

1. **NAME IN FULL:** ALI UMARU ERI, *OFR CON*, FDRI, FNJI
2. **DATE OF BIRTH:** 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1943
3. **PLACE OF BIRTH:** BORN IN KOTONKARFE OF KOGI LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHERE LATE FATHER WAS IN SERVICE (HAILS FROM KPATA IN BASSA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF KOGI STATE)
4. **SCHOOLS ATTENDED WITH DATES:**
  - (i) R.C.M. PRIMARY SCHOOL, IDAH, 1952-1956
  - (ii) ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, AKABE, 1957-1958 IN BASSA LOCAL GOVERNMENT
  - (iii) GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, KEFFI, 1959-1963
  - (vi) H.S.C. (GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, KEFFI), 1964-1965
5. **UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL ATTENDED:**
  - (i) AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA, GRADUATED 1970
  - (ii) NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL, LAGOS – 1971
6. **DEGREE HELD SHOWING DATE:** LL.B (HONS.), 1970
7. **WHEN ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN NIGERIA AND CALLED TO BAR:** -18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1971
8. **MAJOR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL:**
  - (i) SERVED IN GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, KEFFI, CADET FORCE – 1962 – 1963
  - (ii) HOUSE CAPTAIN, GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, KEFFI – 1965
  - (iii) SPEAKER, STUDENTS' PARLIAMENT, AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA (KONGO CAMPUS) – 1968/1969 SESSION.
9. **EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT AND POSITION:**
  - (i) TEACHER, GOVERNMENT COLLEGE (NOW BAREWA COLLEGE), ZARIA, JANUARY, 1966 – JUNE, 1966
  - (ii) PRESS OFFICER, NORTHERN NIGERIA MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, KADUNA, JULY, 1966 – SEPTEMBER, 1966
  - (iii) PUPIL STATE COUNSEL, ILORIN, 1971-1973
  - (iv) STATE COUNSEL GRADE II, ILORIN, 1974
  - (v) STATE COUNSEL GRADE I, LOKOJA, 1975
  - (vi) SENIOR STATE COUNSEL II, LOKOJA/OTUKPO, 1976

- (vii) SENIOR STATE COUNSEL I, OTUKPO/MAKURDI, 1977
- (viii) ACTING PRINCIPAL STATE COUNSEL, MAKURDI, 1978, COVERING DUTIES OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS
- (ix) APPOINTED SUBSTANTIVE CHIEF MAGISTRATE, MAKURDI, JULY, 1978 – AUGUST, 1980
- (x) APPOINTED SOLICITOR GENERAL AND PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, BENUE STATE, AUGUST, 1980 - NOVEMBER, 1981.
- (xi) HIGH COURT JUDGE, BENUE STATE, 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 1981 TO SEPTEMBER, 1991
- (xii) CHIEF JUDGE, KOGI STATE, SEPTEMBER, 1991 TO JUNE, 2008
- (xiii) ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL JUDICIAL INSTITUTE, 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2008 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2014

10. **OTHER POSTS HELD AND OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENTS UNDERTAKEN:**

- (i) OFFICER IN CHARGE LOKOJA STATE COUNSEL'S CHAMBERS OF THE KWARA STATE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE FROM 1973-1976
- (ii) ESTABLISHED OTUKPO CHAMBERS OF THE BENUE STATE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE IN 1976 AND OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SAID CHAMBERS FROM 1976 – 1977
- (iii) CHAIRMAN, OTUKPO ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY ON IRREGULARITIES IN CONTRACT AWARDS AND PAYMENTS AS REFLECTED IN THE OTUKPO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TREASURY AUDIT INSPECTION REPORT OF JUNE, 1976.
- (iv) MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO PAY RECORD CARDS AND SALARY VOUCHERS OF ALL MINISTRIES/DEPARTMENTS OF BENUE STATE GOVERNMENT FROM APRIL, 1976 TO FEBRUARY, 1977
- (v) FIRST CHAIRMAN, BENUE STATE RENT TRIBUNAL, OTUKPO ZONE IN APRIL, 1977 AND ALSO LATER APPOINTED CHAIRMAN, MAKURDI ZONE OF THE TRIBUNAL
- (vi) MEMBER OF COMMITTEE THAT DRAFTED GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER ON THE REPORT OF THE PANEL ON IDOMA AREA CHIEFTAINCY DISPUTE

