FOR SERVICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY

IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION

HOLDEN AT ABUJA

SUIT NO: CV/230/2026

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LATE ASHIB GODWIN ANGIATING (DECEASED)

BETWEEN:

1. DR. GREG UKEL ANGIATING
2. MR. GIFT UNIMKE ANGIATING
3. MISS PRISCA BIWOM ANGIATING _____ ***CLAIMANTS***

AND

1. PREMIUM PENSION LIMITED

2. MRS. FELICIA ABIYE-ANGIATING _____ ***DEFENDANTS***

COUNTER-AFFIDAVIT OF THE 2ND DEFENDANT

I, **MRS. FELICIA ABIYE-ANGIATING**, Female, Adult, Nigerian, of the Federal College of Education, Obudu, Cross River State, do hereby make oath and state as follows:

1. That I am the 2nd Defendant in this suit and by virtue of my position, I am fully conversant with the facts and circumstances giving rise to this action.
2. That I am the lawful surviving wife of Late Mr. Ashib Godwin Angiating (hereinafter referred to as "the deceased"), having been validly married to him under applicable law.

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Date — 10/7/26

3. That the said marriage is evidenced by my marriage licence and affidavit of marriage/change of name, copies of which are hereby attached and marked as **Annexures CH1a and CH1b,** respectively.

4. That I have carefully read the Affidavit in Support of Originating Summons deposed to by the 2nd Claimant and I depose to this Counter-Affidavit in opposition thereto.

5. That in response to paragraph 1 of the Claimants' Affidavit, I admit that the deponent is the 2nd Claimant and one of the persons who obtained Letters of Administration over the estate of the deceased.

6. That I state further that the said Letters of Administration were obtained without my knowledge, consent, participation, or disclosure of my existence as the lawful surviving spouse of the deceased.

7. That the failure to disclose my existence constitutes suppression of material facts and vitiates the integrity of the probate process through which the said Letters of Administration were obtained.

8. That in response to paragraph 2 of the Claimants' Affidavit, I admit that the Claimants are biological children of the deceased.

9. That I deny any suggestion that being biological children automatically confers exclusive right to administer the estate of the deceased to the exclusion of the lawful surviving spouse.

10. That I deny paragraph 4 of the Claimants' Affidavit and state that I am not merely a person claimed by the 1st Defendant to be the Next of Kin, but the lawful surviving spouse of the deceased duly verified and recognized by the 1st Defendant.

11. That in response to paragraphs 5 and 6, I admit that the deceased worked at Federal College of Education, Obudu, Cross River State and died on 4th December 2021.

12. That I state that until his death, I remained his lawful and subsisting wife.

13. That I am aware that the deceased was previously married to Mrs. Christiana Angiating; however, that marriage had been lawfully dissolved during the lifetime of the deceased.

14. That the divorce proceedings were conducted at the High Court of Cross River State, Calabar Division, and the relevant divorce processes including the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, Verifying Affidavit, Affidavit for Divorce, and Notice of Petition are attached and marked as **Annexures CH2a–CH2d, respectively**.

15. That following the dissolution of the said marriage, Mrs. Christiana Angiating ceased to bear the name "Angiating" and reverted to her maiden name as published in **Vanguard Newspaper of Friday, October 29,1999 at page 31**.

16. That a copy of the said publication is attached and marked as **Annexure CH3**.

17. That in response to paragraphs 7, 8 and 12 of the Claimants' Affidavit, I admit that the deceased maintained a Retirement Savings Account and/or pension account with the 1st Defendant.

18. That the existence of the said pension account does not override the provisions of law regulating administration of estates and distribution of estate assets.

19. That in response to paragraph 9, I admit that the Claimants are biological children of the deceased.

20. That in response to paragraph 11, I state that institutional records showing biological children do not supersede probate law or determine legal priority in estate administration where competing lawful interests exist.

21. That in response to paragraphs 13 and 14, I am not in a position to admit the alleged medical and burial expenses and I put the Claimants to strict proof thereof.

22. That payment of medical or burial expenses does not confer exclusive legal rights over the estate of a deceased person.

23. That in response to paragraphs 15 and 16, I deny knowledge of the alleged impersonation and put the Claimants to strict proof thereof.

24. That the said allegations are irrelevant to the determination of proper entitlement to administer the estate of the deceased.

25. That in response to paragraph 17, I deny the assertion that the deceased listed only the Claimants as beneficiaries to the exclusion of all other lawful interests.

26. That in response to paragraphs 18, 19 and 20, I admit that the Claimants procured a letter of introduction from Federal College of Education, Obudu and thereafter approached the Probate Registry and applied for Letters of Administration.

27. That the said application for the Letters of Administration is hereby attached and marked as **Annexure CH4**.

28. That the Claimants failed to disclose my existence as the lawful surviving spouse during the probate proceedings leading to the issuance of the Letters of Administration.

29. That the Letters of Administration issued to the Claimants are attached and marked as **CH5**.

30. That had my existence been disclosed, the Probate Registry would have exercised due caution in issuing the said grant in the manner it was obtained.

31. That the Claimants presented the consent of Mrs. Christiana Angiating as though she were still a surviving spouse.

32. That the said consent letter is attached and marked as **Annexure CH6**.

33. That the said consent is fundamentally defective and incapable of conferring legitimacy on a probate process founded on material non-disclosure.

34. That in response to paragraph 21, I admit that the Claimants engaged Counsel and took steps concerning the pension account.

35. That in response to paragraph 22, I admit that Letters of Administration were issued to the Claimants on 10th October 2024.

36. That I state that the said grant was obtained without full disclosure of material facts and is therefore defective and liable to be set aside.

