

CALL FOR PAPERS

Legal pluralism remains a hallmark of most legal systems in Africa, especially because of its colonial past. Accordingly, most African countries recognise more than one form of marriage, some regulated by customary law and some by statute law. Such legal diversity in marriage arrangements is yet to be showcased in a single volume for the benefit of academics, students and legal practitioners.

Incidentally, it has been observed that a number of Law Faculties in Africa offer a course in Comparative Family Law, aimed at putting the spotlight on the striking similarities and differences in the regulation of family relations in Africa. Unfortunately, though, the literature on this important area of law remains comparatively limited. Accordingly, the editors of the intended publication, are requesting from interested authors, papers which essentially:

- (1) describe the types of marriages recognised by/in a specific country, focusing on the essentials of such marriages;
- (2) explain the regulatory framework for such marriages;
- (3) critically assess the gaps in the laws regulating marriages; and
- (4) make recommendations for the improvement of the existing legal framework.

The editors of the proposed publication are: Dr. Folashade Adegbite of the Law Faculty, University of Lagos, and Dr. Ama Hammond and Ms. Maame Mensa-Bonsu, both of the University of Ghana School of Law.

We would be greatly honoured if you would contribute a paper to the intended publication. We have no doubt that your contribution will enrich the overall readership experience by igniting debate and creating awareness about the types and nature of marriages in Africa.

Interested persons should kindly submit a 300-word abstract to Dr. Folashade Adegbite @ fadegbite@unilag.edu.ng or Dr Ama Hammond @ afhammond@ug.edu.gh by Thursday, 15th April, 2021. A soft copy of the final paper (8,000-10,000 words, excluding footnotes) should be submitted by Friday, 30th July, 2021. The book will be published in September, 2021.

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