

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY**  
**IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION**  
**HOLDEN AT MAITAMA AS (VACATION COURT) ABUJA**

**CLERK:** CHARITY ONUZULIKE  
**COURT NO.** 10

**SUIT NO:** FCT/HC/M/8246/2022  
**DATE:** 1/8/22

**BETWEEN:**

**MRS. MELEMU MICHAEL..... APPLICANT**

**JUDGMENT**  
**(DELIVERED BY HON. JUSTICE S. B. BELGORE)**

This Motion *Ex-parte* M/8246/22 prayed this Court essentially for an order appointing Mr. Benjamin Oke Ijago and Mrs. Emily Chide Ijago as legal guardians to one Miss Victoria Eleojo Michael.

The application was brought chiefly pursuant to **Section 69, 83 and 84 of the Child Rights Act and Order 43 Rule 1 and Order 52 Rule 2** of the Rules of this Court.

In support is an affidavit of urgency of 7-paragraphs deposed to by Mrs. Emily Chide Ijago with one Exhibit attached. The Exhibit –is Admission Form to LA-VOGUE International School that is not yet filled. There is also a 17-paragraphs affidavit deposed to by one Melemu Michael. There is also a written address.

Some few minutes ago, learned Counsel to the applicant Mr. Frederick Ogbuagu move the application summarily. He relied on all the affidavits and the Exhibits attached, adopted the written address as his arguments and urged the Court to grant the application.

I have considered the application. I perused the content of the two affidavits. The child, Victoria Eleojo Michael has been living with the applicant since 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2014. She is presently in School and about to write examination. The School require a guardian or parent to endorse a Form to enable the examination processes to be completed. The Father is late and the surviving Mother had no objection to the guardianship of Miss Victoria.

For all the above patent fact you can see the paragraphs of the supporting affidavits. It is for all the foregone that I find merit in this application and I therefore grant the prayer as made. This application is granted as prayed.

For avoidance of doubt, Mr. Benjamin Oke Ijago and Mrs. Emily Chide Ijago are hereby appointed by the Order of this Court as legal guardian of Miss Victoria Eleojo Michael forthwith.

I made this order pursuant to **Section 69, 83 and 84 of the Child Right Act 2003.**

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**Suleiman Belgore**  
(Judge) 1/8/22