37. That in response to paragraph 23, I admit that the Claimants presented the Letters of Administration to the 1st Defendant.

38. That in response to paragraphs 24 to 31, I admit that the 1st Defendant discovered discrepancies in its records and commenced verification and investigation.

39. That I further admit that I was contacted by the 1st Defendant as the verified lawful surviving spouse of the deceased.

40. That I responded and asserted my lawful interest in the estate of the deceased.

41. That the 1st Defendant acted lawfully, prudently, and in good faith by suspending payment pending resolution of the dispute.

42. That in response to paragraph 32, I deny that the 1st Defendant is under any obligation to disregard conflicting beneficiary records upon mere presentation of Letters of Administration.

43. That where credible disputes exist as to entitlement, the 1st Defendant is entitled and duty-bound to preserve the funds pending judicial determination.

44. That in response to paragraph 33, I admit that Next of Kin does not automatically become a beneficiary in law.

45. That I state that the central issue herein is the concealment of my status as lawful surviving spouse during the probate process.

46. That in response to paragraph 34, I deny that the 1st Defendant has disobeyed any court order, usurped probate jurisdiction, or unlawfully withheld estate property.

47. That the refusal to release the pension fund is lawful, justified, and consistent with the duty of prudence imposed on financial institutions.

48. That a genuine dispute exists as to the proper persons entitled to administer the estate of the deceased.

49. That I have instructed my Counsel to take immediate legal steps to challenge the validity of the said Letters of Administration before a court of competent jurisdiction on grounds of material non-disclosure and concealment of material facts.

50. That it is in the interest of justice that the pension funds remain preserved pending final determination of the dispute.

51. That I am informed by my Counsel, and I verily believe him, that until the validity of the said Letters of Administration is resolved by a competent court, preservation of the pension funds is necessary to prevent a miscarriage of justice and irreparable prejudice to the rightful beneficiaries.

52. That I deny any allegation of personal wrongdoing, unlawful conduct, or any independent actionable misconduct whatsoever against the Claimants or any other person in relation to the subject matter of this suit.

53. That I have been compelled to engage the services of Counsel and incur significant legal expenses solely as a result of my joinder in this suit.

54. That I verily believe that the interest of justice will be best served by preserving the pension funds pending the resolution of the substantial disputes surrounding the propriety of the Letters of Administration and the competing claims to entitlement by a court of competent jurisdiction.

55. That I depose to this Counter-Affidavit in good faith, believing the facts stated herein to be true and correct in accordance with the Oaths Act.

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DEPONENT

SWORN TO AT THE REGISTRY OF THE F. C.T HIGH COURT, ABUJA

THIS ...15th... DAY OF ...July... 2026

BEFORE ME:

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

ANNEXURE CH1A

NATIONAL MARRIAGE COUNCIL

COUPLE

MARRIAGE LIECENCE

Reg. No 006

OBANLIKU L.G.A

MARRIAGE DISTRICT/L.G.A. OF NIGERIA

Confirm that

Mr ASHIB GODWIN AYGIATING

OF BEBUAGBONG VILLAGE OBUDU

&

Miss FELICIA ABIYE ULAYI

OF BEBUAGAN OBUDU

Married under the

CUSTOMARY/

TRADITIONAL

Law

Reg. No

MISS [illegible] NGWU

Name of Marriage Registrar

MR BONIFACE B. ULAYI
of BEBUAGAM Clan

Collected items of Marriage
from the family
UKEH GEORGE ANGIATING
of BEBUAGBONG CLAN

Indicate the first three major items collected

1 A sheep	
2 Kola-nut	
3 Palm Dine	

Date 13th APRIL 2002

Name	Tumbprint or Signature			
MR EMMANUEL ULAYI	[signature]	[signature]	[signature]	[signature]
MRS FELICIA BIYE ANGIATING	[signature]	[signature]	[signature]	[signature]
MR JOHN UNDESHI ANGIATING	[signature]	[signature]	[signature]	[signature]
MR ASHIB GOSWIN ANGIATING	[signature]	[signature]	[signature]	[signature]

IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT OF THE CROSS RIVER STATE OF NIG.
IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT OF OBUDU MAGISTRIAL DISTRICT.

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ANNEXURE CH1/B

AFFIDAVIT OF MARRIAGE/CHANGE OF NAME:

I, MR. BONIFACE BENYAKONG ULAYI, male a native of Bebuagam Village in Obudu Local Government Area of Cross River State of Nigeria, a Civil Servant now residing thereat do hereby make Oath and depose as follows:-

1. That I am the deponent hereof as such I am conversant with the facts deposed herein by my personal knowledge and belief.

2. That Miss. Ulayi Felicia Abiye is my Daughter.

3. That the said Miss. Ulayi Felicia Abiye was given out in marriage to one Mr. Godwin Aship Angtiating of Bebuagbong Village in Obudu Local Government Area on the 13th day of April, 2002.

4. That the said marriage was contracted in Accordance with the native law and custom of Bebuagam people with the consent of both parents and their blessings.

5. That after the performance of the customary marital rites by Mr. Godwin Aship Angiating to the parents of Miss. Ulayi Felicia Abiye the said Miss. Ulayi Felicia Abiye now became known, called and addressed as MRS. FELICIA ABIYE ANGIATING.

6. That all documents bearing her former name remain valid.

7. That this Affidavit is for records purposes and to enable any person(s) or authority(ies) concern believe the facts as deposed herein and effect the Change.

AND THAT I SWEAR to this Solemn Affidavit Conscientiously believing same to be true and correct and in Accordance with the Provisions of the Oaths Act of 1990.

