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## **CIRCULAR LETTER**

TO: All Honourable Judges, High Court of Justice, Delta State.

My Lord,

## **COMMENCEMENT OF SMALL CLAIMS COURT**

I am directed by His Lordship, the Honourable, the Chief Judge to respectfully inform Your Lordship that the Honourable the Chief Judge has designated some Magistrate Courts in Delta State as Small Claims Courts, to hear and determine liquidated monetary claims of N5,000,000,00 (Five Million Naira) and below. The Honourable the Chief Judge has also issued Practice Directions on Small Claims, 2023 which will guide the operations of the Small Claims Courts.

The Magistrates designated are as follows:

	DELTA NORTH	
1.	P.O. Okoh-Obayuwana (Mrs.) Chief Magistrate Gd.II	Asaba
2.	J. A. Ezenweali Esq. Chief Magistrate Gd.II	Owa-Oyibu
1.	DELTA SOUTH O. Y. Asheshe Chief Magistrate Gd.II	Warri
2.	O. B. Williams (Mrs.) Chief Magistrate Gd.II	Oleh

	DELTA CENTRAL	
1.	T. O. Edewor (Mrs.) Chief Magistrate Gd.II	Ughelli
2.	T. R. Ewherido (Mrs.) Chief Magistrate Gd.II	Effurun

The objective of the Small Claims Courts is to improve the judicial process by making it easier to resolve liquidated monetary demands or claims of N5,000,000,00 and below.

One striking feature of the Small Claims Court is that Judgement shall be delivered within 60 days, with additional 30 days for enforcement in all claims filed in the Court.

Kindly accept the esteemed regards of His Lordship, the Honourable the Chief Judge, please.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your Lordship's most obedient servant.

ELOHO OKODIYA-ONØRIOSE (MRS.)

Ag. Chief Registrar.