

13th Sept. 2011

E.I. Ndukwu,
Director (Admin.)
Secretary to the NJC Committee on Allegation against Hon. Justice Thomas Naron and 4
Others, on Gubernatorial Election Tribunal, Osun State.
National Judicial Council, Supreme Court Complex,
Three Arms Zone, Central District, Abuja

Dear Mr. Ndukwu,

Re: NJC Committee on Allegation against Hon. Justice Thomas Naron and 4 Ors, on
Gubernatorial Election Tribunal, Osun State

Your letter dated 12th August 2011 refers and I thank the Committee for extending an
invitation to me to participate in its sitting scheduled for the 14th and 15th of September
2011.

Your invitation to me is based on Access to Justice petition to the National Judicial Council
asking it to investigate allegations contained in the 14th July 2008 edition of TheNews
magazine, where the magazine published details of what it claimed were call logs of
communication between the Hon. Justice Thomas Naron, and Hon. Justice Ekanem of the
First Osun State Gubernatorial Election Tribunal and a counsel representing one of the
parties before the Tribunal, ex Governor Olagunsoye Oyinlola, Otunba Kalejaiye. The
story was published at pages 20-31 of the Magazine.

When we saw and read the publication, we felt it was our duty to bring this to the attention
of the National Judicial Council, to alert the Council of the allegations and ensure that they
were investigated to determine the veracity of the serious assertions made. This is what
we did by petitioning for an investigation of the allegations to the National Judicial Council.

At this time, I regret I am still unable to attend the Committee's sitting in person. However, I
am making a copy of TheNews magazine which published the story available to this
Committee. This magazine is the only source of our information and the only material upon
which our petition is based. I believe that since this is a fact-finding Committee, the
Committee is in a position to receive this document from me through this form of
communication and can dispense with my personal attendance. I respectfully apply to the
Committee to receive this magazine this way. However, if for any reason the Committee
would like to have me testify in person before it, I would be grateful if it communicates this
to me, and affords me an opportunity to appear before it.

I thank the Committee for its invitation and offer it our best wishes for a successful
investigation.

Sincerely,

Joseph Otteh,
Director, Access to Justice.