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OVER 200 DESERVING INMATES FREED

The Chief Judge, Hon Justice Nura Sagir Umar has on 5th May 2021 released 60 inmates from Kano Central Correctional Facility Kurmawa. Justice Sagir, while granting freedom to the deserving inmates, He stated that the act was in line with the powers conferred on him under section 1(1) of the "Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) Act, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2007" which empowers top judicial officers including the Chief Justice of Nigeria and Chief Judges to conduct prison visits and order the "Release of any prison inmate if satisfied that the detention of that person is manifestly unlawful; or that the person detained has been in custody, whether on remand or otherwise for a period longer than the maximum period of imprisonment the person detained could have served had he been convicted

of the offence in respect of which he was detained'. He said the outcry against prison congestion in the country makes it more imperative for an immediate visit to all correctional facilities in our jurisdiction to identify and release deserving inmates. "We have and are still going through the list of those recommended for release". he further stated that the exercise which is ongoing will also be carried out at Gordon Dutse correctional facility. "So for those of you whose names came up, try to be positive and desist from any form of negativity" he advised. Meanwhile the inmates who were granted freedom while expressing their happiness thanked the Chief Judge for his generosity and promised to sin no more. The Inmates were given three thousand each as transportation allowance. Continue on Page 3



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Congestion in Nigeria's correctional facilities is an undisputable fact. Statistics have shown that over 60% of inmates in correctional facilities are Awaiting Trial Person's. The figures are alarming! Considering the above, the effort of the state judiciary to decongest correctional facilities by freeing over 200 deserving inmates is placed on the cover of this month's edition.

There is a popular saying in the legal circle "that it is better for 10 guilty persons to be free than for one innocent person to be incarcerated".

Baba Jibo Ibrahim
Editor

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HON. DR. TIJJANI YUSUF YAKASAI
GRAND KADI

Meanwhile, the Decongestion Committee of the Sharia Court under the Chairmanship of Hon Grand Khadi Dr Tijjani Yusuf Yakasai had on 7th may granted bail to 179 inmates from Kano Central Correctional Facility Kurmawa and Goron Dutse correctional facility. 94 of the inmates were granted Self Bail. Khadi Tijjani Yusuf said, the decision to free the inmates on self bail is a step aimed to decongest custodial centers across the State. He said, most of the custodial centers are housing inmates beyond their capacity. 2/3rd of the inmates are ATPs (Awaiting Trial Persons). "In view of these circumstances, it is urgent to step in and bring the situation under control. As, overcrowding in correctional facilities can pose serious threats to the health of the inmates and public in general". While expressing their pleasure over the good gesture, the inmates said they have no words to express their happiness. "we owe a huge debt of gratitude to you. Thank you is too little to say". The exercise seems to conform with United Nations call on countries to reduce the population of inmate's in correction facilities since physical distancing and self isolation are practically impossible in such conditions.

CEREMONIAL COURT: CHIEF REGISTRAR RECEIVED GOV. GANDUJE

The Chief Registrar High court of Justice, Alh. Abdullahi Ado Bayero had commended the effort Kano State Government towards effective Justice delivery. The Chief Registrar spoke while receiving the governor at the High court premises. "On behalf of the chief Judge and the entire staff of the judiciary we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the positive transformation you have facilitate of Kano Judiciary." Bayero said the foresight to construct an ultra modern ceremonial court by the administration and the effort put, is highly commendable and impressing, as the project will address one of the major challenges facing the judicial service which is lack of accommodation (courts). He expressed delight over the face lift and hastening the completion of the project. On his part the State Governor Dr Abdullahi Umar Ganduje said they were at the High court to assessed the completion phase of the ultra modern ceremonial court and make observation for rectification before the full commissioning. He reiterates his commitment of transforming Kano and promised to make sure all observations made were adopted before the formal commissioning. Which is expected to take effect soon.

The Governor was in company of his deputy, some commissioners and members of the Nigerian Guild of Editors who were at the state for their 40th general convention and election.



