



BENUE STATE OF NIGERIA
DISTRICT COURTS LAW [CAP. 56] LAWS OF BENUE
STATE [REVISED EDITION] 2004

PRACTICE DIRECTIONS FOR SMALL CLAIMS COURT
2023

By

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CHIEF JUDGE OF BENUE STATE

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(PRACTICE DIRECTIONS FOR SMALL CLAIMS COURT 2023)

PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS: By reason of the increase in commercial activities, the challenges of urbanization, harsh economic environment with the attendant Inflation which has led to an increase in Commercial Litigation, there is a corresponding need for better Access to Justice and Speedy Trial and the ease of doing Business and Investments in Benue State;

AND WHEREAS: By the District Courts (Increased Jurisdiction) Order 2010 made on the 13th Day of May, 2010, pursuant to Section 17 of the District Courts Law [CAP 56] Laws of Benue State (Revised Edition), 2004 the Chief Judge of Benue State, approved an increased jurisdiction exercisable by a Senior District Judge in Civil Matters up to N 10,000,000.00;

AND WHEREAS: there is an urgent need to designate some Senior District Courts as Small Claims Court to decongest the High Courts, to achieve quicker Justice delivery and to enhance both Domestic and Foreign Direct Investment in Benue State;

NOW THEREFORE: in the exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 274 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended), and Section 17 and 41 of the District Courts Law [CAP 56] Laws of Benue State [Revised Edition], 2004 and by virtue of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, Honourable Justice Maurice Ahemba Ikpambese, Chief Judge of Benue State of Nigeria, do hereby make and issue the following Practice Directions:

SMALL CLAIMS PROCEEDURE

Citation and Commencement

1. This Practice Direction shall be cited as the Benue State Small Claims Courts Practice Direction, 2023 and shall come into operation on the.....of.....2023.

Interpretation

2. In this Practice Directions:

“court” means Small Claims Court;

“electronic mail” means any communication by E-mail, WhatsApp, Telegram or Short Message Service (SMS);

“GSM” means Global System for Mobile communication;

“judge” means the Senior District Court Judge;

“registrar” means a person with that rank or title in a designated small claims court, and

“state” means Benue State of Nigeria:

Objective

3. The Objective of the Small Claims Procedure is to provide easy access to an informal, inexpensive and speedy resolution of simple debt recovery disputes in the District Courts.

Application

4. This Practice Direction shall apply and be observed in the Senior District Courts designated as Small Claims Courts and in the High Court, when sitting over Appeals from the Small Claims Courts.

Designation of Small Claims Court

- 5 (1) The Chief Judge shall designate by notice under his hand Senior District Courts as Small Claims Courts across the State as follows:
 - (a) Two (2) Senior District Courts in Makurdi to cover Makurdi, Guma, Gwer East and Gwer West Local Government Areas;
 - (b) Two (2) Senior District Courts in Gboko to cover Buruku, Gboko, Tarka and Ushongo Local Government Areas;
 - (c) Two (2) Senior District Courts in Otukpo to cover Ado, Agatu, Apa, Ogbadibo, Ohimini, and Otukpo Local Government Areas;
 - (d) One (1) Senior District Court in Oju to cover Obi and Oju Local Government Areas;
 - (e) One (1) Senior District Court in Ugba to cover Logo and Ukum Local Government Areas;
 - (f) One (1) Senior District Court in Vandeikya to cover Vandeikya and Konshisha Local Government Areas;
 - (g) One (1) Senior District Court in Katsina Ala to cover Katsina Ala Local Government Area;
 - (h) One (1) Senior District Court in Adikpo to cover Kwande Local Government Area
- (2) The Chief Judge may by notice increase the number of designated Small Claims Courts in the State as the need arises.

Commencement of Action

6 (1) An Action may be commenced in the Registry of the Court where the:

- (a) Claimants or one of the Claimants resides or carries on business in the State;
 - (b) Defendant or one of the Defendants resides or carries on business in the State;
 - (c) Cause of Action arose wholly or partly in the State;
 - (d) Claim is for a liquidated monetary demand in a sum not exceeding N10,000,000 (Ten Million Naira), excluding Interest and Costs; and
- (2) A claim before the court shall only be commenced after the Claimant has served on the Defendant, a LETTER OF DEMAND as in FORM SCA 1.
 - (3) Upon failure to comply with the demand as in Form SCA1, the Claimant may proceed to initiate an action by completion of FORM SCA 2 and the payment of requisite Fees through the approved payment channel as provided by the Benue State Internal Revenue

Administration (Amendment) Law, 2022.

