



**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA  
SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA**

Three Arms Zone, Central District, PMB 308, Abuja.

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

**THE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA**

**COMPUTATION OF TIME AND PAYMENT OF DEFAULT FEES (JUSUN  
STRIKE PERIOD EXEMPTION) PRACTICE DIRECTIONS, 2021**

**MADE AT ABUJA THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2021.**



**CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 (AS AMENDED).**

**SUPREME COURT RULES, 1985 (AS AMENDED).**

**SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA COMPUTATION OF TIME AND PAYMENT OF DEFAULT FEES (JUSUN STRIKE PERIOD EXEMPTION) PRACTICE DIRECTIONS, 2021.**

WHEREAS members of the Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria (JUSUN) were on nation-wide strike that locked down Courts from the 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 - the 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2021;

AND WHEREAS the period of JUSUN Strike will have negative effect on computation of time and payment of default fees by litigants and their counsel who file processes in the Supreme Court;

AND WHEREAS it is imperative to have Practice Directions to alleviate the financial burden of litigants and their counsel when filing processes affected by the period of the JUSUN Strike;

In the exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 236 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), Order 10 Rule 2 of the Supreme Court Rules, 1985 (as amended) and by virtue of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, Honourable Dr. Justice Ibrahim Tanko Muhammad, the Chief Justice of Nigeria, hereby issue the following Practice Directions:

**1. COMMENCEMENT**

These Practice Directions shall commence and come into effect on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

**2. OBJECTIVE AND GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

The purpose of these Practice Directions is to alleviate the financial burden of litigants and their counsel when filing processes affected by the period of the JUSUN Strike.

### **3. APPLICABILITY**

These Practice Directions shall, save to the extent and as may otherwise be ordered by the Chief Justice of Nigeria, apply to computation of time for the purposes of filing of processes and payment of default fees or doing any act or taking any step that is time-bound in respect of any case before the Supreme Court in both civil and criminal matters affected by the JUSUN Strike.

### **4. COMPUTATION OF TIME AND PAYMENT OF DEFAULT FEES**

Notwithstanding any provision in the Supreme Court Rules, 1985, or any previous Practice Directions or Instrument on computation of time for filing of Court processes or doing any act or taking any step as provided by the Rules or the Practice Directions or the Instrument and payment of default fees for extension of time thereof, the period of the JUSUN Strike starting from the 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 to the 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 shall be exempted.

### **5. CITATION**

These Practice Directions shall be cited as the Supreme Court of Nigeria Computation of Time and Payment of Default Fees (JUSUN Strike Period Exemption) Practice Directions, 2021.

MADE at Abuja this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



**HON. DR. JUSTICE IBRAHIM TANKO MUHAMMAD, CFR,  
FNLALS, FCIArb, FNJI, fclm,  
CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA.**

