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INTRODUCTION:- ACJA/ACJLS MAIN PURPOSE

Ensure that the system of Administration of Criminal Justice in Nigeria promotes efficient management of criminal Justice institutions Speedy dispensation of Justice and Protection of the society from crime

Protection of the rights and interest of the suspect, the defendant, witnesses and the victim.

5 NIALS STRATEGIC TOOL:- AIDING THE APPLICATION/ IMPLEMENTATION OF ACJA/ACJLS WITH EASE FOR PROGRESSIVE REALIZATION OF THE PURPOSES SET OUT, 2019-2023

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Developed two training Manuals for State Judicial Officers and Prosecutors

Trained A total of 232 @ an Average of 6 Per State by 36 States and the FCT Between 2019-2023



Engaged A total of 45
Prosecutors from AntiCorruption Agencies,
Judges of the Federal High
Court and Justices of the
Appellate Courts in 2
Colloquia Series

2.

Drafted 20 Rules
of Courts and Practice
Directions
and 17 State
Judiciaries Adopted
Them, Printed copies
for each State
To Disseminate

4.

Tracked Trends of Case Law at Federal and State Judiciaries on the Application of ACJA/ACJLS and Published them in Volumes 1-5 Digest.

Published our findings
on Comparative
Analyses of
ACJA/ACJLS
Provisions into A 4
Volume Compendia
Series to inform us on
Similarities and Differences.

Tracked Contentious issues and Grey Areas and Published our Findings in Volumes 1-18 of Policy Bulletins for Policy Makers and Researchers. From our working experience with the federal and state Judiciaries as well as their stakeholders committees on ACJA/ACJLS in developing the FIVE STRATEGIC TOOLS, we observed the following, among others:-

- Differences in the contents and structure of the state ACJLs while retaining Substantial provisions of the ACJA, 2015.
 - E.g, from ACJA'S 495 Sections to states ACJLAWS WITH 378Sections(Katsina),552(Ebony)503(Bauchi),495(Benue),372 (Ekiti), 477(Rivers), 493(Delta), 542(Imo) etc.
 - More importantly, is the fact that while some states ACJLs have provisions for BAIL BONDPERSON, others omitted or were silent on it. While many state ACJLs have provisions on QUARTERLY RETURNS OF CASES BY LOWER COURTS TO THE CHIEF JUDGE, Others have provisions for MONTHLY RETURNS of criminal cases by the police to the supervising magistrate, and a few states have both monthly reports on case management and quarterly returns of criminal cases by lower courts.

- 2. There has been uniformity on the provisions relating to:-Registers of Legal aid providers; of convicted persons, witnesses expenses, and visitation to detention facilities orders, etc
- These experiences informed NIALS as to how to approach the drafting of the Rules and Practice Directions for the respective states and the methodology to be adopted in tracking and analyzing the cases for our Digest and Policy Bulletins.
- 4. Finally, we observed constitutional federalism in practice in a healthy coverage to realize the purpose of both ACJA/ACJLs in Nigeria.

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