R. S. L. NO. 1 OF 2021 HIGH COURT OF RIVERS STATE PRACTICE DIRECTIONS NO. 1 OF 2021

1. PREAMBLE:

In furtherance to the enforcement of the directives issued in R.S.L.Practice Directions No.1 and 2 of 2020.

I, Hon. Justice I.A. Iyayi Lamikanra, the Chief Judge of Rivers State, pursuant to Section 274 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and all other enabling laws issue these Practice Directions.

2. APPLICABILITY:

These Practice Directions shall unless otherwise ordered or directed in writing by the Honorable Chief Judge, apply to all cases in all the Judicial Divisions and Magisterial Districts in Rivers State.

3. OBJECTIVES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

These Practice Directions are to guarantee the sustenance of the system set up for the efficient disposal of cases and to prescribe a fee regime for all Court proceedings and allied matters.

4. DIRECTIONS:

E-FILING FEES AND SERVICE CHARGE:

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rivers State High Court Procedure Rules 2010, Rivers State Magistrates' Courts (Civil Procedure) Rules of 2007 or any other Legislation, the approved filing fee for all transactions on the RIVCOMIS platform shall be as specified on the platform.
- (2) In addition to the filing fees, a service charge for all processes filed or transactions carried out on the RIVCOMIS platform and the said charge shall be as specified on the platform until the introduction of a new fee regime either via an amendment of the existing rules of court or via a Practice Direction.

Dated the..... day of March 2021.

A. I. Iyayi-Lamikanra

Chief Judge Rivers State