

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE OATHS ACT. CAP. 01 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, TO EXPRESSLY MENTION IN THE ACT ALL SUPERIOR COURTS OF RECORDS ESTABLISHED AFTER THE ACT CAME INTO FORCE IN 1963 AMONG LIST OF COURTS AUTHORISED BY THE ACT TO ADMINISTER OATHS OR AFFIRMATION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO, 2015

Sponsored by Hon. E. Y. Orker Jev

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

- 1 1. Section 10 subsection (1) of the Oaths Act Cap. 01 LFN, 2004
2 (here in after referred to as 'the Principal Act') is amended by:
3 deleting the words "and any Judge of the Federal High Court" and inserting
4 instead, the words "the Chief Judge and Judges of the Federal High court, the
5 President and Judges of the National Industrial Court, the Chief Judge and
6 Judges of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, the Chief
7 Judge and Judges of a State High Court, the Grand Kadi and Kadis of the
8 Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, the President
9 and Judges of the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital
10 Territory, Abuja, the Grand Kadi and Kadis of the Sharia Court of Appeal of
11 a State, the President and Judges of the Customary Courts of Appeal of a
12 State".
- 13 2.-(a) by inserting in the column titled "Persons to take Oath",
14 immediately after the words "Chief Judge and Judges of the Federal High
15 Court" wherever they appear in the column, the following words:
16 "President and Judges of the National Industrial Court of Nigeria, Chief
17 Judge and Judges of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja,
- Amendment of Section 10 of the Act
- Amendment of the Second Schedule of the Act

1 Grand Kadi and Kadis of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital
2 Territory, Abuja, President and Judges of the Customary Court of Appeal of the
3 Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.”

4 (b) by deleting in the column titled "Person to tender Oath" the last
5 item in the column and inserting instead, the words:

6 “A Commissioner for Oaths or a Registrar of the Supreme Court or of the Court
7 of Appeal or of Federal High Court or of National Industrial Court of Nigeria or
8 of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, or of a State High
9 Court or of the Shari a Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja,
10 or of the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja or
11 of Shari a Court of Appeal of a State or of Customary Court of Appeal of a State
12 authorized in that behalf by the Chief Judge, the Grand Kadi or the President of
13 the Court concerned”.

14 3. This Bill may be cited as the Oaths Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to amend the Oaths Act Cap. 01 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; to expressly mention in the Act all superior Courts of records established after the Act came into force in 1963 among list of courts authorized by the Act to administer Oaths or Affirmation; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.