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**PRACTICE DIRECTIONS TO DESIGNATED HIGH COURT JUDGES  
HANDLING ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIMES COMMISSION (EFCC)  
CASES**

Commencement: 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2007

In the exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 259 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, Section 19 (3) of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, 2004 (as amended), Section 61 (2) (b) and (c) of the High Court Act Cap 510 LFN 1990, and by virtue of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, Lawal Hassan Gummi, Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja, hereby make the following Practice Directions: -

**1. Application of these Directions**

(1) These Practice Directions shall apply to judges designated to try cases emanating from the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission.

**2. Expeditious determination and disposal of cases**

(1) For the purpose of expeditious determination of cases emanating from the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission as required and provided for under Section 19 (2) (b) of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, 2004 (as amended), any such case or cases pending before a designated Judge shall be handled by that Judge expeditiously and given accelerated hearing.

**3. Hearing of cases**

(1) Any such matters pending before a designated Judge shall for the purpose of such expeditious trial be heard on a day to day basis until final determination of a case.

**4. Cases which ought to be taken first**

(1) Any matter or all matters emanating from the Commission and pending before an EFCC designated judge shall as a matter of priority be heard first before any other matters at any sitting of that court except where the circumstance or justice of a particular case so demands that it be taken first by that judge.

These Directions may be cited as the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja Practice Directions for Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Designated Judges, 2007.

Made at Abuja this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.

  
Justice Lawal Hassan Gummi  
Chief Judge,

High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.