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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The development of Islamic legal schools, known as madhahib, is a crucial aspect of Islamic law and history that reflects the diverse interpretations and practices within the Muslim community. This research aims to provide a detailed examination of the historical background of each legal school, explaining how they were established and how they spread across various regions over time. By delving into the contributions of significant figures associated with these schools, we will analyze how their teachings continue to hold relevance today, particularly in addressing modern legal challenges faced by individuals and communities.

Additionally, this study will highlight the important role that each legal school plays in shaping family and social law, illustrating how their principles influence personal relationships and community dynamics within Muslim societies. Understanding these roles is essential, as they affect everyday life, from marriage and inheritance to social justice and community welfare. Finally, we will explore how Islamic schools of thought have adapted and transformed in response to the pressures of modernization, ensuring their continued significance in a rapidly changing world.

Through this comprehensive exploration, we aim to enhance our understanding of Islamic legal traditions and their ongoing impact on the lives of individuals and communities, fostering a deeper appreciation for the rich diversity and historical depth of Islamic jurisprudence. This research not only seeks to inform but also to encourage dialogue about the relevance of these legal schools in contemporary society, bridging the gap between traditional teachings and modern realities.