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**5<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

The Clerk  
The National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria  
Three Arms Zone  
FCT - Abuja

Dear Sir,

**RE: SUIT NO: FHC/ABJ/CS/384/2025 BETWEEN SENATOR NATASHA AKPOTI-UDUAGHAN V THE CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA & 3 ORS.**

**NOTIFICATION OF THE ORDERS OF THE COURT.**

We are counsel to Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan (hereinafter referred to as our client), the Plaintiff in the above-referenced suit, on whose express instruction we write to you.

We respectfully bring to the attention of all parties in the aforementioned proceedings that the Federal High Court, sitting in Abuja, Coram: Hon. Justice Obiora Atuegwu Egwatu J, in its ruling delivered on 4th March 2025, granted, inter alia, an interim order restraining the Senate Committee on Ethics, Privileges, and Public Petitions from proceeding with any investigation against the Plaintiff concerning the alleged misconduct arising from the events that occurred during the Senate plenary on 20th February 2025, following the referral by the 2nd Defendant on 25th February 2025. This order is pending the hearing and determination of the motion on notice filed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2025.

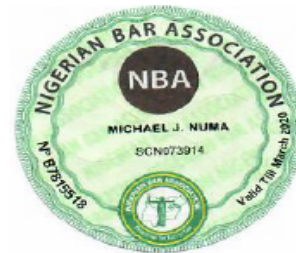
The parties have also been ordered to show cause within 72 hours of service of the said order why an order of interlocutory injunction should not be granted, restraining the defendants from proceeding



with the purported investigation against the Plaintiff, pending the hearing and determination of the substantive matter. Enclosed herewith is a Certified Copy of the order of the Court.

We respectfully request that you comply with the said order while awaiting the outcome of the proceedings scheduled for 10th March 2025.

With the highest professional regards,



Michael Jonathan Numa, SAN FPD, UK

**CC:**

**1. The Senate of The Federal republic of Nigeria**

The National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria  
Three Arms Zone  
FCT – Abuja

**2. The President of the Senate, Federal Republic of Nigeria**

The National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria  
Three Arms Zone

**3. The Chairman Senate Committee on Ethics, Privileges & code of conduct; Senator Neda Imasuem**

The National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria  
Three Arms Zone



**IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA**  
**IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION**  
**HOLDEN AT ABUJA**

**SUIT NO. FHC/ABJ/CS/384/2025**

**BETWEEN**

**SENATOR NATASHA AKPOTI-UDUAGHAN.....PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT**

**AND**

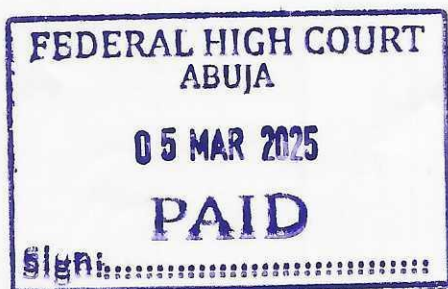
- 1. CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**
- 2. THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC  
OF NIGERIA**
- 3. THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**
- 4. CHAIRMAN SENATE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,  
PRIVILEGES & CODE OF CONDUCT  
SENATOR NEDA IMASUEM**

**DEFENDANTS**

**ENROLLED ORDER**

**UPON THIS** Motion Exparte dated 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 but filed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2025 coming before this Honourable Court on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 and praying for the following reliefs: -

- i. **AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** granting leave to the Plaintiff/Applicant to serve the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Defendant/Respondents with the Originating Summons and all other accompanying Processes in this Suit by substituted means to wit: by serving same through the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant; Clerk of the National Assembly or Pasting same on the Premises of the National Assembly or by publishing same on two national dailies.



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- ii. **AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** granting an Interim Injunction restraining the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant/Defendant's Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Code of Conduct headed by the 4<sup>th</sup> Defendant from proceeding with the purported investigation against the Plaintiff/Applicant for alleged misconduct sequel to the events that occurred at the plenary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025, pursuant to the referral by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 pending the hearing and determination of the Motion on Notice for interlocutory injunction.
- iii. **AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** directing the 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Defendants to come and show cause; why an order of interlocutory injunction should not be granted against them restraining them from proceeding with purported investigation against the Plaintiff for alleged misconduct without affording her privileges as stipulated in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Amended), the Senate Standing Order 2023 and the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act.
- iv. **AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** declaring that any action taken during the pendency of this Suit is null, void and of no effect whatsoever.
- v. **AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** deeming the afore-referenced

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mode of substituted service, as good and sufficient service.