- (4) The SUMMONS shall issue as in FORM SCA 3 upon the Registrar being satisfied that the requirements of this Article have been met.

Marking and Payment of Filing Fees

7. Where a Case satisfies the criteria in Article 6, the Registrar (or any Officer) in charge of the Small Claims Registry shall cause the Claim to be marked “Qualified for Small Claims” and direct the Applicant to pay appropriate Filing Fees.

Assignment of Small Claims File

- 8 (1) Upon the marking of the Claim, the Registrar shall within 24 hours forward the Case File to the Judge of the Court.
- (2) The Judge shall within 24 hours of receipt of the Case File fix a date for Mention.

Service of Summons

- 9 (1) The Summons shall be served by the Sheriff of the Court within Seven (7) days of filing.
- (2) Upon service, the Sheriff of the Court shall file an Affidavit of Service as in FORM SCA 6 within Two (2) days of Service.
- (3) The provision of the District Courts Rules regarding Mode of Service, except as otherwise provided in this Practice Direction, shall apply to any Process of whatever description issued by the Court.
- (4) Where the Sheriff of the Court is unable to serve the Summons on the Defendant within the time specified in sub-Article (1) of this Article, the Sheriff shall file an Affidavit of Non-Service as in FORM SCA 4 after the expiration of the time allowed for Service.
- (5) Where paragraph (4) of this Article, is applicable, the Claimant shall apply for an Order of Substituted Service of the Summons on the Defendant by filing FORM SCA 7.
- (6) Upon receipt of a duly completed FORM SCA 7, the Judge shall make an Order for Substituted Service of the Summons.
- (7) Substituted Service may be effected by electronic mail. If the substituted service is to be by E-mail address or GSM number of a Party, the following provisions shall be applicable.
- (a) the Application in paragraph (5) of this Article shall be accompanied by an Affidavit confirming the identity of the Respondent, Postal/Physical address or the E-mail address or GSM number at which the Defendant will receive Service of the Summons;
- (b) a copy of any E-mail correspondence, including Attachments between the Parties may be attached as proof of the validity of the Service;
- (c) and the Sheriff of the Court shall serve the Summons, Annexures and Pleadings by way of E-mail on the address as is ordered by the Court, indicating what Processes have been served by way of E-mail or SMS and the number of pages that were mailed.

Filing of Defence/Admission/Counter-Claim

- 10 (1) Upon service of the Summons, the Defendant shall file a Defence or Admission or Counter-Claim within Seven (7) days by completing FORM SCA 5 as appropriate.
- (2) The provision of Article 9 of this Practice Direction on Service of Summons shall apply

to service of a Counter-Claim.

- (3) Where a Defendant fails to file an Answer to the Claim, such Defendant may be deemed to have admitted the Claim.

Counter-Claim

- 11 (1) If at the time the Action is commenced, the Defendant intends to claim against the Claimant a Liquidated Money Demand not exceeding N10,000,000.00 (Ten Million Naira) excluding Interest and Costs and which Claim arises out of the same transaction or series of transactions, the Defendant shall file a Counter-claim as in FORM SCA 5 in answer to the Claim.
- (2) The Defendant's Counter-claim shall be limited to the parties on record.
- (3) The Claimant may file a Reply to the Defendant's Defence and Defence to Counterclaim within Five (5) days of service of the Defendant's Defence and Counter-claim.
- (4) There shall be no further Pleadings after the Reply is filed.

