

## HON. JUSTICE ONYINYE ANUMONYE, FICMC

Hon. Judge's Chambers, High Court of Anambra State, Anaocha Judicial Division, Neni.

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## HON. JUSTICE EMEKA SAMUEL NRI-EZEDI

My dear Brother,

## DEMISE OF YOUR DEAR FATHER - HON. JUSTICE UMEGBOLU EMMANUEL OKOYE NRI-EZEDI (OGBUNECHENDO)

I am in receipt of the notification of the demise of your dearly beloved father, Hon. Justice Umegbolu Emmanuel Okoye Nri-Ezedi (Ogbunechendo) Chief Judge (Emeritus) of Anambra State, who has translated from this earthly realm into God's bossom.

Your late father lived an exemplary life, having been a wonderful companion and partner to your mother; and a loving and doting father to yourself and your siblings. His exemplary fatherhood is evidenced in the lives of his children who he, ably assisted by his dear wife, groomed into accomplished and well-grounded human beings.

I have no doubt at all that in the lives of yourself and your siblings who he left behind; he would continue to live forever and shall not die a second time as was said by Banksy in his musings about death:

"They say you die twice. One time when you stop breathing and a second time, a bit later on, when somebody says your name for the last time"

The name of Hon. Justice Umegbolu Emmanuel Okoye Nri-Ezedi (Ogbunechendo) shall continue to reverberate in the legacies, particularly of the children he left behind; and shall not be said for a last time ever.

Whilst I am sure you must be overcome with grief and even heartbroken by the demise of your dear father, missing no doubt the love he showered on you, for it was Queen Elizabeth II that said:

"Grief is the price we pay for love"

I pray that you shall be comforted in the knowledge that you dear father, who in his life time amongst other remarkable accomplishments, became the Chief Judge of Anambra State, has done his duty to his family, to his hometown and to his country; and now rests in peace; having succumbed to the inevitability of death, for as the great man- Nelson Mandela said:

"Death is something inevitable. When a man has done what he considers to be his duty to his people and his country, he can rest in peace"

Indeed Hon. Justice Umegbolu Emmanuel Okoye Nri-Ezedi (Ogbunechendo) now rests in peace in the bosom of the Almighty God.

My prayers go out to you and your family at this trying period. May the Almighty God grant you, your siblings and my learned brother – Hon. Justice Okey Onukwo, your brother-in-law the fortitude to bear this great loss.

HON. JUSTICE ONYINYE ANUMONYE, FCArb, FICMC