2nd February, 2024

The Chief Judge of Lagos State,

Through

The Chief Registrar of the High Court of Lagos State,

Oba Akinjobi Way,

Ikeja GRA,

Lagos.

Sir,

**APPLICATION FOR INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 2011**

Citizens’ Gavel is a not for profit/non-governmental organization with the aim of increasing the pace of justice delivery by tracking court cases, promoting transparency and accountability, providing legal support for victims of human rights abuse, advocating for the rights of indigent Nigerians and also advocating for the complete enforcement of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act and Laws respectively through tech.

Following the recent constitutional amendment to Section 121(3) by the National Assembly vide the Fifth Alteration (No. 6) Act, 2023, it is now trite law that “any amount standing to the credit of the Judiciary of a State in the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State shall be paid directly to the heads of the courts concerned.”

We accordingly hereby apply to your good office to request for information relating to:

1. Whether Lagos State has constituted a Disbursement Committee in line with Section 121(3A) of the 1999 Constitution, as amended;
2. Whether the Lagos State Accountant-General has commenced payment into the State Judiciary account of all moneys due to the Judiciary for capital and recurrent expenditures as mandated by Section 121(3B) of the 1999 Constitution, as amended;
3. Whether the Commissioner for Finance and the Accountant-General of Lagos State make full disclosure of all revenues that accrue to the State and release the funds for the Judiciary as and when due;
4. The current salary structure of Judges in Lagos State; and lastly
5. To kindly avail us with a copy (whether hard or soft) of the 2024 budget of the Lagos State Judiciary.

Our application is brought pursuant to sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2011 which mandate all public institutions to record and keep certain information; and to make such information available to an Applicant on application.

We will be most delighted therefore, if your response can reach our office before the next seven (7) days to enable us complete an ongoing project.

Accept as always, the assurances of our highest esteem sir.

Yours faithfully,

**PP: CITIZENS’ GAVEL**

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**Team Lead**