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## BE AWARE OF TOUTS

In many courts in Nigeria you will find so called TOUTS – these are persons without any formal legal education but some minor knowledge of the law and court procedure and who might offer you their services at very low cost or even for free. Please be aware that these persons:

- are not trained legal practitioners,
- they do not have the required legal knowledge to provide sound legal advice to you and,
- more often than not will offer a service which might be offered for free by the court,
- if you are being approached in or in the vicinity of the court premises by somebody offering to help you, either refuse or check with the court registrar whether you can rely on the advice and services of the person.



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**UNODC**

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



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**When are you entitled to obtain Legal Aid?**

Under Nigerian law in some cases (e.g. you are accused of a capital offence, or you are a victim of a Human Rights Violation) the Attorney General of the State through the Legal Aid Council or the Office of the Public Defender will provide you with a lawyer free of charge.

**How can you get Legal Assistance?**

In all other cases, the court registrar will be able to advise on how you can get legal assistance and provide you with the necessary contacts. In addition to the legal aid being provided by the State, there are many Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), associations, the Nigerian Bar Association, as well as individual lawyers, who provide free legal advice and legal representation, in particular to persons with a low income, women and children, ethnic minorities and victims of crime.

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