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**MAGISTRATES' COURTS LAW
INCREASED JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES
IN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL MATTERS ORDER 2011**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 24(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Law, (Cap. 97, Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria, as applicable to Edo State of Nigeria by virtue of Section 4 of Act No. 41 of 1991) the Governor, on the recommendation of the Honourable Chief Judge hereby makes the following order:

- Short title 1. This Order may be cited as the Increased Jurisdiction of Magistrates in Civil and Criminal Matters Order 2011.
- Commencement 2. This Order shall come into force on 1st day of JULY, 2011.
- Jurisdiction in Civil Matters 3. The maximum monetary limits of the jurisdiction of Magistrates in Edo State in civil matters are increased as follows:-
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| (a) Chief Magistrate (Special Grade) | - | N10 Million |
| (b) Chief Magistrate Grade 1 | - | N8 Million |
| (c) Chief Magistrate Grade II | - | N5 Million |
| (d) Senior Magistrate Grade 1 | - | N3 Million |
| (e) Senior Magistrate Grade II | - | N2 Million |
| (f) Magistrate Grade I | - | N1 Million |
| (g) Magistrate Grade II | - | N500,000.00 |
- Jurisdiction in Criminal Matters 4. The powers of Magistrates in Edo State to impose Fines/Sentences in criminal matters are increased as follows:
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| (a) Chief Magistrate (Special Grade) | 14 years | I.H.L. or | N250,000.00 |
| (b) Chief Magistrate Grade 1 | 10 years | I.H.L. or | N200,000.00 |
| (c) Chief Magistrate Grade II | 6 years | I.H.L. or | N150,000.00 |
| (d) Senior Magistrate Grade I | 4 years | I.H.L. or | N80,000.00 |
| (e) Senior Magistrate Grade II | 3 years | I.H.L. or | N70,000.00 |
| (f) Magistrate Grade I | 2 years | I.H.L. or | N60,000.00 |
| (g) Magistrate Grade II | 1 year | I.H.L. or | N50,000.00 |

DATED at Benin City this 23rd Day of June, 2011.


ADAMS ALIU OSHIOMHOLE
GOVERNOR
EDO STATE OF NIGERIA