Non Appearance

- 12 (1) When the Claim is called for Hearing on the date fixed and neither Party appears, the Judge shall, unless there is good reason to the contrary, strike out the Claim.
- (2) When the Claim is called for Hearing and the Claimant appears but the Defendant does not appear, PROVIDED there is Proof of Service, the Judge shall proceed with the hearing of the Claim and enter Judgment as far as the Claimant can prove the Claim.
- (3) When the Claim is called for Hearing and the Defendant appears but the Claimant does not appear, and the Defendant has no Counterclaim, the Defendant shall be entitled to an Order striking out the Claim. However, where the Defendant has a Counter-claim, the Judge shall proceed to hear the Counter-claim and enter Judgment accordingly, as far as the Defendant can prove the Counter-claim.
- (4) Where a case is struck out under paragraphs (1) and (3) of this Article, it shall not be relisted on application but may be reinstituted.

Proceedings at Hearing

- 13 (1) At the first appearance of the Parties before the Court, the Judge shall promote, encourage and facilitate amicable settlement of the dispute among the Parties by mediating and providing Settlement options to the Parties as deemed fit. The process of mediating and facilitating amicable settlement of the dispute among the Parties shall not exceed Seven (7) days.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this Article, the Parties may be encouraged to contact one another with a view to settling the matter amicably or to narrow down the issues. The Court shall be informed on the Hearing date if the Case is settled by Agreement before that Hearing date and a Consent Judgment may be entered by the Court accordingly.
- (3) In the event that Parties are unable to settle the dispute amicably, the District Judge shall hold a Preliminary Hearing for the purpose of giving directions for hearing of the

Claim or Counter-claim (as the case may be), including a Hearing Time Table, Length of Trial or Hearing, exchange of List of Witness(es), formulation and settlement of issues, as appears to the District Judge to secure the just, expeditious and speedy disposal of the Claim or Counter-claim.

- (4) Hearing shall be conducted by the Court from day to day as far as is practicable and may only be adjourned as a last resort and for the shortest possible time.
- (5) Adjournment can only be granted during Proceedings in unforeseen or exceptional circumstance and a Party may not be granted more than one Adjournment during the entire Proceedings.
- (6) The entire period of Hearing shall not be more than Thirty (30) days from the first date of Hearing, inclusive of the Seven (7) days, for amicable settlement.
- (7) Where a judge believes that as a result of leave or compelling absence, he may exceed the timelines in this Practice Directions, he shall remit the case to another Judge for hearing before proceeding on leave, provided he has not commenced the hearing.
- (8) During the Hearing, the Judge may ask the Witness any question or order the Witness to produce any Document in the Witness' possession in order to clear any ambiguity which may have been left during the taking of evidence given by such a Witness, to speed up the Hearing.
- (9) The Judge shall hold a Case Management Hearing immediately issues are joined.

Representation

- 14 Parties may represent themselves at the Proceedings in the Court. Partnerships and Registered Companies can be represented by either a Partner, Company Secretary or any other Principal Officer of the Partnership or Company.

Evidence

- 15 Parties may testify on their own behalf and tender all necessary documents and they may call other witnesses to give evidence at the hearing.

Judgement

- 16 (1) The Judge shall endeavour to deliver Judgment within Fourteen (14) days of the completion of Hearing. The Judgment shall include the Court's determination of issues raised in any Interlocutory Application(s) filed by any of the Parties.
- (2) The entire period of Proceedings from filing till Judgment shall not exceed Sixty (60) days.
 - (3) The Judgment of the Court shall not be invalidated only by reason that Proceedings of the Court exceeded Sixty (60) days.
 - (4) The Judge shall endeavour to issue authenticated copies of the Judgment immediately after its delivery but in any event not exceeding Seven (7) days from the date of the delivery of the Judgment.

Enforcement of the Judgement

- 17 (1) The Defendant to the main claim or Defendant to a Counterclaim (as the case may be) shall comply with the Judgment and pay the Judgment Sum within Fourteen (14) days of delivery of the Judgment.
- (2) Upon default of the Defendant or Defendant to a Counter-claim to pay the Judgment sum within the time specified, the Judgment shall be enforced in like manner as any Order of the District Court for the payment of money.

- (3) Application for stay of execution shall be granted only in exceptional circumstances, only on the condition that the Judgment Debtor shall pay into the Registry of the Court the judgment sum.

