



*Hon. Justice Ugochukwu A. Ogakwu*

JUSTICES CHAMBERS  
COURT OF APPEAL

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

Your Lordship,

**EPICEDIMUM FOR A QUINTESSENTIAL JURIST**  
**HON. JUSTICE UMEGBOLU E. O. NRI-EZEDI (CHIEF JUDGE EMERITUS)**

*“Death be not proud, though some have called thee Mighty and Dreadful, for thou art not so,  
For, those, whom thou think’st, thou dost overthrow,  
Die not ...  
One short sleepe past, wee wake eternally,  
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.”*

(Pericope from ‘Death Be Not Proud’, “Holy Sonnet X” by John Donne)

Please accept my heartfelt commiseration on the demise of your patriarch, **Ogbunechendo, Hon. Justice Umegbolu Emmanuel Okoye Nri-Ezedi**, emeritus Chief Judge of Anambra State, an intrepid and assiduous jurist. His Lordship was a trailblazer who bestrode all facets of our society like a colossus.

He was a rare gem; a loving husband and doting father, a godly and devout Christian; he left a lasting impression on all who met him. His life was characterized by the virtues of humility, charity and contentment. May God grant you and the entire family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss, and I join in prayers for the continued repose of his kind, gentle and loving soul in the bosom of the Lord.

**UGOCHUKWU ANTHONY OGAKWU**  
**JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL**  
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