

L.N. 64 of 1972

CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATION
(1963 No. 20)

Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Order 1972

Commencement : 14th September 1972

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 121 (3) of the Constitution of the Federation (as modified by the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree 1966) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, Taslim Olawale Elias, Chief Justice of Nigeria, with the consent of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following order :—

1.—(1) Except as may otherwise be permitted in writing by the Supreme Court in special cases, a legal practitioner of less than seven years' standing at the Bar may not appear in any cause or matter before the Supreme Court except as a junior to a legal practitioner of at least seven years' standing at the Bar.

Right of
audience.

(2) Whenever a reserved judgment is to be given and the counsel concerned are duly put on notice, the presence of such counsel or of their juniors is required when judgment is being delivered. Failure to observe this will be regarded as an act of disrespect to the Court.

2. This Order may be cited as the Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Order 1972.

Citation.

MADE at Lagos this 14th day of September 1972.

T. O. ELIAS,
Chief Justice of Nigeria

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note does not form part of the above Order but is intended
to explain its effect)*

The Order restricts the right of audience of certain category of legal practitioners before the Supreme Court, and makes it obligatory for counsel or their juniors to be present in the Supreme Court whenever a reserved judgment is to be delivered.