- (vii) MEMBER, BENUE STATE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ON LAND USE ACT, 1978
- (viii) COVERED DUTIES OF CHIEF REGISTRAR, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, MAKURDI, 6/12/78 TO 3/1/79
- (ix) MEMBER OF COMMITTEE THAT DRAFTED THE GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER ON THE REPORT OF PANEL WHICH EXAMINED ALL THE RELEVANT RECORDS IN THE ENTIRE CIVIL SERVICE OF THE BENUE STATE GOVERNMENT – 1979
- (x) COVERED DUTIES OF CHIEF REGISTRAR, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, MAKURDI, 5/11/79 TO 4/12/79
- (xi) CHAIRMAN, TRIBUNAL OF INQUIRY INTO THE OKURA FARM INDUSTRIES LIMITED, 1979
- (xii) MEMBER, ELECTION TRIBUNAL NO. 2, BENUE STATE – 1979
- (xiii) CHAIRMAN, THE OTUKPA LAND DISPUTE TRIBUNAL OF INQUIRY, JULY, 1980
- (xiv) CHAIRMAN, THE ADMINISTRATIVE PANEL ON INQUIRY INTO OZONGULO CHIEFTAINCY IN BASSA LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF BENUE STATE
- (xv) CHAIRMAN, BENUE STATE CONTRACTS REVIEW COMMISSION OF INQUIRY – 1984
- (xvi) CHAIRMAN, TASK FORCE ON ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES COMMISSION OF INQUIRY – 1986
- (xvii) MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON RECOVERY OF FUNDS OF OVER-PRICED CONTRACTS EXECUTED BY BENUE STATE GOVERNMENT
- (xviii) CHAIRMAN, BENUE POLYTECHNIC, UGBOKOLO COMMISSION OF INQUIRY – 1987
- (xix) CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON EXISTING DEBTS OWED BENUE STATE GOVERNMENT – 1988
- (xx) HEAD OF BENUE STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO SAUDI ARABIA (AMIRUL HAJJ) – 1989
- (xxi) CHAIRMAN, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION APPEAL PANEL IN CHARGE OF GBOKO ZONE, BENUE STATE
- (xxii) HEAD OF KOGI STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO SAUDI ARABIA (AMIRUL HAJJ) – 1993

11. **COURSES ATTENDED:**

- (i) TOP MANAGEMENT COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE, UNITED KINGDOM, 1981
- (ii) JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COURSES/WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS ORGANIZED BY THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL INSTITUTE

12. **LAW PUBLICATION/TITLE:**

- (I) “PROBLEM OF LAND OWNERSHIP IN NIGERIA” PUBLISHED IN “LAW IN SOCIETY” VOL. 4 OF 1979 – AN ANNUAL LAW JOURNAL OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA.
- (II) “CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION OF PERMANENT SECRETARY UNDER A PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM” – PUBLISHED IN JOURNAL FOR TOP MANAGEMENT OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, UNITED KINGDOM.
- (III) “JUDGEMENT WRITING AND THE EXERCISE OF DISCRETION IN AWARDING DAMAGES IN COURT” PUBLISHED IN “THE ADVOCATE”, JOURNAL OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF THE FACULTY OF LAW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF JOS.
- (IV) PRESENTED PAPERS AT THE NATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR MAGISTRATES AND UPPER AREA COURT JUDGES FOR PLATEAU, BAUCHI AND BENUE STATES IN JUNE, 1990 AND FEBRUARY, 1991 IN ILORIN (KWARA STATE) AND IN OWERRI (IMO STATE) AND PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL INSTITUTE IN 1993.
- (V) PRESENTED PAPERS AT THE INDUCTION COURSE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN NIGERIA ORGANIZED BY THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL INSTITUTE
- (VI) PRESENTED PAPER AT THE ALL NIGERIA JUDGES CONFERENCE IN NIGERIA AT ABUJA IN NOVEMBER, 2001.
- (VII) AUTHOR OF THE BOOK “THE LAW AND PROCEDURE IN THE AREA COURT OF NORTHERN NIGERIA”.
- (VIII) PRESENTED PAPER TITLED “SPECIFIC APPROACHES IN DEALING WITH DIFFERENT FORMS OF CORRUPT PRACTICES, PRIORITIZE INTERVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS – WORKSHOP BY INDEPENDENT CORRUPT PRACTICES AND OTHER RELATED OFFENCES COMMISSION AT THE CONFLUENCE BEACH HOTEL, LOKOJA, IN JUNE, 2004.

- (IX) PRESENTED PAPER TITLED “THE ROLE OF THE JUDICIARY, POLICE AND PRISON IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: NEED FOR ANY REFORM”. PRESENTED AT A MINI POLITICAL REFORM CONFERENCE, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, LOKOJA, IN MARCH, 2005.
- (X) PRESENTED PAPER TITLED: “LAW AS INSTRUMENT FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE: A NIGERIAN PERSPECTIVE” AT THE 22<sup>ND</sup> CONGRESS ON THE LAW OF THE WORLD AT THE WORLD JURIST ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, SHANGHAI, CHINA IN SEPTEMBER, 2005.

