



**OFFICE OF THE HONOURABLE PRESIDENT
CUSTOMARY COURT OF APPEAL
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY JUDICIARY**



In the exercise of the powers conferred on me by the provisions of Section 269 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), Section 20 of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja Customary Court of Appeal Degree No. 30 of 1991, and by virtue of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, HON. JUSTICE ADEKUNLE STANLEY LAWAL, FICMC, F.DRI, President of the Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, hereby issue the following Practice Directions:

1. Applicability

This Practice Direction shall, save as may be otherwise directed by the Hon. President, apply to all Processes filed at the FCT Customary Court of Appeal and the FCT Customary Courts, in respect of all proceedings before the Courts.

2. Objective and Guiding Principles

The objective of this Practice Direction is to review and streamline fees payable for all Court Processes filed at the Registry of the FCT Customary Court of Appeal to reflect modern reality.

3. Directions

Notwithstanding any other directive to the contrary or in the time being, effective from the date of the coming into effect of this Practice Direction, the fees payable for all processes filed at the Registry of the FCT Customary Court of Appeal, Abuja, and the FCT Customary Courts shall be as listed on the attached Schedules I, II and III.

4. Citation

This Practice Direction shall be cited as the FCT Customary Court of Appeal (Review of Fees) Practice Direction No. 1 of 2026.

5. Commencement.

This Practice Direction shall commence and come into effect on the 1st day of March, 2026.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2026.

Hon. Justice Adekunle Stanley Lawal, FICMC, F.DRI
Hon. President
Customary Court of Appeal, FCT-Abuja.



SCHEDULE I
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA
CUSTOMARY COURT OF APPEAL,

SCALE OF FEE FOR CHIEFTAINCY MATTER (ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

S/N	PROCESS	FEES PAYABLE
1	WRIT OF SUMMON	3000
2	STATEMENT OF CLAIM	2000
3	OATH	1500
4	SVC	NOT APPLICABLE
5	MOTION ON NOTICE	100
6	MOTION EXPARTE	1000
7	STATEMENT OF DEFENCE	2000
8	ANNEXTURE	100 PER 1
9	WRITTEN ADDRESS	500
10	FINAL WRITTEN ADDRESS	1000
11	LETTER OF ADJOURNMENT	500
12	NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE	1000
13	ENROLLMENT ORDER	1000
14	MEMORANDUM OF APPEARANCE	500
15	CTC OF RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS	2000
16	CTC OF OTHER DOCUMENTS	100 PER PAGE
17	CTC OF JUDGMENT	100 PER PAGE
18	REPLY	500
19	SEAL	300
20	DEFAULT FEE	100 PER DAY
21	COUNTER AFFIDAVIT	1500
22	PRELIMINARY OBJECTION	500

SCHEDULE II
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA
CUSTOMARY COURT OF APPEAL,

SCALE OF FEE FOR APPEAL MATTER

S/N	PROCESS	FEES PAYABLE
1	NOTICE OF APPEAL	2000
2	CTC OF PROCEEDINGS	2000
3	S/M	NOT APPLICABLE
4	REPLY OF POINT OF LAW	500
5	BRIEF OF ARGUMENT	2000
6	PRELIMINARY OBJECTION	1000
7	WRITTEN ADDRESS	1000
8	MOTION ON NOTICE	1000
9	MOTION EXPARTE	1000
10	ANNEXTURE	200 PER PAGE
11	COUNTER AFFIDAVIT	1500
12	COUNTER APPEAL	2000
13	LETTER OF ADJOURNMENT	500
14	NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE	1000
15	ENROLLMENT ORDER	2000
16	CTC OF OTHER DOCUMENTS	100 PER PAGE
17	CTC OF JUDGMENT	100 PER PAGE
18	FINAL WRITTEN ADDRESS	1000
19	MEMORANDUM OF APPEARANCE	500
20	SEAL	300
21	DEFAULT FEE	100 PER PAGE

SCHEDULE III

FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA CUSTOMARY COURT

SCALE OF FEES

ITEM	MATTER	COURT FEES
1.	Motion on 1 Notice	= N 1,000.00
2.	Affidavit in support	= N2,000.00
3.	Annextures	= N100 Per copy
4.	For the recovery of specific sum (a) not exceeding N 250,000.00 (b) exceeding N250,000.00	= N5,000.00 = N2,500.00
5.	For the recovery of unspecified sum	= N10,000.00
6.	For an account to be taken and payable of the sum due	= N3,000.00
7.	Claim for possession of property (other than as landlord and tenant)	= N3,000.00
8.	Claim for inheritance of property (a) Where the gross value of the property does not exceed N250,000.00 (b) Where the gross value of the property Exceeds N250,000.00; N1,000,00 per N100,000.00 or Part thereof up to N1,000,000.00 (c) Where no value can be specified	= N5,000.00 = N7,500.00 = N10,000.00

9.	For the determination of question relating to the distribution of or succession to the property of an intestate deceased person (a) Where the gross value of the property of the deceased does not exceed N250,000.00 (b) In excess of N250,000.00; N1,000.00 per N100,000.00. or part thereof. (c) Where the gross value cannot be specified	= N5,000.00 = N7,500.00 = N10,000.00
10.	For any other relief or assistance not specifically provided for.	= N3,000.00
11.	For matrimonial causes proceedings (a) Divorce petition (b) Reply to petition (c) i, for claim of property under marriage not Exceeding N100,000 in value ii exceeding N100,000, (d) Claim for paternity of a child (e) Claim for custody of a child (f) Reply to claim for both paternity and custody	= N1,500.00 = N1,000.00 = N1,000.00 = N2,000.00 = N2,000.00 = N2,000.00 = N1,000.00
12	Application for transfer of case	= N3,000.00
13.	Application for service out of jurisdiction Affidavit attachments	= N1,000.00 = N100.00 each
14.	Application for substituted service	= N1,000.00

	Affidavit /other attachments	= N100.00 each
15.	Application for writ of Habeas Corpus (Review)	= N2,500.00
16.	Any other application	= N1,000.00
	(i) If accompanied with any other paper	= N100 Per copy
18.	For a special interpreter of a language not in common use per day or part thereof	= N500.00
19.	For searching for archives for each period of six months or part thereof	= N1,000.00
20.	For every subpoena	= N1,500.00
21.	On commission to Court to take evidence:	
	(i) outside jurisdiction	= N5,000.00
	(ii) within jurisdiction	= N3,000.00
22.	For certifying CTC	= N100.00 per page
23.	For preparing CTC	= N100.00
24.	Affidavit of any kind	= N2,000.00