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CUSTOMARY COURTS LAW 1984

Increased Jurisdiction of Area and District Customary Courts in Civil and Criminal Matters Order 2000

In the exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20 (1) and Section 21(2) of the Customary Courts Law No.2 of 1984, the Governor, on the recommendation of the Honourable President of the Customary Court of Appeal, hereby makes the following order:

1. This order may be cited as the Increased Jurisdiction of Area and District Customary Short Title. Courts Order 2000.
2. This Order shall come into force on the 1st day of September, 2000.
Commence-
ment.
3. The limits of the jurisdiction of Area and District Customary Courts in civil matters Jurisdiction in are increased as stated in the First Schedule to this Order.
Civil Matters.
4. The powers of Area and District Customary Courts to impose fines in criminal mat- Jurisdiction in ters are increased as stated in the Second Schedule to this order.
Criminal
Matters

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Paragraph 3)

Limit of Jurisdiction and Power of Area and District Customary Courts in Civil Matters

*Types of Causes or
District Customary
Matters
Court*

*Area Customary
Court*

(1)	Inheritance upon intestacy under Customary Law and grant of power to administer the estate on intestacy under exceeding Customary Law. ₦50,000.00	Unlimited	Not
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FIRST

SCHEDULE – *continued*

<i>Types of Causes or District Customary Matters Court</i>	<i>Area Customary Court</i>		
(2)	Causes or matters under any law (other than Customary Law) including bye-laws where the amount of debt, demand or damages does not exceed the exceeding amount indicated in the columns hereof. ₦50,000.00	Not exceeding ₦600,000.00	Not

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Paragraph 4)

Limit of Jurisdiction and Power of Area and District Customary Courts in Criminal Matters

<i>Types of Offences District Customary Court</i>	<i>Area Customary Court</i>		
(1)	Where any person is charge with exceeding one doing any act or with omitting to year imprisonment	Not exceeding seven years imprisonment or	Not

do any act required under any
fine not exceed-
written law...
ding ₦5,000.00

a fine not exceeding

or a

₦100,000.00

MADE in Benin City, this 21st day of November, 2000.

**CHIEF LUCKY NOSAKHARE
IGBINEDION,**

*Governor,
Edo State of Nigeria*