Oath fee (Pd) .....
DEPONENT.

SWORN TO at the Chief Magistrate's Court Registry, Obudu this 26th day of September, 2005.

BEFORE ME

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.

JUDICIARY MAGISTRATE COURT REGISTRY OBUDU
SIGN
DATE

ANNEXURE CH2A

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE CROSS RIVER STATE OF NIGERIA
IN THE CALABAR JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT CALABAR

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (DIVORCE)

SUIT NO HC/1D/2000

HIGH COURT REGISTRY DATE 18/1/2000 CALABAR

BETWEEN:

MRS. CHRISTIANA IMAZI ANGIATING ... PETITIONER

AND

MR. GODWIN ASHIB ANGIATING ... RESPONDENT

PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

To: THE ABOVE NAMED HIGH COURT

The petitioner Mrs. Christiana Imazi Anyating whose address is Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Port-Harcourt, Rivers State of Nigeria and who is a Public Servant, petitions the court for a decree of dissolution of marriage against the Respondent, whose address is Bebuagbong, Obudu/Ogoja Road, Obudu and who is now employed with the National Population Commission, Obudu, on the ground that the Respondent has been separated from the petitioner and have lived apart for a continuous period of over 6 years

MARRIAGE

1. The petitioner, then a spinster was lawfully married to the Respondent then a bachelor, at the St. Charles Catholic Parish, Obudu, Cross River State on the 19 day of December, 1987, under the provisions of the Marriage Act. At the hearing the petitioner shall found upon the certificate of marriage.

2. The surname of the petitioner immediately before the marriage was Miss Christiana Imazi Agianpuye.

3. The Petitioner was not previously married before her marriage to the Respondent.

BIRTH OF PETITIONER AND RESPONDENT

4. The petitioner was born at Obudu on the 2nd day of July, 1963 and the Respondent was born at Obudu on the 30th day of October, 1954.

DOMICILE OR RESIDENCE

5. The Petitioner is within the meaning of the Matrimonial Causes Act, Domiciled in Nigeria. The facts on which the court will be asked to find that the petitioner is so domiciled are as follows:-

The Petitioner was born in Nigeria of Nigerian Parents and lives in Nigeria.

The Respondent was also born in Nigeria of Nigerian Parents who also live in Nigeria.

COHABITATION

6. Particulars of the places at which and periods during which the petitioner and Respondent have cohabited are as follows:-

a) At the University of Calabar Staff Quarters, State Housing Estate, Calabar from 1987 to 1991.

b) At No. 136 M.C.C Road, Calabar from 1992 to 1993.

7. The date on which and circumstances in which cohabitation between the Petitioner and the Respondent ceased are as follows:-
The Petitioner and the Respondent remained separated and have continued to live apart since 1993.

CHILDREN

8. Particulars relating to the children to whom order v Rule 5 applies:

a) UKEH ANGIATING - 13 YEARS, JSS III

b) UNIMKE ANGIATING - 11 YEARS, JSS II

c) BIWOM ANGIATING - 9 YEARS, PRIMARY 4.

PREVIOUS PROCEEDINGS

9. Since the Marriage, there have not been any previous proceedings in a court between the petitioner and the Respondent.

FACTS

10. The facts relied by the petitioner as constituting the grounds specified above are as follows:-

a) The Petitioner and the Respondent have lived apart for over six years and they can not reasonably be expected to live together any longer.

b) The marriage has broken down irretrievably.

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT FOR THE CHILDREN

12. All the three children of the marriage have remarried under the exclusive care of the Petitioner and lived with her since 1993. The children shall continue to live with the petitioner while they attend the age of 21 years as their education is more paramount to the petitioner.

ORDERS SOUGHT

13. The Petitioner seeks the following orders:

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a) A Decree of dissolution of the marriage on the ground that the Petitioner and the Respondent have been separated for a continuous period of over six years in that the marriage has broken down irretrievably and the Petitioner can not reasonably be expected to live with the Respondent.

This Petition was settled by BARTH A. IZATO (LEGAL PRACTITIONER) for the Petitioner.

Filed this 10TH day of JAN., 1999 by BARTH A. IZATO ESQ. on behalf of the Petitioner whose address for service is Suite 12 B, Cultural Centre Shopping Complex, Barracks Road, Calabar.

BARTH A. IZATO ESQ
(COUNSEL TO THE PETITIONER)
SUIT 12 B
CULTURAL CENTRE SHOPPING
COMPLEX, CALABAR.

FOR SERVICE ON:

THE RESPONDENT

BEBUAGBONG VILLAGE
OBUDU/OGOJA ROAD
OBUDU.

ANNEXURE CH2B

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE CROSS RIVER STATE OF NIGERIA

IN THE CALABAR JUDICIAL DIVISION

HOLDEN AT CALABAR

SUIT NO. HC/10/2000

BETWEEN:

MRS. CHRISTIANA IMAZI ANGIATING ..... PETITIONER

AND

MR. GODWIN ASHIB ANGIATING ..... RESPONDENT

HIGH COURT REGISTRY 10/1/2000 DATE CALABAR

VERIFYING AFFIDAVIT

I, Mrs. Christiana Imazi Angiating, female, christian and Nigerian citizen of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, Port Harcourt, Rivers State do hereby make oath:

1. That I am the Petitioner in this suit.

2. That I verify the facts stated in my petition by virtue of my personal knowledge of same.

3. That the statements set forth in paragraphs 1 to 13 of my petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

4. That the Marriage Certificate has not been annexed to my petition because same is in the custody of the Respondent.

5. That I make this affidavit in good faith and in support of my petition for a Decree of Dissolution of the marriage contracted between the Respondent and Myself.

