



HIGH COURT OF EBONYI STATE

Hon. Justice Benson A.N. Ogbu

Hon. Judge's Chambers
High Court of Justice,
Abakaliki

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Hon. Justice
Emeka Samuel Nri-Ezedi
High Court of Justice,
Anambra State.

My lord,

WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF

My wife and I were sufficiently informed of the demise of your father, **HON JUSTICE UMEGBOLU EMMANUEL OKOYE NRI-EZEDI**, Chief Judge (Emeritus), Anambra State (Ogbunehendo).

Indeed, in a situation of the death of a legal colossus like your father, we are usually bereft of suitable words or phrases to say farewell to him. Nevertheless, in this case of **My lord, HON. JUSTICE U.E.O. NRI-EZEDI, CHIEF JUDGE** (Emeritus) now deceased), we could take comfort in the statements of Mark Anthony in William Shakespeare's

Julius Caesar, Act 5, Scene 5 which read thusly:

*"He only in a general honest thought. And among good to all, made one of them
His life was gentle, and the elements, so mixed in him that nature might stand up, and say to all
the world: "THIS WAS A MAN".*

This, in our humble opinion, captures our knowledge and understanding of my lord, the Chief Judge (Emeritus), your father.

My lord, your father was led by the grace of God to reach the apogee of his highly cherished legal profession, and we thank God for that.

Therefore, our counsel to you now, is that you will sorrow for the demise of your father but do not sink in the sorrow, for he had sojourned successfully on this planet Earth.

May the good Lord who had shepherd your father for his long years of age on this Earth, give you and your siblings, the fortitude to bear the loss.

Yours Sincerely,

Hon Justice & Dr (Mrs) Benson Ogbu.