

Cross River State Judiciary
Office of the Registrar
Ikom Magisterial District
23-8-2023.

The Chief Magistrate Court 1
Ikom Magisterial District
Ikom.

Sir,

RE: QUERY: INSUBORDINATION AND GROSS MISCONDUCT

1. Your Worship, I am the Registrar of the Chief Magistrate Court, Ikom serving three presiding Magistrates and carry out orders and directives from the three of you. I have been obeying such until your arrival when you directed me that all orders from the other two Courts and particularly Court 3 must be confirmed by you before execution and that even after the possible execution you give directives on their files regarding the auctioning.
2. On the day your worship refers, the litigant came to reclaim his properties but complained that his wine bar was not there. The Chief Bailiff informed him that the wine bar was not removed from the wall. You peeped through your window and invited the litigant to your chambers where you had discussions with him and later shouted 'Registrar, come here!' even when we had staff within your court to send to me.
3. I promptly heeded to your call and while explaining, you shouted at me in the presence of the litigant and the Bailiff who happened to follow, to go and bring all the files due for execution and auction. For the purpose of clarity, I enquired if it had to do with the files of Court 2 and 3; it was you who rather shouted at me to get out of your chambers. I left.
4. Remember that I still went back to you after the litigant had left to remind you that you have not entered any judgment regarding any rent matter that is due for execution let alone auction. There again you said I was insulting you and should apologise which I did, believing that was over. Little wonder you now refer to me simply 'Anne Asinya' forgetting my duty as a Registrar.

5. I am surprised that your worship keeps fabricating and attributing that quoted sentence in your query to me. I NEVER TOLD YOU THAT. Against all odds when you kept escalating the issue, and to all who tried to intervene in their private capacities, I owned up to your allegation for peace to reign and for you to be satisfied, brought the files to you and still apologised. What other non-compliance do you refer, please?
6. After then I reminded you that among the files you seek are even those which properties you have directed that the bailiff should take to your house for you cannot be in water and soap enters your eyes; such as:
1. A family size foam of IKM/Misc 26/2023
 2. Cooking pots in IKM/Misc 89/2022
 3. A brand new Parson Generator set in IKM/RTM 68/2022 which is still litigated upon
 4. Some door and window blinds, buckets and other things which you indicated interest on which I could not resist your quest.
7. You will also remember that you have instructed that the industrial sewing machine and a set of executive chairs be given to you and that I should move them from the court premises for safe keeping for you. In a bid of resisting you I informed you that the owners of the properties have begun paying for them, you insisted on seeing the records. You have not been happy with me on that, hence your insistence of always seeing all files even though not of your court. Not as though you will pay for the properties. You own them.
8. I am sorry to say that your unprecedented quest for money and people's properties ever since you came made me reluctant in following your directives of bringing the files for execution to you and those of auction, even so as the judgments did not come from your court and I did not want to run into problems with other magistrates of Court 2 and 3 regarding how the judgment sum should be satisfied.
9. I have no doubt that you are pursuing a vendetta on me especially following my refusal to obey your further directives that the revenue generated from the registry be divided into 3; one for you, one for me to pay security and to cut grasses and the other can then be sent to the headquarters; for the headquarters is not concerned about the growing grasses unless we do. That meeting was in my office and you came with

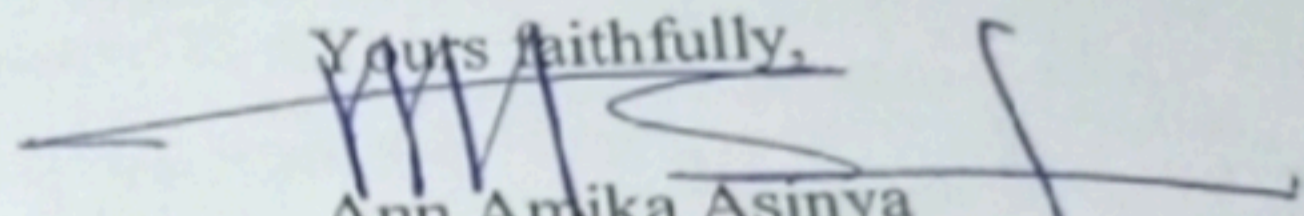
Magistrate Solo of Court 3 who also outrightly did not align himself with your directives and we are aware that it brought you both a feud and you accuse him of being a betrayer; and you had further instructed me not to stamp any warrant of arrest issued by him or any order made by him unless you permit. Out of fear of you, I have been obeying that too to his detriment and ignorance of your mean directives.

10. Your worship, I have put in 28 years in service without any negative report or complaint from any staff, litigant or lawyer, even as I reported on duty in Ikom except what you feel is wrong.

11. You accuse other Magistrates of making ex-parte orders and direct that I should not honour them, unless you approve but you treat ex-parte matters at will even though you earlier say they are probate matters and I obey your directives and append my signatures to your own orders. To my knowledge, what you disallow other Magistrates from doing, particularly Court 3, you do that with ease and order me to obey and serve, and I obey you to avoid intimidation. I have attached a copy of the order you made on a death benefit transfer, which you directed that I sign and take to the bank and I obeyed.

12. Kindly sir, do not give a dog a bad name to kill it. Reconsider your query and I pray you withdraw it. I have been obeying your directives and since complied with your request and the files are with you, you have not returned them to me. I have been silent even to the detriment of the other courts particularly Magistrate Solo of Court 3.

Yours faithfully,



Ann Amika Asinya
Asst. Chief Court Admin.

CC:

1. The Honourable Chief Judge/Chairman Cross River State Judicial Service Commission. Judiciary Headquarters Calabar.
2. The Acting Chief Registrar, Cross River State High Court, Calabar
3. The Administrative Judge, Ikom High Court
4. The Vacation Judge sitting in Ikom High Court.