

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

ATTORNEY GENERAL – STATUS OF IN CIVIL SUITS AGAINST GOVT

– In such suits, the Attorney General is a nominal defendant. He can be joined in the action instead of the Governor – NIG. ENG. WORKS V DENAP LTD 2001 92 LRCN 3425;

RANSOME KUTI V A.G OF FED 1985 7 NWLR Pt. 6, 221; EZOMO V A.G. BENDEL STATE 1986 4 NWLR Pt. 36 448 at 459

ATTORNEY GENERAL – POWERS – Cannot be controlled by the courts – STATE V ILORI 1983 ISCNLR 94; A.G. ONDO STATE V A.G. FED 2002 99 LRCN 1429

ATTORNEY-GENERAL-APPEARANCE FOR A PARTY-DETERMINANT

–What determines whether the Attorney-General can appear for a party, is the sufficiency of the State's interest in the subject matter – R V RESIDENT,IJEBU PROVINCE RE OSUNLAJA (1959)WNLR p.87 ; RE JAMES DAVID (1977) 1A.E.R.364 ;A.G FEDERATION V A.G OF IMO STATE (1982) 12 SC 274 at 306-307.

An Attorney-General cannot appear for any individual in a private case-FAWEHINMI V N.B.A (NO.1) (1989) 2NWLR Pt.105, p.494; REGISTERED TRUSTEES ECWA CHURCH V IJESHA (1999) 13 NWLR Pt.635, p.368; INEC & ORS. V CHIEF KALU CA/PH/EPT/171/2003.

INSTITUTION OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS-SOLE DISCRETION OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL- THE STATE V ILORI (1983) 2 S.C.155.

POWER OF A.G TO ENGAGE PRIVATE LAWYERS – The Attorney-General can engage the services of a private legal practitioner to appear for and on his behalf –D.P.P V AKOZOR (1962) ALL NLR 235.

POWER OF A.G. TO OMIT CERTAIN ENACTMENTS FROM THE LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA- The Federal Attorney-General has no

power under the REVISED EDITION (LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA) ACT.1990, to omit any Enactment on the ground that such enactment is no longer relevant to Nigeria – IBIDAPO V LUFTHANSA AIRLINES (1997) 4NWLR Pt.498, p.124.