

**AN EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE KADHI COURTS  
SYSTEM IN FAMILY CONFLICT RESOLUTION  
IN ZANZIBAR**

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## ABSTRACT

This study attempted to evaluate the effectiveness of the Kadhi court system in family conflict resolution in Zanzibar. It was conducted in Urban, West, and North "B" districts. The study was conducted by using descriptive design. Purposive sampling technique was used to collect data size of 120 respondents in the population of 523 from Kadhi and their supporting staff and officers, Ulamaa, Academicians, lawyers and local people. Information gathered through questionnaires and interview was presented and analyzed using tables. The findings showed that there was evidence of the effectiveness of Kadhi courts in handling inheritance matters and decreasing divorce rate cases, but less effectiveness in providing marriage permission for the women who were deprived the same by their parents. The study recommended widely dissemination to the entire Muslims on the importance of complying with Divine guidance.