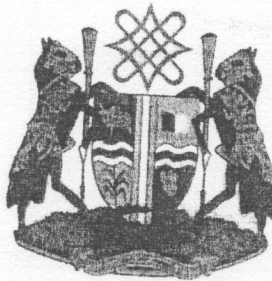


**A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT  
OF FUNDS OF THE KADUNA STATE JUDICIARY  
AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS 2021**



Kaduna State of Nigeria

Law No. 17..... 2021

(15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 )

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**BE IT ENACTED** by the House of Assembly of Kaduna State as follows:

Enactment

1. This Law may be cited as Kaduna State Judiciary Finances, (Control and Management) Law, 2021.

Short Title

2. This Law shall come into operation on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October.....2021.

Commencement

3. In this Law unless the context otherwise requires:

Interpretation

"Accounting Officer" means the Heads of Courts or such other officers who may by Order published in the Gazette be delegated to be accounting officers;

"Board" means the Judiciary Funds Management Board;

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Judiciary Management of Funds Law, 2021

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"Committee" means the Judiciary Funds Management Committee established under this Law;

"Governor" means the Governor of Kaduna State;

"Judiciary" means the Kaduna State Judiciary comprising of the High Court of Justice, Sharia Court of Appeal, Customary Court of Appeal and Judicial Service Commission;

"Judiciary Account" means the Statutory Account of the Kaduna State Judiciary established under this Law;

"State" means Kaduna State of Nigeria.

"State Account" means the State Account Allocation Committee Account;

4. (1) Any amount due to the Judiciary in the State Account shall be paid directly to the Account of the Judiciary, subject to any deductions in Section 9 of the State Account Allocation Committee Law.

Management of Finances and Account

- (2) There shall be an Account opened in the name of the Judiciary in to which all monies received from the State Account shall be deposited and from where all monies due to each Head of Court shall be deposited into.

5. There is hereby established a Board to be known as the Fund Management Board (referred to in this Law as the "Board").

Establishment of the Funds Management Board

6. The Board shall consist of the:

Composition of the Board

(a) Chief Judge of the State who shall be the Chairman;

(b) Grand Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal;

- (c) President of the Customary Court of Appeal;
- (d) Chief Registrar of the Sharia Court of Appeal;

Management of finances and Account

(e) Chief Registrar of the Customary Court of Appeal;

(f) Secretary of the Judicial Service Commission;

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(a) Chief Judge of the State who shall be the Chairman;

(b) Grand Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal;

- (g) Directors responsible for Finance and Accounts of all the Courts and the Commission; and
- (h) Chief Registrar of the High Court of Justice, who shall be the Secretary.

7. The Board may co-opt any person to be a member at its meeting, but such person shall not be entitled to vote at the meeting of the Board or any of its sub-committees for the purpose of quorum.

Power to Co-opt

8. The Board shall:-

Functions of the Board

(a) consider and approve the manner in which funds in the Judiciary Account are applied for the service and administration of the Judiciary; and

(b) submit quarterly reports in respect of paragraph (a) to the Chief Accounting Officer.

9. (1) There shall be established a Committee to be known as the Judiciary Funds Management Committee (referred to in this Law as the "Committee").

Establishment of the Judiciary Funds Management Committee

(2) The Committee shall comprise of:-

Power to Co-opt

(a) The Secretary of the Commission who shall be the Chairman;

(b) The Chief Registrars of the various Courts;

Functions of the Board

(c) Deputy Chief Registrars of the various Courts and the Head of Administration of the Commission; and

(d) Directors for Administration and Finance of the Judiciary.

(3) The Director for Administration and Finance of the High Court of Justice shall be the Secretary to the Committee.

Establishment of the Judiciary Funds Management Committee

(4) The Committee shall perform functions relating to all contracts, works, services and procurements in the Judiciary and submit to the Due Process Committee for consideration and/or approval.

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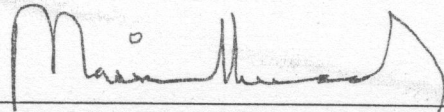
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- 10. The Committee shall have the power to invite any person or group of persons to its meetings and such person shall not be entitled to vote at the meeting or any of its sub-committees. Power to Invite
- 11. The quorum of the Board and Committee established under this Law shall be simple majority of members. Quorum
- 12. There shall be a Resident Due Process Committee established in accordance with the provisions of the Public Procurement Law. Establishment of Due Process Committee
- 13. The Accounting Officers of the Judiciary shall in the month of June of every year, after due consultation with the State Budget Committee, prepare annual estimates of all income and expenditure for the services and administration of the Judiciary for the next financial year and such estimates shall be forwarded to the Chief Judge for consideration and thereafter be forwarded by the Chief Judge to the Governor for inclusion in the Appropriation Bill or Supplementary Appropriation Bill for that year. Preparation of Estimates
- 14. The prorated amounts due to the Judiciary shall be paid by the Accountant-General into the Judiciary's Account in monthly installments. Power to Invite  
Payment into Statutory Judiciary Account
- 15. The Judiciary shall be responsible for the preparation of quarterly financial statement of accounts which shall be submitted to the Auditor-General of the State. Preparation of Quarterly Financial Statements of Account
- 16. The accounts of the Judiciary shall be audited annually by the Auditor-General of the State in accordance with the Audit Law of the State. Audit
- 17. Subject to the financial regulations of the State, the Board may make specific regulations to give effect to the provisions of this Law. Power to make Regulations

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DATED AT KADUNA this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.



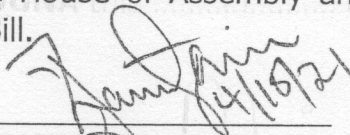
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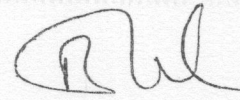
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