Front View of Ceremonial Court Audu Bako Secretariat Kano

JUDICIARY MOURNS MAI BABBAN DAKI

Kano State Judiciary has joined numerous sympathizers to mourn the passing away of Hajiya Maryam Ado Bayero (Mama as she was popularly known). Hajiya Maryam died on the 24th of April at an Egyptian hospital in Cairo. Hajiya Maryam was the daughter of the 8th Emir of Ilorin late Alh Abdulkadir Bawa. She died at the age of 86 years and is survived by many Children and grandchildren. Among her children are the present Emir of Kano, Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero, Emir of Bichi, Alhaji Nasiru Ado Bayero and the Chief Registrar Kano High Court of Justice Alhaji Abdullahi Ado Bayero. The Editorial Team, On behalf of the Chief Judge and the entire staff of Kano State Judiciary commiserates with the Chief Registrar and the entire Ado Bayero family over the irreparable loss. May Allah forgive her and give the family that fortitude to bear the lost. Amin

PHOTOS OF THE FUNERAL SESSION



The Remains of Late Hajiya Maryam Ado Bayero Arrives Kano Airport



L-R Emir of Kano Alh. Aminu Ado Bayer and Emir of Bichi Alh. Nasiru Ado Bayero



The Funeral Prayer of Late Hajiya Maryam Ado Bayero



His Excellency Gov. Ganduje Condoling, the Emir of Kano and Chief Registrar High Court



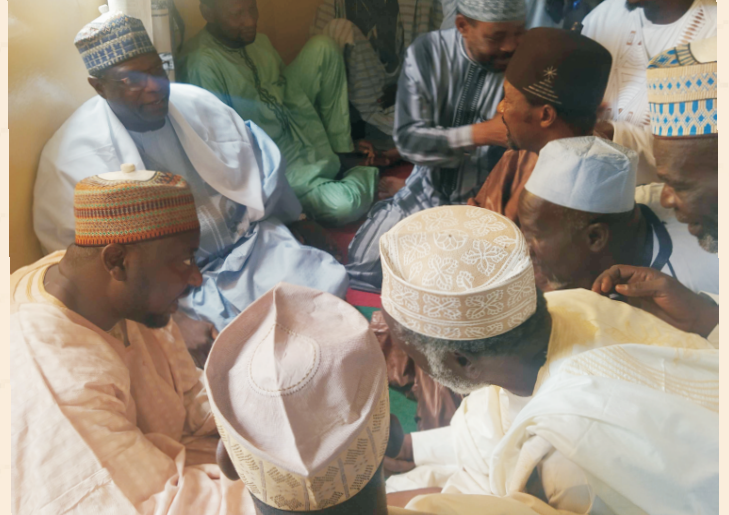
L - R Senate President Hon. Ahmed Lawal, Emir of Kano and Emir of Bichi



L - R Chief of Staff of the Federation Alh. Ibrahim Gambari and Emir of Kano



L-R Chief Registrar High Court and Representative of JUSUN during their condolence visit at Emir's Palace



L-R Chief Registrar High Court and Hon. Grand Khadi CR Sharia Court of Appeal



Activities Fully Resume as JUSUN Calls Off Strike

Activities are at their fullest dimension at the Kano Judiciary, after the call off of the over two months strike action by the Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria (JUSUN).

JUSUN directed the shutdown of all Courts and the departments in all States of the Federation after the expiration of the 3weeks ultimatum earlier given to Government to implement the Law recognising Financial Autonomy for the Judiciary and Legislature.

President Muhammadu Buhari on May 22, 2020 Signed into Law the Executive Order granting Financial Autonomy to the Judiciary and Legislature across the 36states of the Federation. The Order equally mandated the Accountant General of the Federation to deduct from source any amount due to Judiciary and State Lagislature from the Monthly allocation to States. For state that refuse to comply with the Executive Order.

The failure by most State Governors to comply with the Order led JUSUN to embark on a Nation Wide Strike Action demanding full Financial Autonomy for the Judiciary. The development led to the shutdown of all Courts across Nigeria including the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal.

The 64 day old Strike was the longest Strike action in the History of the Judiciary. The Strike was suspended following the intervention of the National Judicial Council by appealing that the May 20, 2021 memorandum of action signed by all parties be honoured.

