

Serial No: .....

Local Administrations AMAC Station CID Time.....  
Date 04-11-2021 To Magistrate Court FCT Abuja

Nature of information.....  
**FORGERY AND PERSONATION CONTRARY TO SEC. 364 AND 179 OF PENAL CODE LAWS. On 22nd Oct. 2021 at about 2.00hrs, One Ikenna Richard Amanoh SSA of flat 1, plot 74, Cack-Sprat Zone, Life Camp Abuja came to police Divisional Headquarters, Wuse zone 3, Abuja and reported that sometime in October, 2021 you uideozo Richard Ikenna ms of Aso 'B' Mkaraba, Nasarawa State forged his call to Bar certificate and has been using his name as a legal practitioner. Consequently, you were arrested. During the course of police investigation, you confessed to have been using his name as a lawyer because you studied Law from University of Nigeria Enugu and admitted to Nigerian Law School, Enugu**

And over to information by me: Johnson John Sign of information .....Rank and Number: SSPDirections of officer incharge Police Station (If case refused state reason..... Charge.....Suspect to Frank Meace  
Signed: [Signature] Rank DSP

Date FIRS: .....

Date Warrant Issued (If any) .....

Signed: .....

Name, Age, Occupation and Address of Person(s) arrested

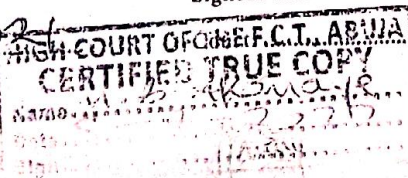
Ikenna Richard Amanoh, 34 years, Business, Aso 'B' Mkaraba, Nasarawa State.

The accused brought before Courts:..... Signed.....

Rank and Number: .....

Court's Orders regarding Investigation (if any): .....

Mention before me: .....

Magistrate  
E.M. 04-11-2021Court File No: CR/K/22/521/2021 Court File No: .....Date: 04/11/2021 Signed: .....



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF FEDERAL CAPITAL  
TERRITORY**

**IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION  
HOLDEN AT ABUJA.**

**SUIT NO:**

*CW/5444/24*

**BETWEEN: -**

IKENNA RICHARD AMANOH.....CLAIMANT

**AND**

1. MR. AMANOH RICHARD IKENNA

2. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (FCT COMMAND)

3. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE  
(FORCE HEADQUARTER ABUJA)

4. NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE

DEFENDANTS

**TO THE DEFENDANTS:-**

1. MR. AMANOH RICHARD IKENNA OF FLAT 1, PLOT 74 CADASTRAL ZONE, LIFE CAMP EXTENSION, ABUJA.
2. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (FCT COMMAND ABUJA)
3. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE (FORCE HEADQUARTER ABUJA)
4. THE NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE (THE INSTITUTION OF THE NIGERIAN POLICE)

You are hereby commanded that within 42 (Forty-two days) after the service of this writ on you, inclusive of the day of such service, you do cause an appearance to be entered for you in an action at the suit of the Claimant. Take notice that in default of your so doing the Claimant may proceed therein, and judgment may be given in your absence.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the parties shall maintain status quo.

DATED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.

*(Signature)*  
REGISTRAR

*(Signature)*  
Memorandum to be subscribed on the writ

**N.B -**

This Writ is to be served within 6 (Six) Months from the date thereof, or if renewed, within 3 Months from the date of the last renewal, including the day of such date and not afterwards.

The defendants may enter appearance personally or by solicitor either by handing in the appropriate forms, etc., at the Registry of the High Court Judicial Division in which the

tion is brought or by sending them to the Registry by registered post or by electronic means.

**Indorsements to be made on the writ before issued thereof-**

The Claimant Claim against the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Defendants for:-

1. **WHEREOF**, the Claimant claims against the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Defendants jointly and severally for
  - a. A declaration by this Honourable Court that the false and malicious publication made on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021 by the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant is defamatory and that by so publishing, the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant defamed the Claimant.
  - a. **AN ORDER** of this Honourable Court directing the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Defendants to pay the sum of ₦1,000,000,000.00 (One Billion Naira) being general damages for libel resulting from the false and malicious publication and wrongful prosecution and persecution by the Defendants.
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  - c. **AN ORDER OF PERPETUAL INJUNCTION** Restraining the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Defendants from arresting, intimidating, humiliating, threatening and or causing further arrest of the Claimant on the said similar issue.
  - d. **AN ORDER** directing the Defendant to pay to the Claimant the cost of this suit in the sum of ₦1, 000,000.00 (One Million Naira).

