

Approval of Ondo new CJ moves to Assembly

The job of approving a new Chief Judge for the Ondo State judiciary now rests on the State House of Assembly as the Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko, has approved the recommendation of Honourable Justice Olasehinde Kumuyi, the most senior of the three recommended to it by the National Judicial Service.

The Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Print Media, Mr Eni Akinsola, in reaction to media enquiries yesterday said the governor has done what is statutorily provided for as part of a long established process in the laws of Nigeria land.

“The Government of Ondo State followed the established procedure having regard to the powers of the governor under Section 271 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, in its decision to make the recommendation, Mr Akinsola said.

Tracing the background to the decision he said: “The process leading to the approval of Honourable Justice Kumuyi commenced a while ago when the out-gone Chief Judge, Honourable Justice Gladys Olateru Olagbegi recommended three (3) judges of the State High Court to the States’ Judicial Service Commission.

“All the three names recommended to the Judicial Service Commission were in turn recommended in order of seniority to the National Judicial Service Commission which after consideration recommended the most senior of the three for appointment subject to the confirmation of the House of Assembly.

“What the Governor has done is to seek the approval of the Ondo State House of Assembly of the person recommended by the NJC in person of Justice Olasehinde Kumuyi, Akinsola said.”

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