On Wednesday 9th, June 2021 JUSUN issued a directive to all its members to stand down and gave Monday 14th June 2021 as date for courts to re-open





PRACTICE DIRECTIONS

Chief Judge Justice Nura Sagir Umar Has on Tuesday 15th June 2021 issued a practice direction in respect of the JUSUN strike which states as follows:



KANO STATE HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA {COMPUTATION OF TIME, EXEMPTION OF PAYMENT OF DEFAULT FEES FOR FILING OF PROCESSES AND OTHER MATTERS} PRACTICE DIRECTIONS (NO.1) 2021 FOR THE PERIOD OF THE JUSUN INDUSTRIAL ACTION FROM APRIL 6, 2021 TO JUNE 14, 2021

- i. **WHEREAS** by the reason of the industrial action by the Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria (Known as JSUN strike) which affected Court proceedings and filing of processes in Court for the period from the 6th day of April, 2021 to the 14th day of June, 2021.
- ii. **AND WHEREAS** it has become essential to make Practice Directions to provide guidelines for the computation of time to file court processes and for the payment of default fees for extension of time for filing of processes in the Kano State High Court of Nigeria for that period.

Now therefore, I, Nura Sagir Umar, The Honourable Chief Judge of the Kano State High Court of Justice pursuant to the powers conferred on me by Section 254 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) and pursuant to the provisions of Order 45 Rule 4 of the Kano High Court (Civil Procedure) Rules, 2014, and other provisions of law in that respect do hereby issue the following Practice Directions:

(1) Computation of time for filing of court processes, which includes but not limited to time to file appeals from decisions of Magistrates' Courts and Sharia Courts to the High Court and payment of default fees for extension of time. Notwithstanding the provisions of Order 45 Rule 4 of the Kano

1. State High Court Rules, 2014 on computation of time for filing of Court processes or doing an act as provided by the Rules and payment of default fees for extension of time thereof, the period covering the JUSUN industrial action, being from the 6th day of April, 2021 to the 14th day of June, 2021, is hereby exempted.
2. Time for filing any of the processes stated in paragraph 1 shall not be reckoned with or shall cease or be put on hold for the period of the JUSUN industrial action.

2. APPLICABILITY

These Practice Direction shall, save to the extent or as may be otherwise matters in the Kano State High Court.

3. CITATION

These Practice Directions shall be cited as the Kano State High Court (COMPUTATION OF TIME, EXEMPTION OF PAYMENT OF DEFAULT FEES FOR FILING OR PROCESSES AND OTHER MATTERS) Practice Directions (No. 1) 2021.

COMMENCEMENT

These Practice Directions shall come into effect from Tuesday, the 15th day of June, 2021.

Dated this 11th day of June, 2021

N.S. Umar
Hon. Justice Nura Sagir Umar
The Honourable Chief Judge
Kano State High Court of Justice



JSC Releases List Of Successful Nominees

The Judicial Service Commission under the chairmanship of Hon Justice Nura sagir Umar has on Monday 21st June 2021 released the list of 34 successful Nominees for appointments as Sharia Court Judges.

In a press Release obtained by the Editorial Committee, the spokes person of the judiciary Baba jibo Ibrahim stated that the nomination was based on merit after an aptitude test was conducted.

The Nominees are:

1. Bello Aminu Shehu
2. Yahya Aminu Dankade
3. Mubarak Ado Abdullahi
4. Salihu Jafar Muhammad
5. Bashir Abdullahi Ibrahim
6. Mustapha Ashiru Bala
7. Abdullahi Imam Yusuf
8. Kamalu Haruna
9. Naziru Dahiru Mahmud
10. Aminu Sabo Abubakar
11. Abubakar Abdullahi
12. Bashir Adam Ahmad
13. Kabiru Ibrahim Kurmawa
14. Munzali Idris Gwadabe
15. Nura Shehu Muhd
16. Ibrahim Abubakar Musa
17. Isma'il Muhammad Ahmad
18. Sani Tanimu Sani
19. Umar Lawan Sani
20. Muhd Bello Aliyu
21. Aminu Mukhtar
22. Ibrahim Isa Usman
23. Abubakar Suleiman Muhammad
24. Muhammad Shirama Abdulkadir
25. Mustapha Muhammad
26. Umar Bala Musa
27. Musbahu Suleiman Musa
28. Shamsuddeen Sani Abdullahi
29. Idris Adam Sa'id
30. Yusuf Kawu
31. Aliyu Yahaya Muhd
32. Shamsuddeen Ado Abdullahi
33. Abdulmumin Nuhu Gwarzo
34. Usman Abubakar El-Jibril