Appeals

- 18 (1) Where either Party is aggrieved with the Judgment, such Party shall comply with the provisions of Section 73 (1) and (2) of the District's Courts Law with regards to Leave of the District Court.
 - (2) The aggrieved Party shall file the Notice of Appeal as in FORM SCA 8 within Fourteen (14) days of delivery of the Judgment stating the reasons for the Appeal.
 - (3) The Registrar of the Small Claims Court shall compile the Record of Appeal within ***Fourteen (14)*** days of the submission of Form SCA 8
 - (4) The Record of Appeal shall thereafter be served on the parties and forwarded to the Fast Track Registry of the High Court, where it is then assigned to two Judges of the Fast Track Court designated to hear Appeals from the District Court.
 - (5) The Chief Judge shall, as soon as there is an appeal pending designate a Fast Track Appeal panel consisting of two judges of the High Court to hear and determine the appeal from the Small Claims Court.
 - (6) The panel, so designated shall cause Hearing Notices to issue to the Parties and the Appeal shall be heard at the earliest convenience of the Court.
 - (7) The Appeal shall be by written Briefs of the Parties which shall not be more than ten (10) pages.
 - (8) Written Briefs shall be prepared in 210mm by 297mm paper size (A4) and typed in clear typographic character. The typeset shall be in Arial, Times New Roman or Tahoma of 14 font size with at least 1.5 space in-between.
 - (9) The appellant shall have seven (7) days from the service of the records of appeal to file and serve his appellant's brief.
 - (10) The Respondent shall have five (5) days from the service of the Appellant's brief to file his Respondent's brief of argument.
 - (11) The Appellant may file his Reply Brief within two (2) days of the Respondent's Brief of Arguments.
 - (12) When an appeal is called and the parties have been duly served with the notice of hearing, but a party, or any legal practitioner appearing for him does not appear to present oral arguments even though briefs have been filed, the appeal shall be treated as having been duly argued.
 - (13) Unless otherwise directed, each side will be allowed fifteen (15) minutes for oral arguments
 - (14) The whole Appellate Process from the Assignment of the Appeal to Judgment shall not exceed Thirty (30) days.

Recourse to Other Laws

- 19 Where no provision is made in this Practice Directions, the provisions of the District Courts Rules and District Court Law of the State; Order 53 of the Benue State High

Court (Civil Procedure) Rules, 2021 regulating appeals or any other Rules or written Laws for the time being in force shall so far as is convenient be applied.

Miscellaneous

- 20 (1) Every Judge presiding in the Court shall hear and determine matters before him judicially and judiciously.
- (2) The Judge shall note in the Small Claim Record of Proceedings, the date when the Proceedings commenced and ended.
- (3) The Registrars of the designated Courts may be required from time to time, to forward the number of disposed Cases to the High Court.

LIST OF FORMS

Letter of Demand	SCA 1
Small Claims Complaint Form	SCA 2
Small Claims Summons	SCA 3
Affidavit of Non-service	SCA 4
Defence/Administration/Counter-Claim Form	SCA 5
Affidavit of Service	SCA 6
Motion Ex-Parte	SCA 7
Notice of Appeal	SCA 8

FORM SCA 1

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BENUE STATE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE.....DISTRICT
SMALL CLAIMS COURT
LETTER OF DEMAND

FROM:

WORK ADDRESS:

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: TELEPHONE NO. & E-MAIL:

TO:

WORK ADDRESS:

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NO. & E-MAIL:

SIR/MADAM,

DEMAND

I hereby demand from you the sum of:

.....
.....

(PLEASE STATE PARTICULARS)

Unless you comply with this demand within Fourteen (14) days after receipt of this Letter, a Summons will be issued against you in Small Claims Court.

Yours Faithfully,

Claimant's Signature

FORM SCA 2

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BENUE STATE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE.....DISTRICT
SMALL CLAIMS COURT

SMALL CLAIMS COMPLAINT FORM (TO ACCOMPANY FORM SCA 3)

NB:

1. *Please fill the Form legibly.*
2. *Please attach copies of the Documents (Contracts, Receipt. Experts Report (If applicable) etc., upon which the Claim Is based.*
3. *Submit this Form at the Registry of the Small Claims Court.*

A. PARTICULARS OF CLAIMANT(S)

FULL NAME.....

WORK PLACE:.....

TELEPHONE No. & E-MAIL.....

ADDRESS:.....

Please attach a list of other Claimants (if more than one) with the required particulars as above.

