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Abstract: Law in its modern uses carries diverse sociological implications that are far reaching in their impact on socio-economic interactions globally. And with its distinctive quest towards a scientific explanation of socio-cultural phenomenon, sociology has three notable interest in human law. These include explanations revolving around the origin or foundation of law; law as an instrument of social change and; law as a facilitator of orderly interaction. These are espoused in different paradigms explicating human social processes. This paper in view of the above considers the uniqueness of the sociology of law as a branch of sociological inquiry. It delves briefly on the philosophies driving legal environment and engages a comparative analysis of traditional and contemporary legal cultures. Finally, it explains the relationships between law, legal system and socio-cultural processes. It concludes with perspectives in sociology of law.