

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ABUJA  
IN THE GWAGWALADA JUDICIAL DIVISION  
HOLDEN AT COURT NO.12 GWAGWALADA  
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON JUSTICE A. S. ADEPOJU  
THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2024

SUIT NO: FCT/HC/PET/170/24

BETWEEN:

IDOWU CATHERINE ARETOLU ----- PETITIONER  
AND

MR. SHOLAR OMOSHEYIN ----- RESPONDENT

*O. U. SALIFU for the Petitioner.*

*Petitioner is in Court.*

*GOLD ODUCHI-NWANKWO holding the brief of SAIDU ALFA for the Respondent.*

**JUDGEMENT**

The facts of the petition are unchallenged and uncontroverted by the respondent. In the notice of petition and the testimony of the Petitioner in support, Petitioner stated on oath that the marriage was procured by deceit as the Respondent was not a Civil Servant as claimed and was already married to another woman with children as same marriage still subsisted as at the time of their marriage in February 2016 as evinced in Exhibit A1, the Certificate of Marriage.

The Petitioner also claimed that she cohabited with the Respondent for two (2) months after which it became apparent that the marriage was void ab-initio as a result of the Respondent being lawfully married to another woman. Petitioner also claimed that she filed for divorce in 2016 in Lagos but was deceived by a Counsel who issued her with fake documents, and she also attempted another proceeding at the High Court

of Nasarawa State in 2023 but was frustrated out of same. She has since remarried and has two children.

According to the Petitioner and rightly too, the marriage has broken down irretrievably and there is nothing to save again. Little wonder the Respondent did not feel the need to defend the Petition. From the entire unchallenged facts and circumstance of this case, I hold that the marriage between the Petitioner and the Respondent be and it is hereby dissolved.

**Signed**

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**Hon. Judge  
8/10/2024**