

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, EDO STATE OF NIGERIA
HIGH COURT LAWS CAP. 65, VOL. III, LAWS OF BENDEL STATE
OF NIGERIA 1976, APPLICABLE IN EDO STATE BY VIRTUE
OF SECTION 4 OF ACT NO. 41 OF 1991

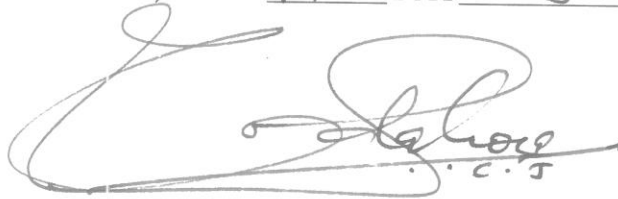
CIVIL AND CRIMINAL DIVISIONS PRACTICE DIRECTIONS, 2012
AND GENERAL WARRANT

In exercise of the powers conferred on me as the Chief Judge by Section 32 (1) (2) and (3) of the High Court Law Cap. 65 Volume III, Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria 1976, applicable in Edo State of Nigeria by virtue of Section 4 of Act No. 41 of 1991 and by virtue of all other laws enabling me in that behalf, I, **CROMWELL OSAMWONYI IDAHOSA**, Chief Judge of Edo State of Nigeria, hereby issue the following practice directions:

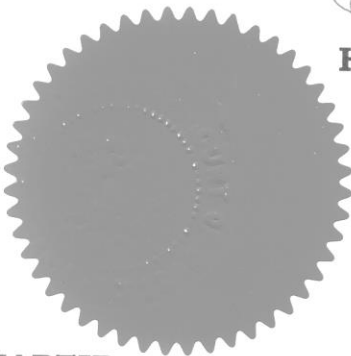
1. Civil and Criminal Divisions of the Benin Judicial Division of the High Court of Edo State are hereby created.
2. The Civil Division will specifically handle civil matters while the Criminal Division will specifically handle criminal cases within the Benin Judicial Division and this is without prejudice to criminal cases being prosecuted by special organs of Government as in the schedule hereto with the sole aim of ensuring the swift disposal of criminal cases.
3. Criminal cases emanating from and pending in the Benin Judicial Division which have reached defence stage and beyond, shall however be concluded in their Courts of origin.
4. Criminal cases emanating from and pending in the Benin Judicial Division which have not advanced to defence stage shall commence afresh before the Criminal Division, sitting in Benin City.

5. Criminal cases emanating and pending in other Judicial Divisions in the State shall remain and be heard in the Judicial Division of their origin.
6. Application for a waiver, by way of issuance of a special warrant in respect of any matter/case which is yet to reach defence stage, shall be made by the interested party within 3 months of the coming into effect of this practice directions, after which, any such application connected thereto shall lapse.
7. This Civil and Criminal Divisions Practice Directions 2012 and General Warrant shall come into force on 17th day of Jan 2012.

ISSUED UNDER THE HAND AND SEAL OF THE HON. CHIEF JUDGE OF EDO STATE, THIS 17th DAY Jan 2012.



HON. JUSTICE C.O. IDAHOSA,
CHIEF JUDGE,
EDO STATE.



SCHEDULE

NAPTIP

Trafficking in persons (prohibition)

Law Enforcement and Administration Act, 2003 Section 33(1) & (2)

EFCC

Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment, etc) Act
Cap. E1 of 2004 Section 19 (1) & (3)

ICPC

Corrupt practices and other related offences Act Cap. C. 31
Section 61 (3)