

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
EDO STATE OF NIGERIA  
IN THE BENIN JUDICIAL DIVISION  
HOLDEN AT BENIN CITY

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP HONOURABLE JUSTICE C. O. IDAHOSA ó  
CHIEF JUDGE

ON MONDAY THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2016

**BETWEEN:** SUIT NO. B/344D/2015

**FRANCISCA UVBI OBULOR ... PETITIONER/RESPONDENT**

**AND**

**UYI OBULOR ... RESPONDENT/CROSS PETITIONER**

**J U D G M E N T**

This divorce petition was filed on 11/12/15. Upon being served with the petition, the Respondent reacted by filing an answer and a cross petition. The Petitioner then filed a Reply to the Respondent's answer and an answer to the Cross Petition.

When it became clear that the proceedings would take a vicious turn, both sides were encouraged by the court to seek out ways to reach some kind of arrangement that will take the interest of their three children into consideration./

This move by the court yielded fruit as the parties and their Counsel toned down their language and began having talks. These talks later allowed both sides to shift their positions.

Eventually both sides filed amended pleadings. In the final analysis, both sides have filed amended orders which are the same in all material particulars.

It has to be stated that this case is an example of how the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution in the area of mediation has helped to resolve a matter that was definitely going to linger in the court for years of acrimonious bickering, while in the meantime the children of the marriage who should ordinarily be the focus of the parties would be neglected.

I must congratulate the parties, for being able to reach this point.

After due consideration judgment is entered in the terms of the identical claims as follows:

1. A decree Nisi is hereby granted dissolving the marriage contracted on 28/5/2003 between the Petitioner/Respondent and Respondent/Cross Petitioner on the ground that the marriage has broken down irretrievably. This decree shall be made absolute in 90 days in the absence of any objection.
2. Custody of the three children of the marriage is hereby granted to the Petitioner.

3. That the Respondent pays the sum of N50,000 (fifty thousand naira) to the Petitioner as monthly allowance for the three children till they attain adulthood.
4. That the Respondent pays the school fees and all other necessary and material fees needed for the educational medical advancement of the three children.
5. That the Respondent takes financial medical responsibility for the three children if and when the need arises.
6. That the respondent takes responsibility for the clothing of the three children.
7. There shall be no order as to costs..ö

C. O. IDAHOSA  
CHIEF JUDGE  
12/7/2016

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