This writ was issued by **KENNETH ADOKEME Esq.**, whose address for service is Lokpobiri & Co, No. 5 Nouackchott Street, Adjacent to Keystone Bank Plc, Wuse Zone 1, Abuja.

Indorsed the.....11...day of December, 2024

This Writ was served by me..... on the Defendants accompanied by

- (a) a Statement of Claim;
- (b) a list of witnesses to be called at the trail;
- (c) written statements on oath of the witnesses except witnesses on subpoena;
- (d) copies of every document to be relied upon at the trial;

dated .....11..... on the.....day of.....Dec.....2024.

**THE REGISTRY, HIGH COURT OF FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY  
IN THE.....JUDICIAL DIVISION**

A sufficient affidavit in verification of the endorsement on this writ to authorize the sealing thereof has been produced to me this.....day of December, 2024.

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(Signature of Registrar)



IN THE HIGH COURT OF FEDERAL CAPITAL  
TERRITORY

IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION  
HOLDEN AT ABUJA.

SUIT NO:

CV/5644/2024

BETWEEN: -

IKENNA RICHARD AMANOH ..... CLAIMANT

AND

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2. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (FCT COMMAND)
3. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE  
(FORCE HEADQUARTER ABUJA)
4. NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE

DEFENDANTS

STATEMENTS OF CLAIM

1. The Claimant, IKENNA RICHARD AMANOH is a legal practitioner and a good citizen of the country Nigeria.
2. That the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant is a Legal Practitioner bearing the same name with the Claimant.
3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant is a Commissioner of Police in charge of FCT Command.
4. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Defendant is Inspector General of Police the Father to the Nigerian Police nationwide.
6. The 5<sup>th</sup> Defendant is the Nigerian Police Force. An Institution of the Nigerian Police
8. Sometime on 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2017 the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant falsely accused and published against the Claimant on the Internet/Online the following article:

"A man who had practised as a lawyer for five years in Anambra State, Mr. Richard Ikenna Udeozo, was on Wednesday remanded in prison custody by the magistrate, S. K Kadurumba, in charge of magistrate court 11 in the state high court in Owerri, the Imo State capital. He has been accused of fraudulently parading himself as a lawyer, whereas he is not. In his defence, Udeozo said the original of his Call to Bar certificate fell inside water, hence his inability to present it. Alleged fake lawyer, Mr. Richard Ikenna Udeozo, in the court on Wednesday. Photo: Chidiebube Okeoma. Most Widely Read Newspaper Home News Ondo Decides 2024 Investigations Metro Plus Videos Politics Business London Criminal Law Solicitors - Contact Berkeley Square Solicitors today Accused Of A Crime? Our Criminal Law Solicitors Will Give You The Best Defence. Call 24/7. Berkeley Square Solicitor OPEN The suspect was arraigned by the Police, in conjunction with the Owerri Branch of the Nigeria Bar Association, for impersonation and forgery, among other charges preferred against him. Some of the charges preferred against him were that, on March 23, 2017, in the office of the chairman of the Nigeria Bar Association, Owerri branch,



Udeozo presented a forged certificate of Call to the Bar as a lawyer dated December 20, 2012, as a proof of his Call to Bar and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 467 of the criminal code. The certificate reportedly bears the name of one Richard Ikenna Amanoh. The prosecution said, "That you, Richard Ikenna Udeozo, on the same date and place in the aforesaid magistrate district, did present a forged qualifying certificate from Council of Legal Education of December 20, 2012, which bears Richard Ikenna Amanoh, and presented it to the chairman Nigeria Bar Association, Owerri branch as proof of having attended the Nigerian Law School and qualified to be called to and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 467 of the Criminal Code." The accused was also said to have presented a forged change of name which was published in the Vanguard newspaper of September 24, 2012, to the chairman of NBA, Owerri branch, as a document changing his name from Richard Ikenna Udeozo to Richard Ikenna Amanoh.

The Owerri branch NBA chairman, Lawrence Nwakaeti, who announced his appearance for the NBA, told the court that the accused was a serial bail jumper who had jumped bail in Anambra State on the same matter. Nwakaeti said, "In the interest of our legal professional which is going down everyday, my lord, I Implore you to refuse the accused bail. "He had jumped bail in the past in Anambra State. He was exposed there some years ago, but he ran to Imo and continued his criminal activities of parading himself as a lawyer when he is none." The Police prosecutor, S. N Onwuchekwa, urged the court to exercise restraint in granting the accused bail because allowing him to walk out as a free person would put the lives of those who will testify in the court in jeopardy, saying that the accused fake lawyer had been threatening to deal with them.