13. **SOME DECIDED CASES**  
**REPORTED AS LEGAL AUTHORITIES**  
**IN LAW REPORTS:**

(1982) 3 NCLR 734  
(1983) 4 NCLR 529  
(1983) 4 NCLR 552  
(1983) 4 NCLR 612  
(1983) 4 NCLR 625  
(1984) 5 NCLR 350  
(1984) 5 NCLR 420  
(1984) 5 NCLR 464  
(1985) 6 NCLR 691  
(1985) HNCLR 675  
(1985) HNCLR 797  
(1985) HNCLR 1260  
(1985) HNCLR 1409  
(1986) 1 QLRN 52  
(1986) 2 QLRN 131  
(1982) NLR 2  
(1982) BNLR 15  
(1982) BNLR 24  
(1982) BNLR 30  
(1982) BNLR 40  
(1982) 2 QLRN 131  
(2002) NNLR 101  
(2002) NNLR 152  
(2002) NNLR 691  
(2003) NNLR 95  
(2003) NNLR 279  
(2006) NNLR 459  
(2006) NNLR 473  
(2007) 8 NWLR (Pt. 1035) 203  
(2007) 8 NWLR (Pt. 1035) 221

14. **LAW CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

- (I) SIXTH COMMONWEALTH LAW CONFERENCE, LAGOS, 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 1980 TO 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 1980
- (II) ALL NIGERIA JUDGES CONFERENCE, ILORIN – 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1982 TO 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1982
- (III) ALL NIGERIA JUDGES CONFERENCE, ABUJA – 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1988 TO 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1988
- (IV) ALL NIGERIA JUDGES CONFERENCE, PORT-HARCOURT, 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1993 TO 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 1993.
- (v) ALL NIGERIA JUDGES CONFERENCE, KANO - 1995
- (VI) ALL NIGERIA JUDGES CONFERENCE, ABUJA – 1997
- (VII) ALL NIGERIA JUDGES CONFERENCE, ABUJA – 1999
- (VIII) ALL NIGERIA JUDGES CONFERENCE, ABUJA – 2001
- (IX) ALL NIGERIA JUDGES CONFERENCE, ABUJA – 2003
- (X) ALL NIGERIA JUDGES CONFERENCE, ABUJA – 2005
- (XI) ALL NIGERIA JUDGES CONFERENCE, ABUJA – 2007
- (XII) INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS (ICJ) SEMINAR, ABUJA – 2000
- (XIII) JUDICIAL LECTURES FOR THE CONTINUING EDUCATION IN THE JUDICIARY FOR SENIOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN NIGERIA AT ENUGU, OCTOBER, 1990
- (XIV) NATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND CODIFICATION OF CUSTOMARY LAW IN NIGERIA – CHAIRED ONE OF THE PAPERS AND PRESENTED A JOINT PAPER WITH THE THEN CHIEF JUDGE OF BENUE STATE - NOVEMBER 1990
- (XV) WORLD JURIST ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, MONTREAL, CANADA, AUGUST, 1995
- (XVI) WORLD JURIST ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, DOHA, QATAR – 1997
- (XVII) COMMONWEALTH LAW CONFERENCE, MALAYSIA – 1999
- (XVII) THE 18<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ECONOMIC CRIME, JESUS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, U.K. – SEPTEMBER, 2000
- (XIX) 16<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE REFORM OF CRIMINAL LAW, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, U.S.A., DECEMBER, 2002
- (XX) 22<sup>ND</sup> WORLD JURIST ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, BEIJING AND SHINGHAI IN CHINA – 2005
- (XXI) THE 25<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ECONOMIC CRIME, CAMBRIDGE, UNITED KINGDOM – SEPTEMBER, 2007
- (XXII) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF JUDGES ON REFUGEE LAW – 2010

