

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE F. C. T.
IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDING AT APO, ABUJA
ON TUESDAY, THE 04TH DAY OF APRIL, 2023
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE ABUBAKAR HUSSAINI
MUSA
JUDGE
SUIT NO: FCT/HC/PET/533/2020

BETWEEN:

NWOSU BONA UZOMA

PETITIONER

AND:

CHINWE MAURINE NWOSU (NEE OKAFOR)

RESPONDENT

CONSENT JUDGMENT

Sarah Yakubu, Esq.: appears for the Petitioner who is present in Court.

F. I. Umahi, Esq.: appears for the Respondent who is present in Court.

Counsel for the Petitioner: The matter is for report of settlement. Parties have settled. We wish to adopt same as Consent Judgment of the Court.

Counsel for the Respondent: That is the position. I align myself with the Petitioner's Counsel's submission.

COURT: By a Petition for a Decree of Dissolution of Marriage dated the 2nd of November, 2020 and filed on the 4th of November, 2020, the Petitioner sought the following reliefs from this Court:-

1. *A Decree of Dissolution of Marriage between him and the Respondent.*
2. *Joint custody of the children.*

The Respondent, after obtaining leave to file her processes out of time, did file her Answer on the 29th of January, 2021 wherein she denied all the material allegations of facts and the grounds upon which the Petition for a Decree of Dissolution of Marriage was sought and brought by the Petitioner.

Today, the parties have informed the Court that they have reached agreement on the claims before the Court as sought in the Petition and challenged in the Answer to the Petition. The Terms of Settlement filed by the parties is reproduced verbatim hereunder:-

FINAL TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS the Petitioner commenced this suit on the 1th January, 2020 (sic) by filing a notice of petition for dissolution of marriage to the respondent and claiming the reliefs contained on the face of the said petition to wit:

1. A decree of dissolution of marriage between the Petitioner and Respondent.
2. Joint custody of all three children.

WHEREAS the parties have met and have agreed to resolve their dispute on the following terms:

IT IS HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That parties shall have joint custody of all three children with free access to see the children at any time.
2. That Petitioner agrees to pay school fees of all the children to the best of his ability and the Respondent agrees to take care of other needs of the children to the best of her ability.
3. That each party shall be responsible for the general welfare (shelter, food, clothing, medical bills) of the children whenever the children re in their respective custody.
4. That parties agree to disclose and not hoard all and any information regarding the children to each other.
5. That parties have both agreed to the dissolution of the marriage.

IT IS HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREED that this terms of settlement be entered as the Consent Judgment of this Honourable Court in this Petition.

Parties and their Counsel executed the Terms of Settlement on the 19th of January, 2023. The Terms of Settlement was filed on the same date.

COURT

Both parties and their Counsel executed the terms of settlement.

The Terms of Settlement dated and filed on the 19th of January, 2023 is hereby granted as Consent Judgment this day, 4th of April 2023.

HON. JUSTICE A. H. MUSA
JUDGE
04/04/2023

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