

A CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF THE NIGERIAN LAW AND PRACTICE ON CHOICE OF JURISDICTION

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ABSTRACT

Nigeria inherited the writ rule, either by virtue of the general reception of English Common Law or by virtue of the provisions in the various high court laws, directing the courts to exercise concurrent jurisdiction with English Courts. But an appraisal of its application shows that despite over 100 years of receiving the Common Law on the subject, Nigerian courts are yet to come to terms with the implications of its reception. This article sets out to review the attitude of Nigerian courts and point out observed errors.