
Court Of Appeal, Akure Division Takes Off, Begins Sittings

Five months after the approval for the establishment of the Akure Division was granted by the nation's apex judicial authorities, adjudicating activities took off today with the inaugural sitting of the appellate court.

Six criminal appeal cases were attended to during the first proceedings by the three Justices posted to the division by the President of the Court of Appeal, Justice Ayo Salami.

They are the Presiding Justice, N. S. Ngwuta as well as Justices C.E. Iyizoba and M.A.A. Adumein.

In his speech before the commencement of proceedings, Justice Ngwuta remarked that the taking off of the Akure division of the court was clearly in the fulfillment of the aspiration of the people of the state to further bring the administration of justice nearer to the people.

According to him, "I want to warn that in fulfillment of every desire, there is an obligation created. It is our duty to lay proper foundation for the new Court of Appeal division in the state, but to do that better, we seek the co-operation between the bench and bar.

"It is going to be joint responsibility, I urge you to be diligent in your work, you should not file frivolous petitions and applications. Moreover, be honest in your dealings and in doing that, you owe the court a higher duty" the presiding justice stated

In his remarks, the Ondo State Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr. Eytayo Jegede (SAN) expressed the gratitude to both the Chief Justice of the Federation, Justice Alloysius Katsina-Alu and Salami for the historic occasion saying that the challenges inherent in putting in place the necessary things would soon be surmounted.

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