

# HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA (NUMBER OF JUDGES) ACT

## ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

### SECTION

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**An Act to prescribe the number of Judges of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; and for related matters.**

[2003 No. 15.]

*[19th June, 2003]*

[Commencement.]

#### **1. Number of Judges of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory**

The High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, shall consist of-

- (a) a Chief Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; and
- (b) a maximum number of thirty-seven Judges of the Court.

#### **1. Federal Character in the appointment of Judges, etc.**

The principle of "Federal Character of Nigeria" shall be applied in the appointment of judges of the Court provided that nothing in this Act shall affect or negate the proceeding of the Court by reason only that the number of judges of the Court remains at any time below thirty-seven.

#### **1. Cap. 49 L.N.N., 1963**

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Act and those of the High Court Law of Northern Nigeria, 1963, the provisions of this Act shall prevail and the

relevant provisions of the said High Court Law in so far as they affect the Federal Capital Territory shall be deemed repealed to the extent of the conflict.

#### **4. Interpretation**

In this Act-

**“Constitution”** means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999;

**“Court”** means the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja established by section 255 of the Constitution;

**“Federal Character of Nigeria”** has the meaning assigned to it in section 318 of the Constitution.

##### **1. Citation**

This Act may be cited as the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja (Number of Judges) Act, 2003.

#### **SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

*No Subsidiary Legislation*