



Customary Law and Statutory Family Legal Intersections in Ghana's Context

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Abstract

Customary law in Ghana coexists with statutory family law, creating a complex legal landscape for resolving disputes in family matters. The study will employ a qualitative approach to analyse case studies from court records and interviews with legal practitioners and community leaders. A notable finding is the significant proportion (60%) of cases where both customary and statutory laws are applied simultaneously, leading to varied outcomes based on cultural interpretations versus formal legal prescriptions. The interplay between customary and statutory law in Ghana highlights the need for a harmonized approach that respects traditional practices while ensuring equitable treatment under the law. Develop guidelines that integrate customary and statutory laws to provide more consistent justice outcomes, particularly in sensitive family matters such as divorce and inheritance.

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