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DEPONENT

SWORN TO AT THE HIGH COURT HIGH REGISTRY CALABAR THIS 10th DAY OF January, 2000

BEFORE ME

HIGH COURT REGISTRY 10/1/2000 DATE CALABAR

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

ANNEXURE CH 2C

PHC 17/5/94.

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL
HOLDEN AT PORT HARCOURT

AFFIDAVIT FOR DIVORCE

I, MRS CHRISTIANA IMAZI ANGIATING, of NNPC Medical Centre Port Harcourt, Christian, Nigerian Citizen, native of Obudu in Obudu Local Government Area of Cross River State, Federal Republic of Nigeria, now residing at No. 6 Obinachi Street, Total Village, Port Harcourt, do hereby declare on Oath as follows:-

1. That MR. A.G. ANGIATING became my husband in 1985 under agreement between my parents and his parents according to the native law of Obudu land and the doctrine of the Church.

2. That I am now deciding to terminate the marriage agreement between me and him on the ground of the following reasons:-

   (1) Frequent beating/neglegence of Duty
   (2) He separeted from me for over one year.
   (3) None peacefull negotiation by his family.
   (4) Insecurity due to family influence/hostility.

3. That this solemn declaration is now required for record purposes, and confirmation of the above stated reasons.

AND THAT I make this affidavit conscientiously believing same to be true and correct by the virtue of Provisions of Oaths Act of 1963.

DECLARANT

Sworn to at the Court of Appeal, Registry, Port Harcourt, this 17th day of May 1994.

17-5-94

BEFORE ME

COURT OF APPEAL PORT HARCOURT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

Received 7/4/96.

ANNEXURE CH 23

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE CROSS RIVER STATE OF NIGERIA

IN THE CALABAR JUDICIAL DIVISION

HOLDEN AT CALABAR.

BETWEEN:

MRS. CHRISTIANA IMAZI ANGIATING ..... PETITIONER

AND

MR. GODWIN ASHIB ANGIATING ..... RESPONDENT

SUIT NO. H/C/1D/2000

HIGH COURT REGISTRY DATE 10/1/2000 CALABAR

NOTICE OF PETITION

TO: Mr. Godwin Ashib Angiating
Bebuagbong Village
Obudu/Ogoja Road,
Obudu, Cross River State.

TAKE NOTICE that a petition has been presented to the above-named court by Mrs. Christiana Imazi Angiating of Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, Port - Harcourt, Rivers State of Nigeria, instituting proceedings for a decree of dissolution of marriage.

2. A sealed copy of the petition is delivered to you with this Notice.

3. If you intend to consult a solicitor in connection with the proceedings you should take to him all the documents delivered to you.

4. If you desire:

a) To deny any fact alleged in the petition.
b) To allege any additional facts for the consideration of the court.
c) To submit to the court that it should dismiss any of the proceedings instituted by the petitioner, or
d) To make any other submission to the court; you should file an answer to the petition.

5. If you wish to institute proceedings for dissolution of marriage nullity of marriage, judicial separation or restitution of conjugal rights, you may do so in an answer to the petition filed by you. If you institute proceedings for dissolution of marriage on the ground that the petitioner has committed adultery, you may also, by the answer, institute proceedings for damages in respect of the adultery.

6. If you do not wish to file an answer but wish to receive a copy of each document filed in connection with the proceedings, you should file a Notice of address for service. However, unless you file an answer, you will not, without the leave of the court be entitled to furnish evidence to the court at the trial of the proceedings and the court may hear and determine the proceedings in your absence.

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7. Any answer or Notice of address for service filed by you must be filed within 28 days after you receive this Notice or within such extended period as the petitioner or the court allows, and service of a copy of the answer or Notice must be effected in accordance with the matrimonial causes rules.

DATED AT CALABAR, THIS 10th DAY OF Jan, 1988.

Obo O. Obeten
REGISTRAR

ADDRESSES FOR SERVICE:

PETITIONER - C/o HER COUNSEL
BARTH A. IZATO ESQ.
BARTH A. IZATO & ASSOCIATES
SUIT 12 B
CULTURAL CENTRE SHOPPING
COMPLEX, CALABAR.

RESPONDENT - MR. GODWIN A. ANGIATING
BEBUAGBONG VILLAGE
OBUDU/OGOJA ROAD
OBUDU.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE CROSS RIVER STATE OF NIGERIA

IN THE CALABAR JUDICIAL DIVISION

HOLDEN AT CALABAR

SUIT NO. HC/1D...../2000

BETWEEN:

MRS. CHRISTIANA IMAZI ANGIATING - PETITIONER

AND

MR. GODWIN ASHIB ANGIATING - RESPONDENT

HIGH COURT REGISTRY DATE 10/1/2000 CALABAR

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE.

I, Mr. Godwin Ashib Angiating Acknowledge that on the ..... day of ..... 1999, at ..... I received:-

(a) A sealed copy of the petition in these proceedings, and

(b) A Notice of petition addressed to me.

I also acknowledge that I am the person referred to in the sealed copy of the petition as the RESPONDENT and that I am the person to whom the Notice of petition is addressed.

Dated at Calabar, this ..... day of ..... 1999.

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Mr. Godwin Ashib Angiating

ANEXURE CH3

Business Graffiti

by

Ego-Alowes Jimanze

Akingbola, banker talks export

I had calculated and I hope wisely, that with the brand new government in saddle, export - import trade was bound to boom.

