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INTERPRETATION OF WORDS – SHALL – In its ordinary meaning, when the word “shall” is used, it connotes a command, and that which must be given a compulsory meaning – ACHINEKU V ISHAGBA 1988 4 NWLR Pt. 89 411; BAMAIIYI V A.G. OF FED supra.

INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES – REASONABLENESS OF AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT – No reasonable tribunal will imply in a statute consequences that will lead to absurdity and injustice – A.G. ONDO STATE V A.G. EKITI STATE 2001 91 LRCN 3065.

INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES – The courts should take cognizance of the preamble of the statute and the objects and purpose of the provisions sought to be interpreted – OGUN STATE V FEDERATION 1982 1 – 2 SC 13; BRONIK MOTORS V WEMA BANK 1983 I SCNLR 296; BENDEL STATE V THE FEDERATION 1981 10 S.C. 1; AG ONDO V A.G EKITI supra.
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