

EVALUATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT DISPUTE BETWEEN THE CLIENTS AND CONTRACTORS IN NIGERIA (ONDO STATE AS A CASE STUDY)

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ABSTRACT

Construction projects embody a complex set of human relationship, different individuals are involved. Equally Construction project entails legal binding principle. Conflicts arise when individual attempting to claim his or her interests in accordance with predetermined agreement. This type of problem can degenerate to dispute between/among contracting parties especially when individual acts as a petitioner. Moreover, if client discovered that the contractor is not following contract specifications and documentations and the contractor could not defend the claim before the client, this could degenerate into dispute. Questionnaires and dispute records from Ministry of Works and High Court of Justice, in Akure were used to generate the data for this study and analyzed using Relative Importance Index (R.I.I) and Severity Index (I). Thirteen factors were identified and ranked as the most influencing construction contract disputes in Ondo State, Based on these findings, this study recommended effective quality control and prompt release of funds by the client so as to reduce construction contract dispute in Ondo State, Nigeria.

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