The accused, who defended himself because no lawyer agreed to stand in for him, told the court that his certificate of Call to Bar fell inside water, pleading not guilty. The presiding magistrate, Kadurumba, while ruling on the matter, ordered that the accused fake lawyer be remanded in prison custody until May 10, 2017 when the matter would come up for hearing. Nwakaeti, told our correspondent that he lured the accused to his office into the waiting hands of Police when investigations proved that he was not a genuine lawyer. Our correspondent learnt that Udeozo had jumped bail in Uli, Anambra State years back and ran to Imo State, where he had been practising in the chambers of Ifeanyi Udeagwu & Co. in Owerri Town, until he was apprehended on March 23, 2017."

4. The article was titled "My Call to Bar certificate fell inside water —Fake lawyer".
5. That the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant used The Punch Newspaper to make the publication.
2. The Claimant avers that he was arrested at Area Command Owerri and finally arraigned before the Magistrate Court Owerri in Imo State. He was finally remanded at Owerri Prison Custody for 8 months.



During the trial, he wrote to the then Governor of Imo State, His Excellency Rochas Okorocha, complaining his ordeal to him. The Governor instructed the Attorney General of Imo State to investigate the matter and get back to him.

4. Finally the Attorney General found out the truth in the matter, all the activities of the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant and his group bothers on intimidation and humiliation, entered nolle prosequi on his behalf upon which he was duly discharged in the case.
5. The Claimant upon his relocation to Abuja, the said 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant upon noticing that the Claimant had relocated then used his influence and arrested him again at the Divisional Police Station Zone 3, Wuse, Abuja and the matter was transferred to FCT Command at GI Section.
6. During investigation, he was seriously tortured to agree on offence he did not commit. He was also seriously injured by Sargent John Johnson now Inspector and DSP Abu, the team leader who broke one of his Right Hand fingers and told him in confidence that it is a mark of remembrance that the information reaching to them that he was one of the lawyers who usually file the enforcement of fundamental right against the Nigerian Police. That they will make arrangement with their own prosecutor and magistrate and throw him into the prison where he would suffer heavily and give up in life.
7. Under that despair of torture, his tooth had issues and caused severe pains leading to the repair of the teeth. The receipt from the Dentist and Doctor's prescription is hereby pleaded and will be relied upon at trial.
8. The DSP Abu in the presence of the Claimant made a call telling whosoever was on the other side of the phone that he was calling to instruct the Magistrate not to grant the claimant bail and that they would come with the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant herein to see the Magistrate.
9. The Claimant avers that he was taken to Court and arraigned before the Chief Magistrate in the person of Folashade Esq who denied him bail and finally remanded him in prison custody Keffi, new Prison Nasarawa State.
10. The Claimant further avers that he was languishing in the said prison custody before his lawyer, I. N. Nwosu Esq. applied
11. Upon subsequent elevation of the Magistrate, the Claimant was left in the prison custody without a date for trial or hearing in Court for a period of 10 months. All the effort made to get a date was deliberately aborted.
12. The Claimant avers that he had been in the prison custody for 3 years and 2 months until one B.I Udeh Esq. came for his rescue as his effort culminated into a date being given for his matter.
13. That on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024 the matter was struck out and he was discharged.
14. The Claimant avers that his counsel had to file for the enforcement of his fundamental right at the Federal High Court in Suit number FHC/ABJ/CS/536/2024 between Udeozo Richard Ikenna and Commissioner of Police FCT and two others before he was released.



- The Claimant avers that the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant misled the NBA Bwari Branch to write a petition against him in the same subject matter, telling people and some lawyers that he is a fake lawyer and a notorious criminal.
6. That the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant instructed the NBA Bwari branch to write petition against the Claimant to Inspector General of Police and the matter was directed to AIG Zone 7 to arrest the Claimant on the same subject matter.
  17. The Claimant avers that the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant has been using the 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Defendants as a mercenary and willing tools to arrest, intimidate, humiliate and infringe on his right,
  18. The Claimant avers that the said 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant has reported the said subject matter at the Divisional Police, Area Command, FCT Command, Zone 7 zonal command and Office of the Inspector General of Police in the same subject matter and all this his report from one police station to another that The Claimant has been sleeping in the Police cells and arraigned before the Court in the same subject matter severally with great ordeal some of which are the outright destruction of his finger, broken teeth causing severe pains, loss of goodwill due to defamation, loosing clientele and even years of practice among others.
  19. The Claimant avers that he graduated from the University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus and later attended the Nigerian Law School, Enugu Campus before he was finally Called to Bar in 2012 specifically on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2012.
  20. The Claimant avers that the fact that he has similar name with the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant does not in anyway give him the right to molest him whatsoever.