B. PARTICULARS OF DEFENDANT(S)

FULL NAME:.....

WORK PLACE:

TELEPHONE No. & EMAIL.....

Please attach a list of other Defendants (If more than one) with the required particulars as above.

C. PARTICULARS OF CLAIM(S)

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.....
.....

TOTAL SUM CLAIMED

INTEREST

COSTS (If Applicable)

OTHERS (If Applicable).....

PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR COMPLAINT AND STATE THE STEPS YOU HAVE TAKEN TO RECOVER THE CLAIM

.....
.....

CLAIMANTS SIGNATURE/ THUMBPRINT

DATE

Sworn to at the Small Claims Court Registry this.....day of.....20.....

The foregoing has been read and interpreted by me to the Deponent inLanguage, the Deponent being Illiterate/Blind and having appeared perfectly to have understood the contents before affixing a Thumb Print Impression.

JURAT (If applicable)

Commissioner for Oaths.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BENUE STATE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE.....DISTRICT
SMALL CLAIMS COURT

SUMMONS

(TO BE SERVED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF FILING)

CLAIM NO.....

BETWEEN:

.....CLAIMANT

AND

.....DEFENDANT

The Claimant Claims:

Debt (particulars are attached)

Court Fees:

Costs:

Total: N

To:

1. You are hereby summoned to appear personally before this Court on theday of 20.....at.....to admit or deny the above mentioned Claim.
2. If you deny liability or have a Counter-claim you are advised to complete and return **FORM SCA 5** to the Registry of the Small Claims Court within Seven (7) days after the service of this Summons, inclusive of the day of Service. If you require a longer time for payment, complete the **FORM OF ADMISSION** as in **FORM SCA 5**.
3. (1) Take notice that if you fail to appear in Court on the Hearing date after a Summons has been served on you, Judgment may be obtained against you by the Claimant;
(2) Money payable in terms of a Judgment or Order of Court may be paid directly to the Judgment Creditor;
(3) If you admit the Claim and wish to consent to Judgment or wish to undertake to pay the Claim in instalments or in full, you may approach the Claimant.
4. If any person against whom a Judgment for the payment of money has been given or an Order for the payment of money in instalments has been made, fails to satisfy the Judgment or Order:
(a) such Judgment or Order may be enforced against movable properties and if the movable properties are found to be insufficient, then against the immovable properties of the Party against whom the Judgment or Order has been made; and
(b) execution shall be taken against the whole Judgment Debt and Costs which have not been paid in default of an instalment.
5. The Judgment Debtor is liable to notify the Judgment Creditor fully and correctly within Seven (7) days after he has changed his Place of Work, Employment or Residence of his new Place of Work, Employment or Residence.

Dated this.....day of.....20.....

REGISTRAR

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BENUE STATE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE.....DISTRICT
SMALL CLAIMS COURT

AFFIDAVIT OF NON-SERVICE

CLAIM NO:.....

BETWEEN:

.....CLAIMANT

AND

.....DEFENDANT

I

Make Oath and state that on the day of 20 at O' clock, I

attempted to serve upon

Summons for Small Claims:.....

A True copy whereof was issued out of this Court at.....

.....I have been unable to serve the

Summons.....

Because.....

.....

.....

Bailiff

SWORN TO AT THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT REGISTRY.....

This..... day of 20.....

BEFORE ME

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

FORM SCA5

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BENUE STATE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE.....DISTRICT
SMALL CLAIMS COURT

FORM OF ADMISSION, DEFENCE AND COUNTER-CLAIM TO ACCOMPANY
FORM SCA3

(TO BE SERVED ON THE CLAIMANT WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF SERVICE OF
FORM SCA3)

CLAIM NO:

BETWEEN:

.....CLAIMANT
AND

.....DEFENDANT

A. ADMISSION

I admit the Claimant's Claim (or).....part of the Claimant's Claim and I ask for permission to pay the sum with Costs on the amount on the.....day of.....- 202...
.....(or by instalments of N.....per.....) because,

1

2.

3

(State why you cannot pay at once)

B. DEFENCE

I have a Defence

.....
.....
.....
.....

(Or I dispute part of the Claimant's Claim).....

because.....

(State briefly the facts you wish to put before the Court).