- vi. **AND FOR SUCH FURTHER ORDER(S)** as the Court may deem appropriate to make in the circumstances.

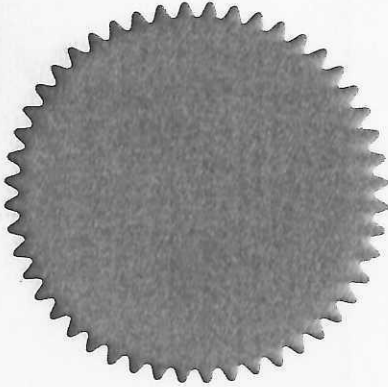
**UPON READING** the twenty-five (25) paragraphed Affidavit in support of the Motion Exparte and Affidavit of Urgency both deposed to by Senator Natasha Akpoti - Uduaghan, Adult, Female, Christian, Nigerian citizen of Kogi Central Senatorial District and Written Address all filed at the Registry of this Court.

**AFTER HEARING** Sanusi Musa SAN, M. J. Numa SAN, Y. M. Zakari Esq., B. J. Tabai Esq., Tijanni Jimol Esq., and Miss M. C. Bekee Esq. Counsel for the Applicant arguing the application and urging the Court to grant the reliefs sought.

**AND THE COURT** having delivered its Bench Ruling in open Court, its reasonings and conclusions are as contained in the body of the Bench Ruling.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

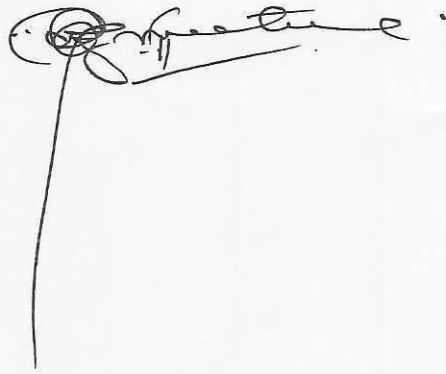
- 1. AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** is made granting leave to the Plaintiff/Applicant to serve the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Defendants/Respondents the Originating Summons and all other accompanying Processes in this Suit by substituted means to wit: by serving same through the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant (Clerk of the National Assembly) or pasting same on the Premises of the National Assembly and publishing same in two National dailies.





HON JUSTICE OBIORA ATUEGWU EGWUATU  
PRESIDING JUDGE

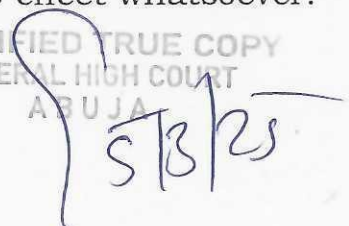
**2. AN ORDER OF INTERIM INJUNCTION OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** is made restraining the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant/ Defendant's Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Code of Conduct headed by the 4<sup>th</sup> Defendant from proceeding with the purported investigation against the Plaintiff/Applicant for alleged misconduct sequel to the events that occurred at the plenary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025, pursuant to the referral by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February, 2025 pending the hearing and determination of the Motion on Notice for interlocutory injunction.




**3. AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** is made directing the 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Defendants to come and show cause within 72 hours upon the service of this order on them why an order of interlocutory injunction should not be granted against them, restraining them from proceeding with the purported investigation against the Plaintiff for alleged misconduct without affording her privileges as stipulated in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Amended), the Senate Standing Order 2023 and the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act.

**4. AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** is made declaring that any action taken during the pendency of this Suit is null, void and of no effect whatsoever.

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**5. AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** is made deeming the afore-referenced mode of substituted service, as good and sufficient service.

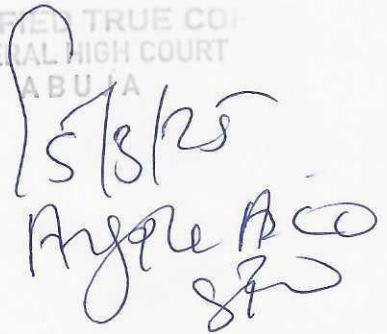
  
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PRESIDING JUDGE

This matter is adjourned to the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 for the Respondents to show cause.

**ISSUED AT ABUJA** under the seal of the Court and the hand of the presiding Judge this **4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.**

  
**VICTORIA AKARE MATIYAK**  
**REGISTRAR**

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