- (XXIII) 28<sup>TH</sup> CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ECONOMIC CRIME, JESUS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, UK, 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, - 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2010
- (XXIV) CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE WORLD, LUCKNOW, INDIA, 10<sup>TH</sup> TO 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2010
- (XXV) COMMONWEALTH MAGISTRATES' AND JUDGES' ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA; 18 – 21 JULY, 2011.
- (XXVI) INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE REFORM OF CRIMINAL LAW, OTTAWA, CANADA, 7 – 11 AUGUST, 2011
- (XXVII) 29<sup>TH</sup> CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ECONOMIC CRIME, JESUS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, UNITED KINGDOM, 4 – 11 SEPTEMBER, 2011
- (XXVIII) WORLD JURISTS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE: THE 24<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONGRESS THE LAW OF THE WORLD, PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC, 23 – 28 OCTOBER, 2011
- (XXIX) COMMONWEALTH JUDICIAL EDUCATION INSTITUTE (CJEI) BIENNIAL MEETING, 12 – 14 MAY, 2014, CAMBRIDGE BEACHES RESORT AND SPA, BERMUDA
- (XXX) CASE MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR JUSTICES AND JUDGES, 21 – 25 JULY, 2014, NATIONAL CENTRE FOR STATE COURTS, WASHINGTON DC, USA

15. **AWARDS:**
- (I) CHEETAH PLAQUE AWARD OF THE KEFFI OLD BOYS' GOVERNMENT COLLEGE FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE – 1991
  - (II) HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW BY ALL SAINTS UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA, NEW YORK – APRIL, 2001
  - (III) CONFERRED NATIONAL HONOUR OF THE OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC (OFR) ON 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2004 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
  - (IV) FELLOW, INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION INSTITUTE (FDRI), DECEMBER, 2012
  - (VI) CONFERRED NATIONAL HONOUR OF THE COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE NIGER (CON) ON 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2014 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
  - (VII) FELLOW NATIONAL JUDICIAL INSTITUTE, 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2015

16. **CHIEFTAINCY:**
- (I) NAKORJI OF BASSAN-NGE LAND
  - (II) EGENA ATTAH OF IGALA KINGDOM

- (III) KPAKPATAKWO OF BASSA-KOMU LAND
- (IV) AKINGABDE OF EKIRIN-ADE
- (V) TAFIDAN KOTONKARFE

17. **MARITAL STATUS:**

MARRIED WITH CHILDREN

18. **OTHER INFORMATION**

- (i) BENUE STATE MILITARY GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION FOR EXCELLENT REPORT ON THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO BENUE STATE POLYTECHNIC, UGBOKOLO IN 1987
- (ii) GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE'S COMMENDATION FOR EFFICIENTLY DECONGESTING PRISONS IN KOGI STATE, 1992
- (iii) MILITARY ADMINISTRATOR OF KOGI STATE'S COMMENDATION FOR FORTHRIGHTNESS, DISCIPLINE, MATURITY AND PATRIOTISM AS HEAD OF THE JUDICIARY OF KOGI STATE – 1995
- (iv) MILITARY ADMINISTRATOR OF KOGI STATE'S COMMENDATION FOR PILOTING THE AFFAIRS OF THE STATE JUDICIARY WITH FORTHRIGHTNESS – 1996
- (v) MERIT AWARD, NIGERIAN UNION OF JOURNALISTS, KOGI STATE COUNCIL, FOR LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANKIND – 1997
- (vi) KOGI STATE MERIT AWARD AND PLAGUE OF DISTINCTION BY KOGI STATE GOVERNMENT – 1998
- (vii) CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE OF THE CHIEF JUDGES AND GRAND KADIS OF NORTHERN STATES THAT PRODUCED REVISED DRAFTS OF THE PENAL CODE AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION BY ALL NORTHERN STATES' GOVERNMENTS.
- (viii) MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY JUDICIAL COMMITTEE (AJC), 1991 – 1999
- (ix) MEMBER, BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL INSTITUTE (NJI) (1999 – 2008)
- (x) MEMBER, DEFUNCT ADVISORY JUDICIAL COMMITTEE'S SUB-COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO CASES OF IMPROPRIETIES IN THE FOLLOWING STATE JUDICIARIES – KADUNA, KWARA, DELTA, RIVERS (PORT-HARCOURT) AND CROSS-RIVERS.
- (xi) MEMBER, BODY OF BENCHERS – 1991 TO DATE



- (xii) CHAIRMAN, EDITORIAL COMMITTEE OF THE NORTHERN NIGERIA LAW REPORTS
- (xiii) MEMBER, LEGAL PRACTITIONERS' PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE – 1998 – 2002
- (xiv) GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE'S COMMENDATION FOR FORTHRIGHT LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO THE FINEST TRADITION OF JUDICIAL SERVICE – JAN., 2006
- (xv) MEMBER, LEGAL PRACTITIONERS' DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (BODY OF BENCHERS), 2005 – 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2007
- (xvi) APPOINTED CHAIRMAN, LEGAL PRACTITIONERS DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2007 TO 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2012
- (xvii) APPOINTED LIFE BENCHER OF THE BODY OF BENCHERS IN NIGERIA – 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2007.

19 **HOBBIES:** HORSE RIDING AND READING