**WHEREOF**, the Claimant claims against the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Defendants jointly and severally for

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Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

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(Signature of Registrar)

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY**  
**IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION**  
**HOLDEN AT MAITAMA**  
**ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024**  
**BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP; HON JUSTICE MOHAMMED ZUBAIRU (VACATION JUDGE)**

**MOTION NO: M/16801/2024**

**BETWEEN**

**IKENNA RICHARD AMANOH.....CLAIMANT/APPLICANT**

**AND**

**1. MR. AMANOH RICHARD IKENNA**

**2. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE**

**3. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE**

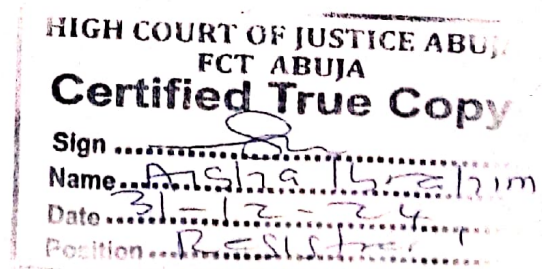
**4. NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE**

**FCT COMMAND**

**COURT ORDER**

Upon Hearing the Motion on Exparte dated and filed 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 with Motion No: M/16801/2024 by Ikenna Richard Esq attached with a 10 paragraph affidavit sworn to by Ikenna Richard Amanoh the Applicant praying for the following Orders:

1. An Order of the Honourable Court granting leave to the Applicant to serve the 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Respondents with the writ of summon, the accompanying processes and all other Court Processes and subsequent processes in this suit by substituted means.
  - a) In the case of 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent, his Resident address at flat 1, Plot 74 Cadastral Zone, Life Camp extension, Abuja and to serve the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent through Whatsapp with Whatsapp number 08137587125.
  - b) In the case of 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent through the Legal Department FCT Command, Abuja.
  - c) In the case of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Respondents through the legal Department Force Headquarters, Abuja.

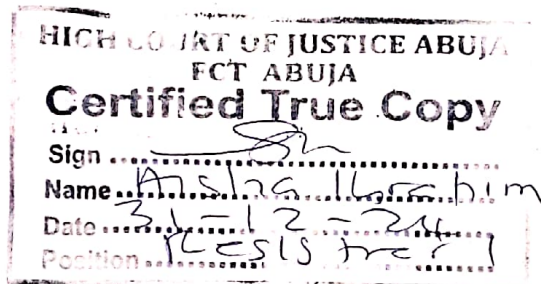




2. An Order of this Honourable Court directing parties to maintain status-quo ante bellum, pending the hearing and determination of the substantive suit.
3. An order of interim injunction restraining the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Respondents or any of their Agency from arresting the Applicant pending the Determination of substantive suit.

And for further or other order the Honourable Court may deem fit to make in the circumstances.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**



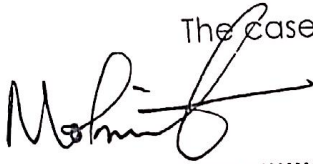
After hearing the Claimant in person and reviewing the affidavit in support of the instant Application for substituted service against the Respondents, I therefore grant the application (prayer 1) as prayed.

1. On prayer 2, I hold that the provision of Order 4 rule 9 of the rules of this court has taken care of this therefore on the face of the Originating Summons there is an endorsement that requires both parties to maintain status quo. I stand by that. I order that the Originating summons be served on the Respondents and the Respondents are expected to respect the dignity of the process served on them on provided by order 4 rule 4 of the rules of this Court.
2. I order that by coming to this Court and filed his process, the Applicant has submitted to the jurisdiction of this Court as such

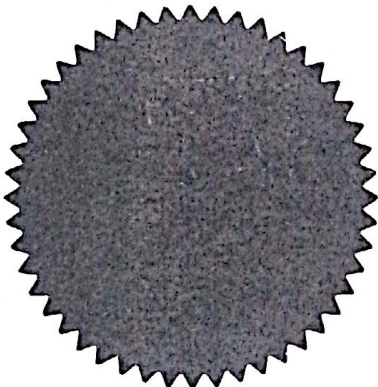


parties involved are not to do anything that undermines the powers of this Court in the case at hand, the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Respondents are restrained from arresting the Applicant pending the determination of the case before this Court.

The case is adjourned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2025 for Hearing.



HON. JUSTICE MOHAMMED ZUBAIRU  
PRESIDING JUDGE



GIVEN UNDER THE HAND AND SEAL OF THE  
PRESIDING JUDGE OF THIS HONOURABLE  
COURT.

DATED THIS 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024