PHOTO'S SPEAK

Judiciary Gets Face Lift



The New Ultra Modern Ceremonial Court Building



Inside the Ceremonial Court



High Court Conference Hall



High Court Library under Renovation

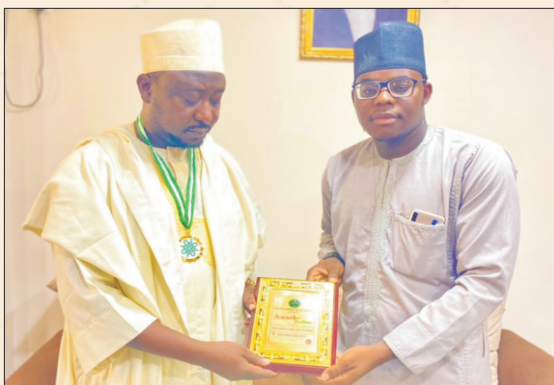


Conference hall of Kano Multi-Door Court



Division 2 Sharia Court Room

Arewa Youth Advocacy for Good Governance present Chief Registrar High with an Award of Excellence



SHARIAH COURT GETS 34 NEW JUDGES



The Chief judge ,Justice Nura Sagir Umar has on Friday 25th June 2021 sworn in 34 New Shariah Court Judges.

Justice Sagir while addressing the newly sworn in Shariah Judges at the conference Hall of the high Court charged them to administer Justice with out fear on favour, and to adhere to the oath, the constitution and uphold the principles and ethics of the profession while carrying out their duties.

He congratulated the appointees, saying " it took us four years because of the stringent conditions we put, but we are happy that we are able to appoint competent Shariah court judges after they have under gone and acquired the necessary experience".

Equally in his keynote address the Grand Khadi Dr Tijjani Yusuf Yakasai ,expressed delight saying " this is a day of great history because we have never sworn in 34 judges at a time ". He call on the new appointees to abide by the oath of office ,

and to always put in mind that they are serving the Almighty God".

One of the Newly sworn in Judges who spoke to the editorial team of the judiciary, thanked the Chief Judge and the Grand Khadi for confirming their appointments saying the process was transparent and fair." Alhamdulillah, Insha Allah we promise to adhere to the oath of office". He said.

The Occasion which started at 10:00am at the conference Hall of the high court was graced by many dignitaries both within and outside the judicial circle ,As well as families and friends of the appointees.

The appointment is expected to bridge the dearth of Shariah Court judges which is hampering dispensation of Justice.

The editorial team on behalf of the entire staff of Kano state judiciary Congratulates the Newly sworn in Shariah Court Judges. We wish you all the success in your new office.

Photo's Speak Swearing in Ceremony of Sharia Judges



Grand Khadi Visits Rano Appeal Session



The Grand khadi, Hon Dr Tijjani Yusuf Yakasai had on 26th June 2021 visited Rano. The Grand Khadi was on arrival received by the entourage of the Emir of Rano, At the Emir's palace.

Hon Dr Tijjani Yusuf Yakasai said, He was at Rano to preside over some Appeal cases. He said unnecessary delay in dispensation of justice is the root cause of overcrowding in courts which is stressing the justice system.

He further stated that correctional facilities in the state are overstretched that is why we are encouraging courts to use their discretionary powers and award sentences like fine and admonition where possible instead of sending offenders to jail.

TRANSITION

1.

JUSUN National President Marwan Mustapha Adamu Lost his mother, may Allah forgive her short coming and admit her into Jannah.

2.

The Death had occurred of Yusuf Ahmad Hassan who died on the 19th June 2021 at the Age of 54 until his death Yusuf Hassan was Senior Registrar attached to Kurna Sharia Court. May Allah S.W.T forgive him and Grant him Jannah, Ameen.

APPRECIATION FROM THE CHIEF REGISTRAR



I Abdullahi Ado Bayero Chief Registrar High Court, on behalf of the entire family of late Alh. Ado Bayero wish to express profound appreciation to all the Staff of Kano State Judiciary for commiserating with Me and my family over the death of our dear Mother Haj Maryam Ado Bayero who passed away on the 24th of April 2021.

My sincere appreciation to the Hon Chief Judge Justice Nura Sagir Umar, Hon Grand Khadi Dr. Tijjani Yusuf Yakasai, all High Court Judges and Khadis, The chief Registrar Shariah Court, The Secretary Judicial Service Commission, all Magistrates and Sharia Court Judges, Directors and all other staff of the Kano State Judiciary too numerous to mention.

