



CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP

Wednesday, the 30th day of May, 2012 was historic in Federal High Court as Justice Ayo-Emmanuel, the former Chief registrar handed over the mantle of administration of the court to Mrs.R.O.Dugbo Oghoghorie.

The colourful ceremony which took place at the Ukeje Hall was witnessed by the entire headquarter Staff and Principal Officers from the Divisions. The interesting farewell speech and response by both officers are hereby reproduced.

Federal High Court Newsletter is wishing them success in their new roles.

FAREWELL SPEECH

My dear colleagues, it is with profound joy and gratitude to the almighty God, that I address you today. I have had cause, on several occasions and situations to convene such a huge assemblage of the various tiers of the Federal high court personnel, in the past. But today, marks the last, for me, from the position of Chief Registrar. Having served in the capacity of Chief registrar of the federal High court for four years, I am delighted to formally notify you of my appointment to the Bench of the Federal High Court; consequent upon which I have ceased to be the Chief Registrar of the Court.

It is instructive to note that, upon my appointment to the office of Chief Registrar, I had set my mind on a day such as this, knowing that it is the indubitable order of human reality, for time to re-order the course of history.

However, it must be said that one feels a deep sense of sobriety, even as one migrates to the institution of the hallowed Bench, decked in adjudicative demands and imperatives, leaving one with little or no time to interact and interface with colleagues, across board, as one did severally, and would have loved to sustain.

It is, however, consoling that one is still a member of this happy family of antecedental and current icons. I am enthused by the fact that I am leaving behind an environment of vocational harmony and social intercourse. I am, and will ever be proud of this family. May I, dear colleagues, make space to salute my previous principals, My Lords, Honourables Justices Abdulahi Mutastapha and Dan Abutu whose leadership dexterity and clout, galvanized the various management teams, during their tenures, to keep the ship of the Court on Course. Working under them, in those formative years of my appointment was a scholastic adventure of eternal premium for me.

The Current Chief Judge of the Court, My Lord, Justice Auta, was to consolidate my years of leadership tutelage with uncommon vibrancy, humility and astuteness. I salute them all.

Dear colleagues, if there is any accomplishment, to which our name may be ascribed or remembered, it is made possible by your support, cooperation, dedication and comradeship. Without doubt, we may have had cause to hold ideological, operational and, or stylistic differences, leading to the application of some measure of firmness in the discharge of the demands of the office of Chief Registrar and should be understood as such.

Let me, at this time, formally present to all of you, our new Ag.Chief Registrar, Mrs. Rosemary Oghoghorie-Dugbo. The new Ag.Chief registrar is well known to me, having worked closely with her for many years. I am confident of her capacity to sustain the tempo of the Court's growth and development, while ensuring a cordial working environment for all and sundry. Mrs Oghoghorie is coming to the office of Chief Registrar with robust experience and reputation. Her compassionate disposition to staff and management clearly set her apart as a mother to all.

My dear colleague and friend, I heartily congratulate and welcome you to this new challenge and assure you of my prayers and support.

On your part, dear colleagues, I charge you to extend to our new Ag.Chief Registrar, the usual cooperation, dedication and loyalty that have distinguished you as unique staff members. Be assured that she will, as resources permit, endeavour to strike at the core of your collective well being.

Finally, may we all be mindful of new trends of socio-political challenges in our beloved nation. The times call for vigilance, patriotism, sobriety and total loyalty on the part of all of us. We must submit, through our diverse religious inclinations, to the Almighty, in all affairs of life.

Thank you and God bless.

Hon. Justice N.Ayo-Emmanuel

Former Chief Registrar
Federal High Court, Abuja
30th May, 2012.

Good afternoon My lord, Hon. Justice N. Ayo-Emmanuel, deputy Chief Registrars and Staff of the Federal High Court.

May I first all, thank the Almighty God for preserving our lives to see this day. I wholeheartedly return to him all honour and praise. I wish to sincerely thank My Lord, Hon. Justice N. Ayo-Emmanuel for ensuring that there is a peaceful transition. Thank you Sir. May God bless you and all that is yours.

I wish to express my profound appreciation to My lord, Hon. Justice Ibrahim N. Auta OFR, the Honourable Chief Judge for giving me opportunity to serve the Federal High Court as the Acting Chief Registrar.

I salute you, Sir. As My Lord has earlier on stated, I pledge to carry on, all his transformation agenda, without mincing words, I make bold to reiterate the Honourable Chief Judge's resolve that, the welfare of Judges and staff will be on the front burner of his administration. I, on my part will do all that is necessary to achieve the set goals of the Hon. Chief Judge.

The Committee system of administration that my predecessor instituted will be continued. Where necessary more committees will be constituted.

Please, I use this media to enjoin the Chairmen of the Committees to submit progress reports of their work to my office by Monday, 4th day of June, 2012.

Please staff of the Federal High Court, I am soliciting for your total support. Please be good ambassadors of the federal High Court. Be punctual to work, stop loitering in the offices.

Finally, I shall operate an open door policy practised by my predecessor. My door is open to all.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Mrs. Rosemary Oghoghorie-Dugbo.
Ag. Chief Registrar,
Federal High Court, Abuja
30th May, 2012.