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Date: 22nd November, 2022

The Chief Justice of Nigeria & Chairman National Judicial Council, Three Arms Zone, Asokoro – Abuja.

Dear Sir,



## <u>PETITION AGAINST THE CHIEF JUDGE OF KEBBI STATE, HON.</u> <u>JUSTICE M.S AMBURSA FOR FALSIFICATION OF AGE</u>

We are non-governmental organisation registered to fight violations of human rights and to promote social justice and good governance in Nigeria. It is pursuant to this mandate that we consider it a duty to intimate you on the subject above. The Metro Lawyer

My Lord, we have been inundated with complaints from Kebbi State against the Chief Judge, Hon. Justice M.S Ambursa on falsification of his age among others, and we embarked on a journey to Kebbi State in order to investigate the allegation.

In the course of our investigation, we obtained a copy of Sokoto State Government Gazette indicating that Justice M.S Ambursa was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1954 which means that he ought to have retired from office two years ago having attained the age of 65 as provided by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

It is against this background that we deem it necessary to write this complaint and urge you to take appropriate action in order to save the honour and integrity of the judiciary as previously done by the National Judicial Council (N.J.C) against Hon. Justices Idris Evuti and Tanko Yusuf Usman of Niger State High Court for falsification of their dates of birth. The N.J.C in its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 recommended for compulsory retirement of Justice Idris Evuti and asked Niger State government to deduct all salaries received by him when he should have retired from office, from his gratuity and remit same to the N.J.C.

It is in the light of the above we hereby submit this petition for your kind consideration and necessary action for the good of the judiciary and the nation at large. In compliance with the NJC guidelines for writing petitions and complains against judicial officers, the following documents are hereby accompanied namely:

- 1. Statement on oath of the Usman Lawan Mai Yasin.
- A copy of the Sokoto State Government Gazette indicating that Justice M.S Ambursa was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1954.

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Thank you in anticipation of your prompt action.

### Yours faithfully,

Usman Lawan Mai Yasin Zonal Coordinator

Copy to:

- 1. All members of the National Judicial Council
- 2. His Excellency, The Executive Governor of Kebbi State
- 3. Hon. Speaker, House of Assembly, Kebbi State
- 4. The President, Nigerian Bar Association
- 5. The Chairman, Nigerian Bar Association, (Equity Bar) Kebbi State
- 6. The Director-General D.S.S Headquarters, Federal capital Territory Abuja.

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7. Secretary, National Judicial Council Three Arms Zone Abuja.



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#### STATEMENT ON OATH OF USMAN LAWAN MAIYASIN

I, Usman Lawan Mai Yasin, Male, Adult, Muslim, Nigerian citizen of No. 209, Sabon Gari, Funtua Local Government Area, Katsina State do hereby make oath and states as follows:

- 1. That, I am the zonal Coordinator, international human rights initiative today, a nongovernmental organisation registered to fight human rights infringement and promotion of social justice and good governance in Nigeria and Africa.
- 2. That, we have received a number of complaints from indigenes of Kebbi State against the Chief Judge of Kebbi State, Hon. Justice M.S Ambursa on falsification of his age among others, and we set up a committee to visit Kebbi State the allegation of age falsification.
- 3. That, I was the Chairman of the committee that visited Birnin Kebbi on the 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 in the course of our investigation.
- 4. That, by virtue of my position aforesaid, I am conversant with the facts and circumstances stated herein. The Metro Lawyer

5. That, all my statements herein are within my personal knowledge unless otherwise stated.

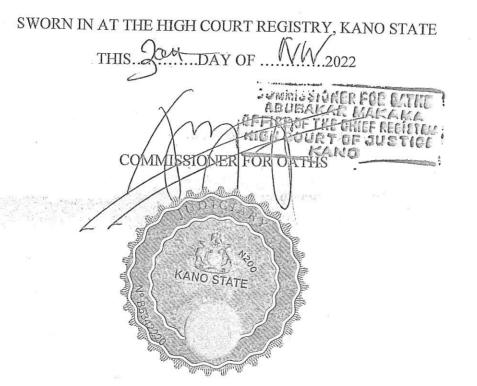
- 6. That, when we arrived at Birnin Kebbi, we obtained a copy of the Chief Judge's primary school certificate containing his approximate date of birth i.e. 1957. A copy of the primary school certificate is hereby attached and marked exhibit "A".
- 7. That, on the 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2021, we visited Sokoto State where the Chief Judge served as a primary school teacher before the creation of Kebbi State and we obtained a gazette indicating that Hon. Justice M.S Ambursa was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1954. A copy of the gazette is attached and marked exhibit "B".
- 8. That, in the course of our investigation, we logged onto the website of the High Court of Kebbi State and we obtained the Chief Judge's date of birth from his biodata posted on the website showing that he was born the 25<sup>th</sup> December, 1957. A copy of the online page indicating chief judge's date of birth is hereby attached and marked exhibit "C".

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- 9. That, the gazetted date of birth of the Chief Judge of Kebbi State, Justice M.A Ambursa is different from the date of birth we obtained on the website of the high court of Kebbi state and his Primary School Certificate.
- 10. That, from the record of the Sokoto State Government Official Gazette, 1980, Hon. Justice M.S Ambursa is about 67 year old having been born on the 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1954 and ought to have retired from office two years ago.
- 11. That, I make this statement in good faith conscientiously believing same to be true and correct in accordance with Oaths Act, 2004.

Deponent



assent this tith day of July, 1700

ALHAH SHEHU MOHAMMED KANGIWA. Governor, Sokoto State of Nigeria.



Sokoto State of Nigeria

1980 No. 7

A LAW TO ESTABLISH IN SOKOTO STATE A PILGRIMS Title WELFARE AGENCY AND MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

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(BY NOTICE)

Date of commencement

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# Mohammed Suleiman Ambursa

Article Talk

Justice Mohammed Suleiman Ambursa is the Chief Judge of Kebbi State. He hails from Ambursa, Birnin Kebbi Local Government Area of Kebbi. He was born on the 25th day of December in the year 1957 in the present-day Kebbi St The Metro Lawyer

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## Justice Mohammed Suleiman Ambursa