One, much of the great trading nations of the world are democratic. They are in frenzied search for birds of the same feather... or better countries of similar (democratic) hue. The world must be made safe for democracy. To lure Nigeria back into the world economy, they are lifting their anti-dictatorship sanctions with which they once used to pressure the Abacha junta. Thus the expected boom in international trade, with all the economic "goodies" it brings can be considered part of our well deserved democratic dividend.

So it was not difficult for me to join a host of others at an export-import seminar sponsored by United Parcel Service more popularly known as UPS. UPS, judging by the flyers they distributed, is a key service providing arm of this import export chain. And this on a worldwide value. This is especially in the case of agricultural produce, which if badly handled could result in the banker being put to irredeemable loss. But more critical is the human element, where the warehousing agents compromise their briefs; playing "hanky panky", unlike world class cargo agents such as UPS.

It was a good sales pitch for UPS, and no advert campaign would have done better. But beyond that Mr. Akingbola, with that cameo illustration was able, even if in a glancing sort of way point at what could be wrong in our approaches. Too often local players join in one new trade or service area, with neither the equipment, the training nor human values of honour, integrity, that and required. And immediately the chain becomes weak at any one point, it collapses on the application of any extra weight. And if as in the case of import-export, the bankers will just keep back their monies. Perhaps we could some quickly hedge against this by letting in opportunity windows for world class firms to come in and ventilate our system.

With local suppliers not want-

my and their intermediatory roles, he quickly did a close-up on the beginning of modern trade finance across borders. And next showcased the Nigeria experience. We quote;

Perhaps the greatest problem encountered in financing international trade in the country, is the issue of the policy environment. Oftentimes, government policies are changed without notice or regard for transactions preceding the new measures and their effect on the banking industry. A good example, was the lifting of the ban on raw cocoa exports in the early 90s, when many banks had advanced considerable amount of loans to cocoa processors. By the time machines were ready, the price of cocoa beans had skyrocketed due to the high prices offered to farmers by people involved in capital flight, using cocoa export as smokescreen. The effect of this policy actually manifested in the distress saga that ravaged the banking industry up till 1995.

Till today, nothing has been done to correct this policy mismatch, while virtually all the cocoa processing firms are col-

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CHANGE OF NAME

ADESANYA — I, formerly known as Miss Adeola Abiodun Adesanya, now wish to be known as Mrs. Adeola Abiodun Obadina. All former documents remain valid. Universal Trust Bank P.LC, general public please note.

ADEBISI — I, formerly known as Adebisi Ramota Odunola, now wish to be known as Mrs. Adelowo Ramota Odunola. All former documents remain valid. N Y S C and public please note.

EJEECHI — I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Juliana Ejeechi, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Jessica Ifunenyachukwu Abraham (Ineh). All former documents remain valid. Leventis Group and general public please note.

ANGIATING — I, formerly known as Mrs. Christiana Imazi Angiating now wish to be known as Mrs. Christiana Agianpuye Auta. Former documents remain valid. NNPC and public please note.

BADUSI — I, formerly known as Miss Mojisola Bosede Badusi, now wish to be known as Mrs. Mojisola

NANNA — I, formerly known and called Marthins Nanna, now wish to be known as Pastor Peter Nanna. All former documents remain valid. General public please note.

IDUEMERE — I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs. Vivian Iduemere, now wish to be known and addressed as Miss Vivian Ukiri. All former documents remain valid. General public please note.

EKA — I, formerly known and called Miss Vivian Evewero Eka. Now wish to be known and called Mrs.. Vivian Evewero Okoduwa. All former documents remain valid. College of Educations Demonstration secondary school, Warri and general public please note.

AKANBI — I, formerly known as Miss Akanbi Funmilayo Ayobami, now wish to be known as Mrs. Balogun Mary Funmilayo. All former documents remain valid. Federal College of Education and public please note.

ADEYEMI — I, formerly known as Miss Efunyemi Omolola Adeyemi (Nee Sowemimo), now wish to be known as Mrs. Ana Oluyemi Adeyemi. Former documents remain valid. Public please note.

ITUEN — I, formerly known

known and addressed as Olufemi Bernard Lawrence. Former documents remain valid. General public please note.

NWAJEI — I, formerly known as Miss Mary Onyeka Nwajei, now wish to be known as Mrs. Mary Onyeka Kosonyeme. Former documents remain valid. PPEB, Asaba, Delta State and public please note.

URIRI — I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs. Florence uriri, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Faith Uri. All former documents remain valid. General public please note.

URIRI — I, formerly known and addressed as Mr. Eric uriri, now wish to be known and addressed as Mr. Eric Uri. Former documents remain valid. General public please note.

OLUGBUSI — I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Susan Modupeola Olugbusi, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Susan Modupeola Coker. Former documents remain valid. UBN Plc and public please note.

ADEBIMPE — I, formerly known as Miss Rosemary Adebimpe Aiyenuro, now wish to be known as Mrs. Rosemary Jerome Kayang. Former documents remain valid. Management of Seaview Properties Limited, a subsidiary

ANNEXURE CH4

GH COURT OF JUSTICE

AL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA

PROBATE DEPARTMENT

PROBATE LETTER

From

DATE: **August 29, 2022**

The Probate Registrar
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY
ABUJA.

SIR,

ANGIATING GODWIN (AKA) ANGIATING ASHIB GODWIN DECEASED

I/WE **MR ANGIATING GIFT UNIMKE AND MS ANGIATING PRISCA BIWOM, SON AND DAUGTHER** of th above-named deceased hereby apply for a grant of Letters of Administration/Probate of the said decea ed wh died at **NNPC HOSPITAL MAITAMA ABUJA** on the **4TH** of **DECEMBER, 2021** and who prior to his/h r deat had his/her fixed place Abode at **BEBUAGBONG VILLAGE OBUDU, CROSS RIVER STATE** in State of Nigeria.

