



PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION AS A TOOL OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

1. EiE Project vs AbdulAziz Nyako & 52 ors.

Federal Lawmakers Defection Lawsuit

- **CASE:** Suit to compel 53 lawmakers who switched parties to vacate their seats as it forces an interpretation of the Constitution.
- **DATE FILED:** August 28, 2018
- **COURT:** Federal High Court, Abuja
- **JUDGE:** Justice Ekwo
- **NEXT COURT DATE:** Undetermined

2. EiE vs EFCC, ICPC & Nigeria Police

Lawsuit against EFCC, ICPC & Nigeria Police Force on #GandujeGate

- **CASE:** Suit to compel EFCC, ICPC and Nigerian Police to probe and investigate Kano State Governor, Abdullahi Ganduje on the alleged bribery videos.
- **DATE FILED:** February 12, 2019
- **COURT:** Federal High Court, Abuja
- **JUDGE:** Justice Ekwo
- **NEXT COURT DATE:** Undetermined

3. Bisi Ariyo vs Eko & Ikeja DISCOs

Class Action on Electricity Estimated Billing

- **CASE:** An active citizen, Bisi Ariyo, filed a class action suit on behalf of unmetered customers of Eko and Ikeja DISCOs who have high estimated billing. EiE helped curate the list of complainants.
- **DATE FILED:** September 7, 2017
- **COURT:** Lagos State High Court
- **JUDGE:** Justice O.A Dabiri
- **NEXT COURT DATE:** Undetermined

4. Olumide Babalola & ors vs EMTS & 3 ors.

Class Action: Unsolicited SMS & Phone Calls

- **CASE:** Consumer rights lawyer, Olumide Babalola, filed a class action suit at the Lagos High Court for himself and on behalf of all the subscribers of the GSM operators who might have received unsolicited calls and messages from any telecommunications company in Nigeria. EiE helped curate the list of complainants.

Wednesday, November 1, 2017:

The suit was struck out as the Judge ruled that unsolicited calls do not violate the fundamental right to privacy under the Constitution. We appealed this decision and filed our reply brief.

- **DATE FILED:** September 28, 2016
- **COURT:** Court of Appeal
- **NEXT COURT DATE:** Undertermined

5. PIN & 2 ors. vs Attorney General of the Federation & 2 ors.

Lawsuit Challenging Section 24 of the CyberCrime Act (2015)

- **CASE:** EiE, Paradigm Initiative (PIN) and Media Rights Agenda (MRA) sued to repeal Section 24 of the Cybercrime Act. The suit was struck out by the Federal High Court and the Court of Appeal. It is now appealed at the Supreme Court and filed a brief of argument.

Laws and Rights Awareness Initiative also approached the Community Court of Justice (ECOWAS Court) in 2018 on the unconstitutionality of Sections 24 and 38 of the Nigerian Cybercrime Act in Suit No. ECW/CCJ/APP/53/18 and on July 10, 2020, the court delivered a judgment compelling the Nigerian court to repeal or amend the Cybercrime (Prohibition, Prevention etc) Act 2015.

- **DATE FILED:** May 23, 2016
- **COURT:** Supreme Court
- **NEXT COURT DATE:** Undertermined

6. PIN & 3 ors. vs National Assembly

NGO Regulatory Commission Bill

- **CASE:** EiE, Paradigm Initiative, Consumer Advocacy Foundation of Nigeria (CAFON) and Laws & Rights Awareness Initiative sued to restrain the National Assembly from further deliberation and consideration about the NGO Regulatory Commission Bill.
- **DATE FILED:** September 27, 2017
- **COURT:** Court of Appeal
- **NEXT COURT DATE:** Undetermined

7. EiE vs Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)

CASE: EiE sued INEC for violating the Freedom of Information Act (2011) by failing to release the breakdown of 2019 card reader accreditation data.

- **DATE FILED:** May 3, 2019
- **COURT:** Federal High Court, Lagos
- **JUDGE:** Justice C.J Aneke
- **NEXT COURT DATE:** Undetermined

■ **CASE:** EiE sued INEC for violating the Freedom of Information Act (2011) by failing to release the polling unit (PU) breakdown of the 2019 presidential election results.

- **DATE FILED:** November 5, 2019
- **COURT:** Federal High Court, Lagos
- **JUDGE:** Justice C.J Aneke
- **NEXT COURT DATE:** Undetermined

8. SERAP & ors. vs National Assembly

CASE: EiE, BudgIT, SERAP and over 1,500 active citizens challenged the legality of the ₦4.68 billion **'Welcome Package'** for National Assembly members.

- **DATE FILED:** June 5, 2019
- **COURT:** Federal High Court, Lagos
- **JUDGE:** Justice Chuka Obiozor
- **NEXT COURT DATE:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021

9. SERAP & ors. vs Senate

■ **CASE:** EiE, BudgIT, SERAP and over 6,000 active citizens challenged the legality of the Senate's expenditure of ₦5.5 billion on new luxury cars.

- **DATE FILED:** August 30, 2019
- **COURT:** Federal High Court, Lagos
- **JUDGE:** Justice R.M Aikawa
- **NEXT COURT DATE:** Wednesday, May 26, 2021

10. EIE & ors vs Lekki Concession Company (LCC), Lagos State Government, Inspector General of Police

■ **CASE:** EiE joined Tunde Onifade to file a petition against Lekki Concession Company (LCC) at the Lagos State Judicial Panel of Inquiry on Police Brutality. Although the petition has not been heard, the panel had approved the reopening of Lekki tollgate. EiE and Tunde Onifade filed an originating summons to the court not to reopen the toll gate as opening it will presume his case has been heard.

- **DATE FILED:** February 8, 2021
- **COURT:** Federal High Court, Lagos
- **JUDGE:** Justice A.O Faji
- **NEXT COURT DATE:** Undetermined

11. EiE vs NCAA, Cosharis Motors, First Bank

CASE: Following the 'scandal' regarding extra-budgetary purchases of cars from Cosharis via First Bank by the former Minister of Aviation, Stella Oduah, EiE wrote Fol requests to the 3 stakeholders and none responded. EiE sued them.

EiE vs NCAA

- **DATE FILED:** September 1, 2014
- **COURT:** Court of Appeal
- **NEXT COURT DATE:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021

EiE vs Cosharis Motors

- **DATE FILED:** May 4, 2015
- **COURT:** Court of Appeal
- **NEXT COURT DATE:** Undetermined

EiE vs First Bank

- **DATE FILED:** September 14, 2015
- **COURT:** Court of Appeal
- **NEXT COURT DATE:** Undetermined

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