Your support and friendship have helped me through the overwhelming sadness of the lost. Your support gave me the faith to carry on and make the best out of what was left.

Thank you, I Will always appreciate your thoughtfulness, concern, and love. May Allah S.W.T answer your prayers for the repose of her of her soul in Jannatul Firdaus. May Allah reward you All. Ameen.

Abdullahi Ado Bayero
Chief Registrar High Court of Justice
Kano State



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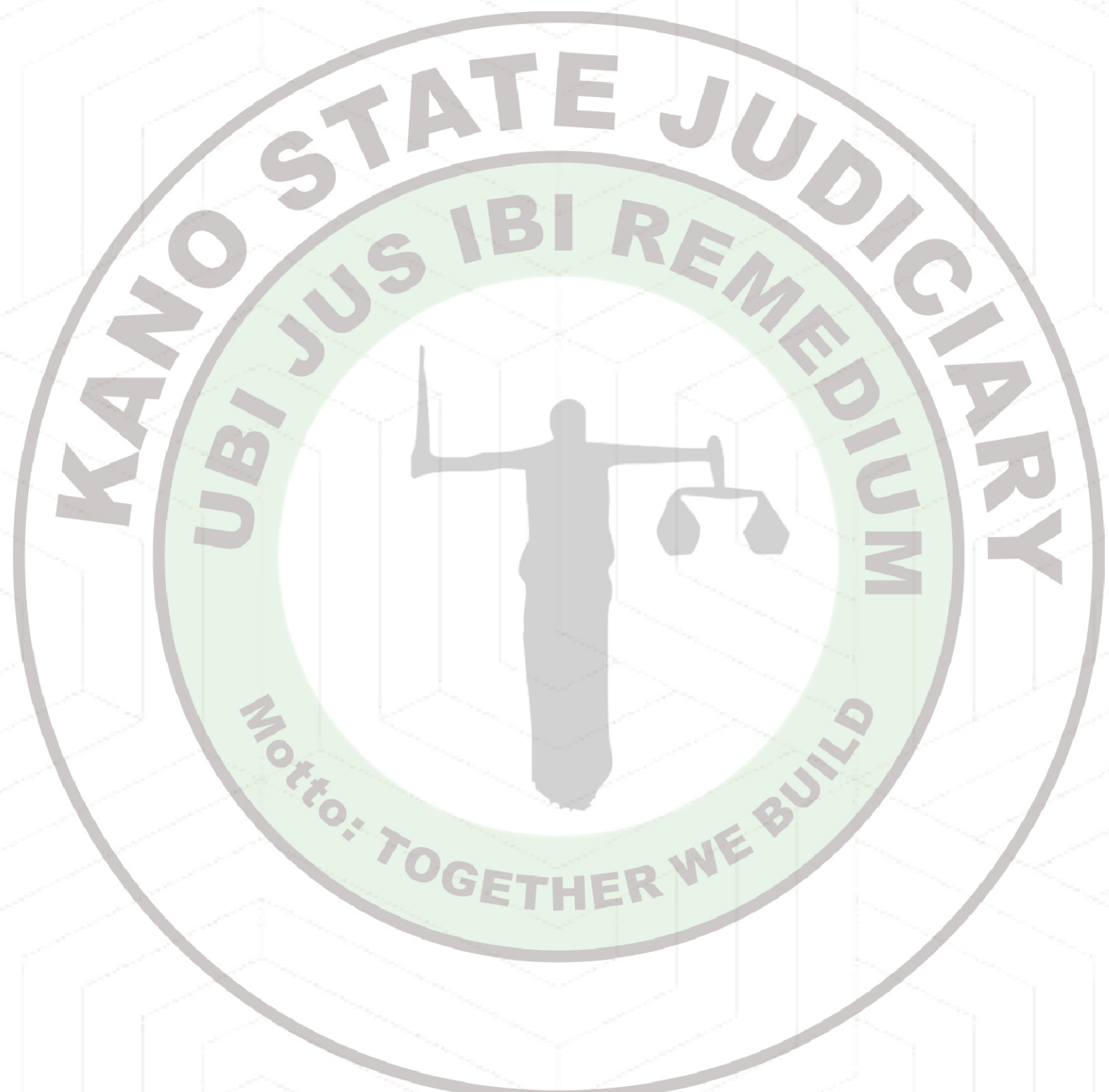
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