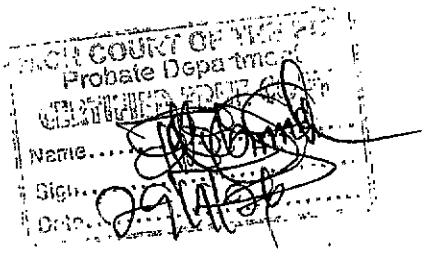
I/We/am/are ....

Yours Faithfully

1. **MR ANGIATING GIFT UNIMKE**
2. **MS ANGIATING PRISCA BIWOM**

Jurat: The foregoing having been read over and interpreted to the bearer applicant/applicants **MR ANGIATING GIFT UNIMKE AND MS ANGIATING PRISCA BIWOM** in the Language by me when they/he/she seeme perfectly to understand same before affixing his/her thumbs prints thereon.

Interpreter



ANNEXURE CH5

Probate Registry

High Court

Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria

Plot 426, Tigris Crescent, Maitama, P.M.B. 89, Abuja

Reference number: FCT-HC-FM 1980 2022

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF PROBATE/LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF [illegible] GODWIN (AKA) ANGIATING ASHIB GODWIN (AKA) GODWIN A. ANGIANTING (DECEASED)

[illegible] Letters of Administration issue to the Petitioners:

MR ANGIATING GIFT UNIMKE (AKA) MR GIFT UNIMKE ANGIATING of PEACE COURT EST. LOKOGOMA ABUJA and MS ANGIATING PRISCA BIWOM (AKA) MISS PRISCA BIWOM ANGIATING of PEACE COURT EST. LOKOGOMA ABUJA, as administrators, being the SON and DAUGHTER.

[illegible] PROVING THE FOLLOWING:

1. [illegible] for Letters of Administration/Probate dated the 29TH day of August, 2022 was filed.
2. [illegible] of Publication of the Petition have been publicly displayed in the Leadership Newspapers of 5TH [illegible] 2024 and/or published in the Gazette of the Federal. Capital Territory of Nigeria.
3. [illegible] of the petitioners were sworn to and filed on the 29TH day of August, 2022
4. [illegible] Bond in the sum of N5500:00k was executed.
5. [illegible] namely, Ubua Anita Anyinukiema and Ubua Vera Andokie justified and were accordingly [illegible]
6. [illegible] fees have been paid.
7. [illegible] or pending against the petition.

[illegible], may leave be granted by My Lord the Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory, [illegible] approvals having been given with his assent.

[illegible] day of [illegible] 2024

HIGH COURT OF FCT
Probate Department
Name: [illegible]
Sign: [illegible]
Date: [illegible]

HIGH COURT OF FCT
Probate Department
CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
Name: Robinson Chinaker
Sign: [illegible]
Date: 29/4/26

ORDERED AS PRAYED.

[illegible] JUDGE

JUDICIARY
29/4/26
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HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY
N° C3886715

23/10/2024

S/N- C3886715
29/4/26

Probate Registry

High Court

Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria

Plot 426, Tigris Crescent, Maitama, P.M.B. 89, Abuja.

Reference number: FCT/HC/PM/1980/2022

THE ESTATE OF:	ANGIATING GODWIN (AKA) ANGIATING ASHIB GODWIN (AKA) GODWIN A. ANGIANTING
DATE OF:	BEBUAGBONG VILLAGE OBUDU, CROSS RIVER STATE
PLACE OF DEATH	NNPC MEDICAL SERVICES, MAITAMA, ABUJA
DATE OF DEATH:	4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021

(PURSUANT TO ORDER 62 AND ORDER 64)

GRANT OF LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION (WITHOUT WILL)

BE IT KNOWN that at the date hereunder written, letter of Administration of all the personal and real, [illegible] and immovable property of the above-named deceased, as annexed in the continuation sheets to [illegible] presents was/were GRANTED to:

MR ANGIATING GIFT UNIMKE (AKA) MR GIFT UNIMKE ANGIATING of PEACE COURT EST. LOKOGOMA ABUJA and MS ANGIATING PRISCA BIWOM (AKA) MISS PRISCA BIWOM ANGIATING of PEACE COURT EST. LOKOGOMA ABUJA as administrators, being the SON and DAUGHTER.

[illegible] administrators having been first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same by paying the just [illegible] of the deceased and distributing the residue of the deceased's property according to law and render a [illegible] and true account of his/her administration whenever lawfully required.

[illegible] leave obtained from the Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory.

[illegible] TED THIS 10th Day of [illegible] 2024

HIGH COURT OF FCT
Probate Department
[illegible]
[illegible] REGISTRAR

HIGH COURT OF THE FCT
Probate Department
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Name.....
Sign.....
Date. 29/4/24

2024/09/17H

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA NIGERIA
(PROBATE DIVISION)

NOTICE TO EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

The attention of Executors, Administrators and of the public generally is hereby referred to Order 62 Rule 41 of the High Court (Civil Procedure) Rules, 2018

Order 62 Rule 41 of the High Court (Civil Procedure) Rules, 2018

Administration generally

41. (1) Every person to whom a grant of probate or letters of administration has or have been made and every administrator appointed by the Court shall, if called upon by the Court, file in Court the account of his administration and shall thereafter file such further periodic accounts as the Court may direct until the completion of the administration.

