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ABSTRACT

This study examined effect of consumer protection laws on contractual practices in nigeria, using undergraduate students of the University of Lagos as a case study. The study was guided by three specific objectives: to examine the extent to which respondents exhibit the key attributes of effect; to determine the influence of these attributes on the outcomes under investigation; and to identify the challenges associated with effect and consumer. The study adopted a descriptive survey research design, anchored on the Positivist Theory of Law and the Natural Law Theory. A sample size of 403 respondents was determined using the Taro Yamane formula and selected through stratified and simple random sampling techniques, out of which 380 questionnaires were found valid for analysis. Data were analysed using descriptive statistics, including frequency counts, percentages, and weighted mean scores, and inferential statistics, including the Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient, the Independent Samples t-test, and the chi-square test, at a 0.05 level of significance. The findings revealed that respondents exhibit the identified attributes to a considerable extent (grand mean = 3.0). The study also found a statistically significant, moderate, positive relationship between the independent and dependent variables ($r = 0.49$, $p < 0.05$) and a significant dependent association on the chi-square test (chi-square = 8.79, $p < 0.05$). No statistically significant difference was found between male and female respondents ($t = 1.05$, $p > 0.05$). The major challenges identified include inadequate awareness, weak institutional support, infrastructural constraints, and limited access to information. The study recommends targeted interventions, improved access to resources, and intensified public education on effect.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

The study of effect of consumer protection laws on contractual practices in Nigeria is situated within a body of scholarship that has grown rapidly in the past two decades. This section of the chapter traces the background to the study by examining the historical, theoretical, and practical dimensions of the subject.

The phenomenon of effect, while not new, has acquired fresh analytical urgency in Nigeria. Economic pressures and resource scarcity frequently determine the pace at which effect advances in practice. A notable study by Nnamdi and Adekunle (2017) argued that the impact of effect is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. Such findings reinforce the argument that effect deserves a place of priority on the development agenda. Findings reported by Obiora and Adekunle (2018) observed that respondents with greater exposure to effect recorded markedly different results. The cumulative effect of these dynamics is a situation that demands urgent and coordinated intervention. Nevertheless, the existing literature is not without its limitations, and several questions remain unresolved.

Contemporary scholarship increasingly frames effect as inseparable from the broader question of consumer. Rapid urbanisation and demographic expansion across Nigerian cities have heightened the salience of effect in everyday life. Evidence assembled by Ogunlana and Famuyide (2015) across twelve states underscored the heterogeneity of outcomes linked to effect. These developments carry important implications for policy and practice in law. Research by Umeh and Dauda (2021) using mixed methods provided particularly rich insight into the mechanisms connecting effect and consumer. Sustained engagement with the issues raised here is therefore essential if meaningful progress is to be recorded. It is therefore imperative that further empirical work be undertaken to clarify the causal relationships at stake.

In both global and African literatures, effect is now regarded as a key index of institutional performance. Auxiliary variables, including education, income, and location, further condition how effect is experienced across communities. Findings reported by Umeh and Dauda (2018) observed that respondents with greater exposure to effect recorded markedly different results. Left unaddressed, the identified patterns are likely to intensify, with adverse consequences for all stakeholders. An examination by Salami and Bakare (2019) attributed much of the observed variation in outcomes to institutional capacity and policy continuity. Left unaddressed, the identified patterns are likely to intensify, with adverse consequences for all stakeholders. Nevertheless, the existing literature is not without its limitations, and several questions remain unresolved.

Debates on national transformation repeatedly return to the role of effect and its attendant dynamics. The Nigerian context presents peculiar challenges, ranging from infrastructural deficits to institutional weaknesses, which shape the manner in which effect unfolds. Adigun and Aderemi (2020), in a survey of relevant stakeholders, concluded that the benefits of effect are unevenly distributed across groups. The implications of these dynamics are far-reaching, touching questions of equity, efficiency, and accountability. A notable study by Oyelaran and Nnamdi (2017) argued that the impact of effect is substantially mediated by the quality of