

Delta State Judiciary Achievement on Business Enabling Reform Action Plan (BERAP)

In line with the State Business Enabling Reform Action Plan (BERAP) and Progress Report, His Lordship, the Chief Judge of Delta State Judiciary Hon. Justice T. O. Diai has established 6 Small Claims Court, with 2 each in the 3 Senatorial Districts of Delta State.

Below are the locations of the Small Claims Courts:

S/N	SENATORIAL DISTRICTS	LOCATION/LGA	STATUS OF CASES
1.	DELTA NORTH	1. Asaba/Oshimili South LGA	2 Ongoing Cases 3 Judgement delivered
		2. Owa-Oyibu/Ika North East	1 Ongoing Cases 3 Judgments Delivered
2.	DELTA SOUTH	1. Warri/ Warri South LGA	2 Ongoing cases 3 Judgments Delivered
		2. Oleh/Isoko South LGA	Nil Ongoing case. 3 Judgments Delivered
3.	DELTA CENTRAL	1. Ughelli/Ughelli North LGA	Nil Ongoing cases 2 Judgments Delivered
		2. Effurun/Uvwie LGA	1 Ongoing cases. 7 Judgement Delivered

The objective of these Small Claims Courts are:

- to improve the judicial process by making it easier to resolve liquidated monetary demands and claims of 5 million naira (₦5,000,000.00) and below.
- Judgement shall be delivered within 60 days, with additional 30 days for enforcement in all claims filed in the court.

- Self-representation is allowed and encouraged.
- Individuals from 18 years and above are eligible to file cases. However, the court also allows individuals under 18 years or persons of unsound mind to file cases but through his/her guardian, partnerships, Associations, Corporations, Government and non-government Agencies, etc. can also file.

In conclusion, the establishment of Small Claims Courts has helped the judicial process because most cases in other courts that fall within the specification of the court are transferred to the Small Claims Court and justice is served within the shortest possible time.

Although, the Small Claims Court is presently faced with a lack of adequate publicity of its existence and despite inadequate manpower and infrastructure in the 27 Judicial Divisions of the High Court of Delta State, it has been able, within the short time of its operation, to deliver on its mandate.



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