

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA
HOLDEN AT ABUJA
ON FRIDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF MAY, 2025
BEFORE THEIR LORDSHIPS

HELEN MORONKEJI OGUNWUMIJU
TIJJANI ABUBAKAR
CHIDIEBERE NWAOMA UWA
HABEEB ADEWALE OLUMUYIWA ABIRU
MOHAMMED BABA IDRIS

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SC/CV/796/2021

BETWEEN:

CHIEF SOLOMON OWONIYI

APPELLANT

AND

1. **CHIEF HENRY OLUWOLE AIYEWUMI**
2. **CHIEF STEPHEN OJO BELEYI**
(FOR HIMSELF AND ON BEHALF OF AJIBOHOKUN
RULING HOUSE OF ILAJO RULING FAMILY)
3. **RAPHAEL AIYEGUNLE**
(FOR HIMSELF AND ON BEHALF MOKELU RULING
HOUSE OF ILAJO RULING FAMILY)
4. **CHIEF OLORUNMOLA OLORUNTOBA**
(FOR HIMSELF AND ON BEHALF OF AJINUHI RULING
HOUSE OF ILAJO RULING FAMILY)
5. **GOVERNOR, KOGI STATE**
6. **ATTORNEY GENERAL OF KOGI STATE**

RESPONDENTS

JUDGMENT
(DELIVERED BY TIJJANI ABUBAKAR, JSC)

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Tijjani Abubakar, JSC

I had the privilege of having a preview of the comprehensive and illuminating leading Judgment prepared and rendered in this appeal by my Learned Brother **HELEN MORONKEJI OGUNWUMIJU, JSC.** I am in full agreement with the reasoning and conclusion and therefore adopt the Judgment as my own. I also hold that the appeal lacks merit and is hereby dismissed. I abide by all consequential orders including the order on costs.

Appeal dismissed.



TIJJANI ABUBAKAR
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT

APPEARANCES:

DAYO AKINLAJA, SAN with KABIRU FADILE, ESQ and JEREMIAH AKINLAJA, ESQ for the Appellant.

R.A. LAWAL-RABANA, SAN with JOHN FAKADO, ESQ and COLLINS OJAY, ESQ for the 1st – 4th Respondents.

MERCY M. TSEJA, ESQ and S.L.O., KOGI STATE, M.O.J. for the 5th – 6th Respondents.