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OATHS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Act amends the Oaths Act Cap. O1, 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 the list of courts authorized by the Act to administer Oaths or Affirmation.

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section:

1. Amendment of Cap. O1, LFN, 2004.
2. Amendment of section 10.
3. Amendment of Second Schedule.
4. Citation.

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A Bill

For

An Act to amend the Oaths Act Cap. O1, 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 the list of courts authorized by the Act to administer Oaths or Affirmation; and for related matters.

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria -

- 1. The Oaths Act Cap. O1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Act. Amendment of Cap. O1 LFN, 2004
- 2. Section 10 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the words, "and any Judge of the Federal High Court", in line 2, the words, "the Chief Judge and Judges of the Federal High Court, the President and Judges of the National Industrial Court, the Chief Judge and Judges of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, the Chief Judge and Judges of a State High Court, the Grand Kadi and Kadis of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, the President and Judges of the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, the Grand Kadis and Kadis of the Sharia Court of Appeal of a State, the President and Judges of the Customary Court of Appeal of a State." Amendment of section 10
- 3. The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended - Amendment of Second Schedule
 - (a) in the Second Column titled, "persons to take oath", by inserting after the word, "Chief Judge and Judges of the Federal High Court", the words, "the President and Judges of the National Industrial Court, Chief Judge and Judges of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Grand Kadi and Kadis of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, President and Judges of the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja"; and
 - (b) in Third Column titled, "person to tender Oath", by substituting for last item, a new item -

"A Commissioner for Oaths or a Registrar of the Supreme Court or of the Court of Appeal or of Federal High Court or of National Industrial Court or of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, or of a State High Court

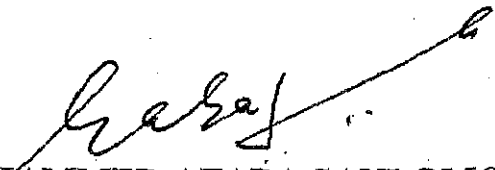
or of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital territory, Abuja, the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja or a Sharia Court of Appeal of a State or of Customary Court of Appeal of a State authorized in that behalf by Chief Judge, the Grand Kadi or the President of the Court concerned.”

4. This Act may be cited as the Oaths (Amendment) Act, 2016.

Citation

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I, CERTIFY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 (1) OF THE ACTS AUTHENTICATION ACT CAP. A2, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THIS BILL PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.



MOHAMMED ATABA SANI-OMOLORI
CLERK TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

4th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017

Schedule to the Oaths (Amendment) (Amendment) Bill, 2016

(SHORT TITLE OF THE BILL)	LONG TITLE OF THE BILL	SUMMARY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE BILL	DATE PASSED BY THE SENATE	DATE PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Oaths (Amendment) (Amendment) Bill, 2016	An Act to amend the Oaths Act Cap. O1, 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 the list of courts authorized by the Act to administer Oaths or Affirmation; and for related matters.	This Bill amends the Oaths Act Cap. O1, 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 the list of courts authorized by the Act to administer Oaths or Affirmation.	22 nd November, 2016	7 th June, 2016

I certify that this Bill has been carefully compared by me with the decision reached by the National Assembly and found by me to be true and correct decision of the Houses and is in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Authentication Act Cap. A2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.

Yemi Osinbajo
PROF. YEMI OSINBAJO, SAN, GCON
 Acting President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
 3rd Day of February, 2017

Mohammed Ataba Sani-Omolori
MOHAMMED ATABA SANI-OMOLORI
 Clerk to the National Assembly
 4th Day of January, 2017

I ASSENT

MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GCFR
 President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
 Day of January, 2017