(2) An executor or administrator who fails within any such period to file his accounts as specified shall be liable to such penalty not less than N1,000.00 as a Court may think fit to impose, and every such fine shall, on non-payment, be enforceable by distress and where distress is insufficient, by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

(3) Where an account is filed in Court under this Rule, the Court shall scrutinize the account and if it appears to the Court that by reason of improper or unjustifiable entries or that the account is not a full and proper account, the Court may give written notice to the person filing the account to remedy such defects within such time as the Court may deem reasonable for the purpose, and on failure to remedy such defects within such time, the person who filed such defective account shall be taken to have failed to file an account within the meaning of this Rule, and proceedings may be taken against that person accordingly.

(4) A Court may, on the motion of an interested party, or on its own, summon any executor or administrator failing to file account, to show cause why he should not be punished.

(5) A Court may for good cause shown extend the time for such filing of accounts.

(6) An executor or administrator who has been granted an extension of time to file such accounts and who fails within such extended time to file such accounts, shall be liable to the penalty stated above and the procedure for bringing him before the Court shall be invoked.

(7) It shall be the duty of the Probate Registrar to bring to the notice of the Court the fact that any executor or administrator has failed to file his accounts as required by this Rule.

(8) The accounts shall be open free of charge to the inspection of all persons satisfying the Probate Registrar that they are interested in the administration.

(9) In this rule, the word "accounts" includes an inventory, an account of the administration, the vouchers in hands of the executor or administrator, and an affidavit in verification.

The Registry,
High Court of Justice
Federal Capital Territory
Abuja.

HIGH COURT OF FCT
Probate Department
Name...
Sign...
Date...

HIGH COURT OF FCT
Probate Department
Probate Registrar

High Court of FCT
Probate Registry

Reference number: FCT/HC/PM/1980/2022

[illegible] BENEFITS
[illegible] COLLEGE OF EDUCATION OBUDU (RTD)

[illegible] DISTRIBUTION
[illegible] LIMITED 1000609[illegible]8055

[illegible] OF FEES

[illegible] (Deposit) Fee	(as may be determined from time to time)
[illegible]	N1,500.00
[illegible] Filing Inventory	N500.00
[illegible] Filing Next of-kin Form	N500.00
[illegible] Filing Administration Oath	N500.00
[illegible] Administration Bond	N500.00
[illegible] Signature on Bond	N500.00
[illegible] of Sureties	N
[illegible] Documents on Justification of Sureties	N500.00
[illegible] Particulars of Realty	N500.00
[illegible] Deed Certificate	N
[illegible] Order for Grant	N500.00
[illegible]	N
[illegible]	N5,500.00

[illegible] Receipt Number: Z 12595080 dated 29/08/22

HIGH COURT OF FCT
Probate Department

PROBATE REGISTRAR

HIGH COURT OF THE FCT
Probate Department
CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
Name
Sign
Date 29/08/22

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ANNEXURE CH6

Peace Court Estate
Locogoma. Abuja
29/08/2022

The Probate Registrer
FCT High Court of
Maitama. Abuja.

CHIEF REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
F.C.T ABUJA
25 AUG 2022
RECEIVED

Dear Sir,

MY CONCENT FOR LETTER OF ADMINISTRATIO

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
Probate Department
CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
Name
Sign
Date 29/4/26

Mrs Angiating, Christiana the mother of Mr Angiating, Gift Unimke and Miss Angiati Prisca Biwom.

I am the wife of late Mr Godwin Angiating and here by giving Concent to them as next of kin to go ahead and proces a letter of admistration on behalf of the fam The letter is to enable us clear with pension for payment of my late husb benefits.

Thanks for your Co-operation.

Yours Faithfully.

Mrs Angiating, Christiana
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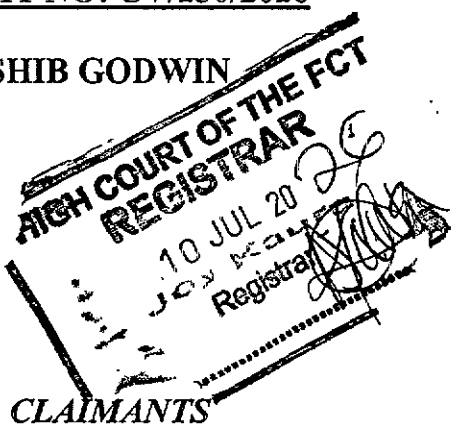
IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY

IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION

HOLDEN AT ABUJA

SUIT NO: CV/230/2026

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LATE ASHIB GODWIN ANGIATING (DECEASED)



BETWEEN:

1. DR. GREG UKEL ANGIATING
2. MR. GIFT UNIMKE ANGIATING
3. MISS PRISCA BIWOM ANGIATING _____ *CLAIMANTS*

AND

1. PREMIUM PENSION LIMITED
2. MRS. FELICIA ABIYE-ANGIATING _____ *DEFENDANTS*

WRITTEN ADDRESS IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTER-AFFIDAVIT OF THE 2ND DEFENDANT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

May it please this Honourable Court.

This Written Address is respectfully filed in su
2nd Defendant in opposition to the Claimants'
both the validity and legal sufficiency of the pro
is predicated, as well as the legality of the relie
as Pension Fund Administrator.

7. **AND FOR SUCH FURTHER OR OTHER ORDERS** as this Honourable Court may deem fit to make in the circumstances.

The gravamen of the Claimants' case is an invitation to this Honourable Court to compel the immediate release and payment of pension benefits standing to the credit of the Retirement Savings Account of the late Mr. Ashib Godwin Angiating ("the deceased"), principally on the strength of Letters of Administration allegedly obtained by the Claimants.

With respect, the foundation of this suit is gravely disputed.

The evidence before this Honourable Court discloses serious and substantial questions touching on the integrity of the probate process, the existence of competing beneficiary claims, and the statutory obligations imposed on the 1st Defendant in the administration and disbursement of pension assets.