C. COUNTER-CLAIM OR SET OFF.

I have a Counter-claim or Set-off against the Claimant for

N

.....
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.....

(State the particulars of the Counter-claim or Set-off)

.....
CLAIMANTS SIGNATURE/THUMBPRINT

.....
DATE

The foregoing has been read and interpreted by me to the Deponent in.....Language
the Deponent being illiterate/Blind and having appeared perfectly to have understood the
contents before affixing the Thumb Print Impression.

JURAT (if applicable)

Commissioner for Oaths

Defendant's Address for Service in Benue State

Dated this.....day of.....20.....

**NB: IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN ANSWER TO THE CLAIM YOU MAY BE DEEMED TO
HAVE ADMITTED THE CLAIM**

FORM SCA 6

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BENUE STATE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE.....DISTRICT
SMALL CLAIMS COURT

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE
(PROOF OF SERVICE TO BE FILED WITHIN TWO (2) DAYS OF SERVICE)
CLAIM NO.....:

BETWEEN:

.....CLAIMANT
AND

.....DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

I,

make Oath and state that on the.....day of.....20.....
at.....O' dock, I served upon.....
a Summons for Small Claims

True copy whereof annexed, issued out of this Court at.....
upon.....

.....on the Complaint of.....
by delivering the same personally to.....

.....Before the day I served the Summons.....

I did not know.....
personally, but after he was pointed out to me by
asked him if he was
and he said, he was.

Bailiff

SWORN TO AT THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT REGISTRY.....,

This.....Day of.....20

BEFORE ME

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

FORM SCA7

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BENUE STATE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE.....DISTRICT
SMALL CLAIMS COURT

HOLDEN AT

CLAIM No.....

BETWEEN:

.....CLAIMANT/APPLICANT

AND

.....DEFENDANT

MOTION EXPARTE

BROUGHT PURSUANT TO ORDER XV ARTICLE I OF THE DISTRICT COURT
(CIVILPROCEDURE) RULES AND UNDER THE INHERENT JURISDICTION OF THE
COURT

TAKE NOTICE that this Honourable Court will be moved on the.....day of.....20..
at 9.0 clock in the forenoon or soon thereafter as the Claimant/Applicant may be heard praying
the Court for the following:

An Order of the Court granting leave to the Claimant/Applicant to serve the Summons on the
Defendant by substituted means, to wit: posting same at.....
being the last known address of the Defendant or by any other means of service as is hereby stat-
ed:.....

.....
AND FOR SUCH ORDER OR ORDERS as this Honourable Court may deem fit to make in
the circumstances in this Claim.

Dated.....Day of.....20.....

Claimant's Signature

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BENUE STATE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE.....DISTRICT
SMALL CLAIMS COURT

HOLDEN AT.....

APPEAL NO.....

BETWEEN:

.....APPELLANT

AND

.....RESPONDENT

NOTICE OF APPEAL

TAKE NOTICE that the...../Appellant being dissatisfied with the decision of the Small Claims Court in the.....District contained in the Judgment delivered on the by.....do hereby appeal to the High Court of Benue State, upon the Grounds set out in paragraph 2 and will at the Hearing of the Appeal seek the Reliefs set out in Paragraph 3. **AND** the Appellant further states that the names and addresses of the person (s) who would be directly affected by the Appeal are those set out in Paragraph 4 of this Notice.

1. PART OF THE DECISION OF THE LOWER COURT COMPLAINED OF:

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.....
.....

2. GROUNDS OF APPEAL:

The Learned Small Claims Court Judge erred in Law when His Honour held that.....

.....
.....

PARTICULARS OF ERROR:

(a)

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.....
.....

(b)

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.....
.....

3. RELIEFS BEING SOUGHT FROM THE HIGH COURT OF BENUE STATE

(a) An Order of the Honourable Court

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.....
.....

(b) An Order:

4. PERSON(S) DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE APPEAL

NAMES:

ADDRESS:

(a) -----

(b) -----

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE:

Appellant's Signature



ISSUED THIS 7TH DAY OF
DECEMBER 2023 UNDER THE
HANDS AND SEAL OF HON. JUSTICE
MAURICE AHEMBA IKPAMBESE
CHIEF JUDGE OF BENUE STATE