

AKWA IBOM STATE HIGH COURT PRACTICE DIRECTION, 2024

Commencement

[1st day of November 2024]

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 274 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), section 76 of the High Court Law, Cap. 63, Laws of Akwa Ibom State, 2022 and Order 53 of the High Court Civil Procedure Rules, 2024 and by virtue of all the powers enabling me in that behalf, I, Honourable Justice Ekaete F. Fabian-Obot, Chief Judge of Akwa Ibom State, hereby issue the following Practice Direction for the Akwa Ibom State High Court:

1. *Applicability*

(a) This Practice Direction shall apply to all civil proceedings begun by Writ of Summons and Originating Summons pursuant to Order 4 Rules 2, 3 and 4 of the High Court Civil Procedure Rules 2024.

(b) Notwithstanding any timeframe contained in Forms 1 and 3 in the Appendix to the High Court Civil Procedure Rules 2024, a Defendant served with either the Writ of Summons or the Originating Summons shall be required by this Practice Direction to enter an appearance and file a defence to such Writ or Summons within 21 days after the service on him thereof.

2. *Citation*

This Practice Direction may be cited as the Akwa Ibom State High Court (Entry of Appearance) Practice Direction, 2024.

MADE at Uyo this 29th day of October 2024

SIGNED

**Ekaete F. Fabian-Obot
*Chief Judge of Akwa Ibom State***

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

(This Memorandum does not form part of the above Practice Direction but is limited to explain its purport)

The purpose of this Rule is to provide for a consistent timeframe between Order 4 Rules 2, 3 and 4 and Forms 1 and 3 within which a Defendant who is served with either the Writ of Summons or Originating Summons shall enter appearance and file a defence thereto.

