

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
OGUN STATE OF NIGERIA
IN THE ABEOKUTA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT ABEOKUTA

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE ABIODUN A. AKINYEMI - JUDGE
DELIVERED ON TUESDAY THE 11TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017

SUIT NO: AB/207/2016

BETWEEN:

1. HRM OBA SAMUEL ATANDA OLADIPUPO (JP)
(OLU OF IFO)
 2. CHIEF TITUS IDOWU SORUNKE
- CLAIMANTS

AND

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OGUN STATE
 2. MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CHIEFTAINCY AFFAIRS
 3. THE PERMANENT SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CHIEFTAINCY AFFAIRS
- } DEFENDANTS
4. HRM OBA DR. ADEDAPO ADEWALE TEJUOSO
(THE OSILE OF OKE-ONA)
 5. CHIEF DAVID RILWAN AYOOLA
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JUDGMENT

By Originating Summons filed on the 6th of July, 2016, the Claimants sought a determination of the following questions:

1. Whether having regard to the provisions of the Ogun State Chiefs Law, Vol. 1 Revised Laws of Ogun State 2006, especially Section 25 of the said Chiefs Law, the Office of the Permanent Secretary or the Permanent Secretary himself (3rd Defendant) of the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, not being the Commissioner, can lawfully affirm the appointment of a minor chief especially by issuing the letter dated 26th August, 2013 from the '**OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY**' to the 4th Defendant purportedly affirming the installation of the 5th Defendant as the Baale of Soyinka Alaja, Ifo Local Government, OR;
2. Whether having regard to the provisions of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) which makes ABEOKUTA North Local Government Area distinct from Ifo Local

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