

PROFILE OF HON. JUSTICE SIMEON ATEH ABI

HON. JUSTICE SIMEON ATEH ABI was born on the 19th day of February 1968, in Egbe Village, Mbube East Ward 11, Ogoja Local Government Area, Cross River State of Nigeria. He attended the prestigious Mary Knoll College, Okuku-Ogoja. He bagged his Bachelor of Laws Degree (LL.B.) from the University of Cross River State, Uyo in 1990. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in December 1991.

After National Youth Service in Kaduna State, Nigeria, he engaged in private legal practice in the following law firms: **John Etape & Associates**, Goldie Street, Calabar: Oct - Dec 1992; **Akomaye Agim & Associates**, Veritas Chambers, Goldie Street, Calabar: Jan 1993 – Jan 1993 – July 1995; **Oladunni Odu & Associates**, Olodi-Apapa, Lagos: Sept 1995 – Dec 1995; **Joe Abang & Associates**, Kofo Abayomi Street, Apapa Lagos: Jan 1996 – July 2001 and **Simeon Ateh Abi & Co.**, Sariki Audu Street, Igoli Ogoja: August 2001 – Dec 2003.

He joined the Cross River State Ministry of Justice in January 2004 and was variously the Senior Special Assistant to the Attorney General; Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions & Head Ministry of Justice Ikom Zone; Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions & Head Ministry of Justice Akamkpa Zone; and Deputy Director, Civil Litigation Department, Ministry of Justice Headquarters, Calabar.

He was appointed on contract as Deputy Director of Special Litigation of The Gambia in October 2010 and redeployed as Deputy Director in the Department of Civil Litigation in The Gambia from March 2014 to July 2014. Hon. Justice Abi also lectured Civil Procedure in the Gambia Law School from October 2012 to January 2014. He was appointed Judge of the High Court of The Gambia in October 2014 and sworn in on the 17th day of November 2014.

He is a Member of the International Association of Prosecutors (2011 – Date) and a Member of the Nigerian Bar Association (1991 – Date). He is married with children.