

**NIGER STATE JUDICIARY,
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, HIGH COURT COMPLEX,
MINNA, NIGER STATE.**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. NSJC/SC/02/2023.

Date: 2nd October, 2023.

**DESIGNATION AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF ADDITIONAL SMALL CLAIMS
COURTS IN NIGER STATE**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Section 274 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), High Court Law, Cap. 53 Vol. 1, Laws of Niger State, 1989; Section 89 (1) and (2) of the District Courts Law, Cap 37, Vol. 1, Laws of Niger State, 1989; Pursuant to the provisions of the Practice Direction on Small Claims Courts (2018), and by virtue of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, **I, Hon. Justice Halima I. Abdulmalik, Chief Judge of Niger State**, in furtherance of judicial access and commercial dispute resolution across the State, hereby designate the following courts as additional Small Claims Courts effective from 2nd October, 2023.

1. DESIGNATED COURTS

The following Magistrate and District Courts are hereby designated as Small Claims Courts:

- a) Magistrate Court 3, Bida Judicial Division
Presiding Magistrate: H/W Ibrahim A. Aliyu
- b) District Court 2, Kontagora Judicial Division
Presiding Judge: H/W Fatima Zakari
- c) District Court 2, Lapai Judicial Division
Presiding Judge: H/W Zainab G. Dangana

2. OPERATIONAL SCOPE

2.1 The designated courts shall hear and determine eligible small claims matters within the monetary threshold specified under the 2018 Practice Direction.

2.2 Presiding officers are directed to ensure:

- a) Prompt assignment of cases
- b) Strict adherence to summary timelines
- c) Strict compliance with the District Courts Law Practice Direction on Small Claims Court, 2018 (and any subsequent Amendments or Supplementary Practice Direction made pursuant thereto).

3. RECORDS AND REPORTING

The designated courts shall:

- a) Maintain case registers and performance tracking logs
- b) Submit monthly and quarterly reports to the Judicial Committee on Small Claims Courts
- c) Keep certified true copies of all relevant processes and judgments

4. COMMENCEMENT

- a) This Administrative Order takes effect from 2nd October, 2023, and shall be circulated to all Heads of Court, Registrars, the Judicial Committee on Small Claims Courts, and the Ministry of Justice.

Hon. Justice Halima I. Abdulmalik,
Chief Judge,
Niger State.