

FOREWORD

The study on Abridged Trial Procedure in India aims to focus attention on the laws and practices in the lower courts relating to summons case and summary trials with particular reference to the plea of guilty. The plea of guilty abridges the criminal trial to a considerable extent but it raises several issues which run counter to the established notions in an adversary system of trial. A comparative study of the accusatorial and inquisitorial systems has therefore been made. The study deals with the Indian Law on the subject and an examination of the laws and practices as obtaining in some of the common law countries has also been made.

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