IN THE CHAMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE CHIEF JUDGE OF EDO STATE IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, EDO STATE OF NIGERIA

ISSUANCE OF WARRANT UNDER SECTIONS 39 AND 49 OF THE MAGISTRATES' COURTS LAW CAP. 97 VOL.4 LAWS OF THE BENDEL STATE OF NIGERIA, AND SECTIONS 46 AND 68 OF THE CUSTOMARY COURTS EDICT NO.2 OF 1984 OF DEFUNCT BENDEL STATE OF NIGERIA ALSO APPLICABLE IN EDO STATE BY VIRTUE OF SECTION 4 OF ACT NO.41 OF 1991

PURSUANT to the provisions of the above stated Laws and all other laws enabling me in that behalf, I, HONOURABLE JUSTICE ESTHER AMENAGHAWON EDIGIN, CHIEF JUDGE OF EDO STATE, sequel to the recent postings of Magistrates and Presidents dated 2nd January, 2020, hereby issue a GENERAL WARRANT effective from 3rd of February, 2020 in relation to the expeditious completion of part-heard cases, and to avoid consequential delays occasioned by cases starting denovo, Your Worships and Honours on transfer, are hereby directed to dedicate two (2) clear days in a week to continue the hearing and determination of part-heard cases in your previous stations. Your Worship and Honours are also enjoined to determine cases in your courts that are part heard and are two (2) years and above expeditiously. This direction supersedes the previous General Warrant whereby only cases that have reached defence stage are taken on transfer.

HON. JUSTICE ESTHER AMENAGHAWON EDIGIN
CHIEF JUDGE
EDO STATE