

1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1985

## **Order 1**

### **General Definitions**

1. (1) These Rules may be cited as the Supreme Court Rules.
2. In these Rules, unless it is otherwise expressly provided or the context so requires:

**Act:** Means the [Supreme Court Act](#), 1960 or any other Act amending or replacing it;

**Appeal:** Includes an application for leave to appeal;

**Appellant:** Means a party appealing from a decision or applying for leave in behalf therefore and includes the legal practitioner retained or assigned to represent him in the proceedings before the Court;

**Chief Justice:** Means the Chief Justice of Nigeria;

**Constitution:** Means the [Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria](#), and includes any amendment thereto or modification thereof or any enactment replacing it;

**Court:** Means the Supreme Court of Nigeria;

**Court Below:** Means the [Court of Appeal](#);

**Court Of First Instance:** Means the court or tribunal sitting either in original or appellate jurisdiction, immediately below the court below;

**Committee:** Means the Rules of Court Advisory Committee established under these Rules;

**Court of Appeal:** Means the Court of Appeal established by the Constitution;

**High Court:** Means the Federal High Court, the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, or High Court established for a State by the Constitution;

**Justice:** Means a Justice of the Court;

**Judgment:** Includes any order made by the court in question after judgment;

**Record:** Means the aggregate of papers relating to an appeal (including the pleadings, proceedings, evidence, judgments and briefs) proper to be laid before the Court on the hearing of the appeal;

**Registrar:** Means the Chief Registrar of the Supreme Court and includes any other officer of the Registry working under him;

**Registrar of the court below:** Means the Chief Registrar of the Court of Appeal and includes the Deputy Chief Registrar and any Registrar or Deputy Registrar or other officer working under him and exercising functions analogous to the Chief Registrar of the Court of Appeal;

**Respondent:** In a civil means any party (other than the appellant) directly affected by the appeal, and in a criminal appeal means the person who undertakes the defence of the judgment appealed against and includes the legal practitioner retained or assigned to represent them in the proceedings before the court;

**Rules:** Means these Rules or any amendment thereto or any other additional Rules made under the Constitutional and includes the Schedule appended to these Rules.