At the heart of this dispute lies a dual legal question of considerable significance. First, whether Letters of Administration allegedly procured without full and frank disclosure of the existence of the lawful surviving spouse of the deceased can validly ground a claim for estate administration. Second, whether such Letters of Administration, even if assumed to subsist, can override the statutory and contractual obligations governing pension administration so as to compel the immediate release of pension benefits in the face of competing beneficiary records and unresolved disputes as to entitlement.

Put differently, the central question before this Honourable Court is whether Letters of Administration allegedly procured through material non-disclosure can be used as an automatic basis to compel immediate release of pension funds notwithstanding substantial unresolved disputes as to entitlement.

The 2nd Defendant respectfully submits that the answer must be in the negative.

The 2nd Defendant's position is that the Claimants' case rests on a seriously impeached probate foundation and a fundamental misapprehension of the legal framework governing pension assets, beneficiary verification, and fiduciary obligations imposed on Pension Fund Administrators.

Accordingly, this suit is fundamentally defective, procedurally inappropriate, and unsustainable in law.

2.0 ISSUE FOR DETERMINATION

Whether in the circumstances of this case, the Claimants have established any legal basis entitling them to compel immediate release of the deceased's pension benefits, notwithstanding the substantial disputes surrounding the propriety of the Letters of Administration, the existence of competing beneficiary claims, and the statutory duty of verification imposed on the 1st Defendant.

3.0 ARGUMENT

(1) My Lord, the Claimants' case is fundamentally flawed both in law and in fact. The entire action proceeds on the assumption that once Letters of Administration are produced, the 1st Defendant becomes automatically bound to release pension benefits standing to the credit of the deceased. With respect, that proposition does not represent the law.

(2) The law governing probate administration, pension administration, and judicial procedure does not support such an absolute proposition, particularly in circumstances where substantial disputes exist as to entitlement.

(3) Probate proceedings are proceedings of **utmost good faith**. Every applicant approaching the Probate Registry owes a duty of full and frank disclosure of all

material facts relevant to the administration of the estate. The integrity of the probate process depends entirely on candour and complete disclosure.

(4) The evidence before this Honourable Court discloses substantial and troubling facts affecting the integrity of the probate process. The uncontroverted documentary evidence establishes that the 2nd Defendant is the lawful surviving spouse of the deceased as evidenced by **Annexures CH1a and CH1b respectively**.

(5) Further, **Annexures CH2a–CH2d** establish that the deceased's previous marriage to **Mrs. Christiana Imazi Angiating** had been lawfully dissolved, while **Annexure CH3** shows that following the dissolution of that marriage, she reverted to her maiden name, **Mrs. Christiana Agianpuye Auta.**

(6) The legal implication is clear and unavoidable: at the time of the deceased's death, the 2nd Defendant was the only lawful surviving spouse.

(7) Yet, the Claimants proceeded to obtain Letters of Administration without disclosure of this material fact. More significantly, they relied on the consent of Mrs. Christiana Imazi Angiating (**NOW, Mrs. Christiana Agianpuye Auta**) as though she remained a lawful surviving spouse, as evidenced by **Annexure CH6.**

(8) My Lord, this omission is far from a minor procedural irregularity. It goes directly to the integrity of the probate process and substantially weakens the legal foundation upon which the Claimants now seek relief.

(9) The law is settled that where material facts are concealed, any process founded upon such concealment becomes seriously impeachable.

(10) This Honourable Court need not make a final pronouncement on the validity of the Letters of Administration at this stage to appreciate the gravity of the dispute surrounding their propriety. The existence of credible evidence of material non-

disclosure alone renders the Claimants' demand for immediate release of pension funds highly unsafe.

4.0 CONCLUSION

My Lord, from the totality of the facts, affidavit evidence, and applicable law, it is respectfully submitted that the Claimants' case is fundamentally defective in substance, procedure, and legal foundation.

The Letters of Administration upon which the Claimants principally rely are seriously impeached by credible evidence of material non-disclosure, particularly the failure to disclose the existence of the 2nd Defendant as the lawful surviving spouse of the deceased during the probate process. That omission raises substantial and legitimate questions as to the propriety, integrity, and legal weight of the probate foundation upon which this suit is built.

The suit is further rendered incompetent by the Claimants' adoption of the Originating Summons procedure in circumstances where substantial, hostile, and irreconcilable disputes of fact clearly exist, including disputes relating to the propriety of the Letters of Administration, competing beneficiary claims, and the lawful persons entitled to administer and benefit from the estate of the deceased.

It is equally submitted that pension benefits are governed not merely by probate principles, but by a statutory and contractual framework under the Pension Reform Act, 2014, which imposes clear obligations of due diligence, verification, and prudence on Pension Fund Administrators before disbursement of pension assets.

In the present circumstances, genuine competing claims exist regarding entitlement to the deceased's pension benefits. Faced with conflicting records and unresolved beneficiary disputes, the 1st Defendant acted lawfully, prudently, and in accordance

with its fiduciary and statutory obligations by preserving the pension funds pending proper resolution of the disputes.

With respect, the Claimants have failed to establish any credible legal basis upon which this Honourable Court can compel the immediate release of the pension benefits in the face of such substantial unresolved disputes.

In the interest of justice, equity, and the preservation of the res, this Honourable Court is respectfully urged to decline the invitation to prematurely authorize disbursement of disputed pension funds.

Accordingly, we respectfully urge this Honourable Court to resolve all issues in favour of the Defendants, dismiss and/or strike out the Claimants' claims in their entirety, and award substantial costs against the Claimants.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2026.

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