILITARY JUSTICE AS A SEPARATE SYSTEM IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: THE CASE STUDY OF UGANDA

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ABSTRACT

This article critically analyzes the reasons advanced to justify military justice as a separate system in the administration of justice and examines the validity of these reasons in Uganda’s situation. From Uganda’s perspective, some of the major reasons advanced for having and maintaining military justice as a distinct system in the administration of justice are not convincing. It is emphasized that whatever the justifications, military justice should conform to the minimum international human rights standards for administering justice, particularly those embedded in the right to a fair trial. Otherwise, “military justice” would be a misnomer.