

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE F.C.T.

IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION

HOLDEN AT ZUBA, ABUJA

ON WEDNESDAY THE 3RD DAY OF JULY, 2024

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE K. N. OGBONNAYA
JUDGE

SUIT NO.: FCT/HC/CV/926/2024

BETWEEN:

ONUNKWO FRANCA NONYELUM ---- CLAIMANT

AND

ONUNKWO IMMACULATA NNEOMA ---- DEFENDANT

BENCH RULING

By the provision of Order 23 of the Childs Rights Act, a person who is not necessarily a biological parent of a child can approach Court to seek for Guardianship of a child who has, as often is the case, lost one or both parents. In that case the Applicant will swear Oath showing facts in support of the application. Such application is often heralded by Affidavit and Written Address and document(s) attached to show the affirmity of the would-be Guardian and the child/person at the eye of the storm.

In this case the Counsel – Tony Mozie Esq. had approached this Court on behalf of Franca Onunkwo Nonyelum with

such application for the Guardianship of Immaculata Onunkwo, the child of Late Jude and Late Veronica Onunkwo. The Applicant had shown facts in the Affidavit as required by law and had attached her International Passport and the Death Certificates of the biological parents of the child.

This Court had gone through the application and is convinced that there is merit in it and that it should be granted.

The said application is hereby granted as prayed in the Originating Motion.

This is the Bench Ruling of this Court.

Delivered today the ____ day of _____ 2024 by me.

K.N. OGBONNAYA
HON. JUDGE

APPEARANCE:

CLAIMANT COUNSEL:

TONY MOZIE ESQ.

DEFENDANT: NOT REPRESENTED