

PRACTICE DIRECTION 2016

**PRACTICE DIRECTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 1ST PHASE OF THE
E-FILING PROCEDURE FOR ALL COURT PROCESSES FILED
AT ALL HIGH COURT REGISTRIES IN EDO STATE MADE
PURSUANT TO ORDER 59, RULES 1,2&3 OF THE EDO STATE
HIGH COURT (CIVIL PROCEDURE) RULES 2012.**

WHEREAS ORDER 57 Appendix 3 Rule 5 of Edo State High Court (Civil Procedure) Rules, 2012 provides that “A document shall not be filed unless it has endorsed on it, the name and number of the case, the date of filing, the telephone and e-mail address of the legal practitioner filing, and whether filed by the claimant or defendant, and on being filed, the endorsement shall be initialed by the Registrar” **and**

WHEREAS ORDER 58 RULES 3 provides that “The Chief Judge shall have the power to issue practice directions, protocols, directives and guidance towards the realization of speedy, just and effective administration of justice.”

Now therefore in exercise of the powers conferred on me as the Chief Judge of Edo State and having regard to contemporary development of law practice in the area of Information Technology and the need to upgrade to e-filing, I, **HON. JUSTICE CROMWELL OSAMWONYI IDAHOSA** hereby issue the following Practice Direction:

1. That with effect from the **1st day of September, 2016**, all originating processes, pleadings, affidavits, depositions, interim or interlocutory applications, written addresses, or any other similar document or court process, presented for filing before any High Court Registry in Edo State for the purpose of Litigation shall be in both hard copies and soft copies.
2. The soft copies shall be in Microsoft Word format and captured in a DVD-ROM properly labeled with the Suit Number and the Names of the Parties.
3. That no legal document or court process presented for filing in any High Court Registry in Edo State for the purpose of litigation with effect from the said date shall be accepted for the purpose of being processed or filed, neither shall it be recognized or deemed as properly filed, unless it is accompanied with the soft copy as required in paragraphs 1 & 2 above.

ISSUED AT BENIN CITY THIS 21st DAY OF July, 2016



HON. JUSTICE CROMWELL OSAMWONYI IDAHOSA
CHIEF JUDGE
EDO STATE

