

DEMYSTIFICATION OF THE INQUISITORIAL SYSTEM**LTC Harms*****SUMMARY**

Criminal procedure in South Africa is outdated and does not produce speedy justice. The Criminal Procedure Act requires a revamp. Lessons can be learnt from the inquisitorial systems but local lawyers have preconceived ideas, based on ignorance, about those systems. It would be useful to consider the successful convergence of the accusatorial and inquisitorial systems attained in the rules of international criminal courts for local application.

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