



LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT



LAGOS STATE
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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2nd September, 2026.

The Chairman,
Nigeria Bar Association (NBA),
Ikorodu Branch,
The Cloak Room,
High Court, Ikorodu,
Lagos.

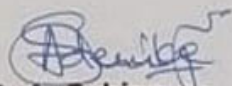
**INVITATION TO A- DAY STAKEHOLDERS' MEETING ON A BILL FOR
A LAW TO AMMEND THE MAGISTRATES' COURT LAW OF LAGOS
STATE 2015 AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES.**

The House at its Plenary Session of Monday, 31st August, 2026 committed the above mentioned Bill (copy attached) to the House Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights, Public Petitions and LASIEC for further Legislative scrutiny.

2. In view of the above, I write to invite you to a day stakeholders meeting on the proposed legislation being organized by the House through the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights, Public Petitions and LASIEC on **Monday, 7th September, 2026** at the Lateef Jakande Auditorium, Assembly Complex, Alausa, Ikeja at 10:00 am.

3. It would be appreciated if you could kindly peruse the proposed legislation and forward your memorandum (hard & soft copy) on same to the Committee through Office of the Clerk of the House on or before **Friday, 4th September, 2026.**

4. Thank you.


A. A. Oshinowo
Clerk of the House.

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BILL FOR
A LAW TO AMEND THE MAGISTRATES' COURT LAW OF LAGOS STATE
2015 AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES

The Lagos State House of Assembly enacts as follows -

Amendment to the Principal Law. 1. The Magistrate' Court Law Ch.M1 of Lagos State 2015, (referred to in this Law as the Principal Law) is amended as follows -

Interpretation. 2. "Law Officer" means all Counsel appointed into the Lagos State Public Service.

Amendment to Section 10 of the Principal Law. 3. Section 10 (1) (a) of the Principal Law is deleted and replaced as follows -

Notwithstanding the provisions of Lagos State Public Services Rules or any other Law of the State, a Magistrate appointed under Section 4 of this Law and a Law Officer duly employed in the State Public Service shall cease to hold office when the Magistrate/ Law officer -

- (i) has attained the age of sixty-five (65) years; or
- (ii) has attained forty (40) years in service, whichever one comes first.

Amendment to section 28 of the Principal Law. 4. The Principal Law is amended in section 28 Subsections (1)(a), (b), 2(a) (ii) and (4) by deleting "Ten Million Naira (N10,000,000.00) and replacing it with "Twenty-five Million Naira (N25,000,000.00) respectively.

Amendment to section 30 of the Principal Law. 5. The Principal Law is amended by deleting section 30 and replacing it as follows -

Power to Increase Jurisdiction. 30. (1) The Chief Judge may by notice published in the Gazette increase the jurisdiction to be

exercised by a Magistrate
in Civil causes or matters
in the State.

(2) The Chief Judge may by
notice published in the Gazette
authorise a Magistrate to
impose punishment exceeding
that prescribed under the
provision of Section 28 of this
Law. Such authority may be
general or in respect of the
offences which the Magistrate
has jurisdiction to try and as
may be specified in the notice.

(3) The power conferred on the
Chief Judge in subsections (1-
3) above shall be subject to
approval of the House of
Assembly in accordance with
the Regulations Approval Law.

Citation and
Commencement.

6. This Law may be cited as the Magistrate's Courts
(Amendment) Law and shall come into force on
the day of 2025