

KWARA STATE HIGH COURT (EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF DEFAULT FEES FOR FILING OF PROCESSES) PRACTICE DIRECTION (No. 1) 2021 FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN 6TH APRIL, 2021 TO 14TH JUNE, 2021.

- i. WHEREAS the industrial action embarked upon by the Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria (JUSUN) affected sittings of Courts and timely filing of processes in the Court registry for the period between 6th day of April, 2021 to 14th day of June, 2021.
- ii. AND WHEREAS it has become essential to make Practice Directions to mitigate the hardship which a strict adherence to the Provisions of Order 10 Rule 5 of the High Court (Civil Procedure) Rules, 2005 on the payment of default fees for filing of processes in the High Court Registry during the period of the strike, will have on litigants.

Now therefore, I, Sulyman D. Kawu, the Chief Judge of Kwara State, pursuant to the powers conferred on me by the provisions of Section 274 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), and the Kwara State High Court (Civil Procedure) Rules 2005 and all other Laws enabling me in that behalf, hereby issue the following Practice Directions:

1. Exemption from payment of default fees for filing of processes.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Order 10 Rule 5 of the Kwara State High Court (Civil Procedure) Rules, 2005, the period of the said industrial action from 6th day of April, 2021 to 14th day of June, 2021, is hereby exempted from reckoning for the payment of default fees on filing of processes in the High Court.

2. Applicability.

These Practice Directions shall, save to the extent or as may be otherwise directed by the Chief Judge, apply to all

Civil causes and matters in the Kwara State High Court.

3. Citation.

These Practice Directions shall be cited as the Kwara State High Court (Exemption from Payment of Default Fees for Filing of Processes) Practice Directions (No. 1) 2021.

4. Commencement.

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

5. Note.

All Covid-19 protocols shall continue to be observed in and around the Court premises by all Court staff, Court users and members of the general public.

Dated this 14th day of June, 2021.

S. D. Kawu
Chief Judge
Kwara State.