

COMPOSITION OF JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

The Judicial Service Commission was constituted by the Oyo State Government under Oyo State Law.

The Commission was Composed of Eight (8) members. The Chairman, who is the Hon. Chief Judge, the President, Customary Court of Appeal, the Attorney General, the Secretary, who is the head of the Judicial Service Secretariat and other 4 political members.

The duties of the Commission are :

- (i) To appoint Judges, magistrates and subordinate staff into the Judiciary.
- (ii) To discipline those in the higher bench and its Subordinate.
- (iii) The Judicial Service Commission appoints Judges into the Customary Courts which are spread across the state. The numbers of these Judges are 495. These Judges are temporary staff because they are political appointees.

The Judicial Service Commission Secretariat staff strength is 17 members which are pensionable staff.

The Oyo State Judicial Service Commission is a statutory body established by Section 197 (1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) among 3 Commissions established therein .i.e. State Civil Service Commission, State Independent Electoral Commission and State Judicial Service Commission.

The appointment of the Attorney General and four (4) political members are made by the Governor subject to the confirmation by a resolution of the State House of Assembly.

The Judicial Service Commission of the State is the regulatory body of the entire Oyo State Judiciary saddled under Section 6 of Part II of the Third Schedule to the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as Amended, to among other things):

- a) Advise the National Judicial Council on suitable persons for nomination to the office of
 - i. The Chief Judge of the State,
 - ii. The Grand Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the State, if any,
 - iii. The President of the Customary Court of Appeal of the State,
 - iv. The Judge of the High Court of the State
 - v. Kadis of the Sharia Court of Appeal of the State, if any and
 - vi. Judges of the Customary Court of Appeal of the State
- b) To recommend to the National Council the removal from Office the Judicial Officers mentioned above.
- c) To appoint, dismiss and exercise disciplinary control over the Chief Registrar and Deputy Chief Registrar of the High Court, the Chief Registrar of the Sharia Court of Appeal and Customary Court of Appeal, Magistrates, Judges and members of Area Courts and all other members of the staff of the Judicial Service of the State not otherwise specified in this Constitution.