

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF PLATEAU STATE OF NIGERIA.
IN THE PLATEAU STATE JUDICIAL DIVISION.

HOLDEN AT JOS.

ON THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE S. P. GANG...JUDGE.

BETWEEN:

SUIT NO. PLD/J405D/2021

ERNEST IGWEBUIKE:.....PETITIONER

AND

JOY ANULI IGWEBUIKE:.....RESPONDENT

Appearance:

Godfrey Ayuba Esq.: For the Petitioner.

Respondent is not in court and not represented

Ayuba:

The matter is for hearing. I apply for ten minutes stand down for my witness is not yet around.

Court:

The matter is stood down for ten minutes.

HON. JUSTICE S. P. GANG,
JUDGE,
12/03/2025.

Resumed sitting:

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Appearance:

J. E. Okonkwo Esq. (with Godfrey Ayuba Esq.): For the Petitioner.
Mr. Okonkwo:

The matter is for hearing. We have one witness in court Proof. Of service of hearing notice vide email.

We have filed a motion on notice dated 6/3/2025 and filed 11/3/2025. – to field an additional witness to testify.

I move in terms same is granted.

PW1 NNANWUBA CHUKWUMUSO Speaks English, Christian, affirms.

Adopts witness statement.

Applies to tender irrevocable power of attorney and Marriage Certificate from Catholic Chapel Nigeria Airforce NAF Base Jos.

The Power of Attorney Exhibit A.

Marriage Certificate – Exhibit B.

That will be all for this witness.

That is the petitioner's case.

I shall be applying for judgment.

Court/Judgment:

This is a petition for the dissolution of Marriage between the Petitioner and the Respondent.

The petition was filed sometime on 2/7/2024 and service of processes was effected on the Respondent by substituted means via her email address and/or phone number. The Respondent has never

appeared in court neither did she file an answer to petition to contest same.

The matter came up for hearing today and learned counsel to the Petitioner did intimate the court about the fact that the Respondent was yet again informed about today's date electronically. As usual, the Respondent has exhibited nonchalance to the notice by not appearing in court.

The lone witness in this case was fielded and through whom an irrevocable power of attorney granted to him by the petitioner and the Marriage Certificate were tendered in evidence and same marked as Exhibits A and B respectively.

From his evidence, it is clear that the Respondent was married to the petitioner on the 21st day of August, 2015 at the Jos North Marriage Registry Plateau State wherein the celebration equally took place. The Respondent was said to have moved out of the Petitioner's House some years ago. That Respondent as well as her relatives returned the bride price to the family of the Petitioner a few years ago.

That the Respondent has moved on with her life and has even remarried someone else and has given birth to a child for that person. All these point to the fact that the marriage has broken down irretrievably.

Based on the case as presented by the Petitioner, it is clear that the relief sought by Petitioner is one that is grantable. In the circumstance, I hereby grant the relief sought and hereby grant a decree of dissolution of the Marriage between the Petitioner against

Respondent on the ground that Marriage between them has broken down irretrievably.



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