## **PUBLIC OFFICER**

PUBLIC OFFICER – TRADITIONAL RULER – A Traditional ruler is not a public officer – EZE V OKECHUKWU supra 2249.

PUBLIC OFFICERS PROTECTION LAW – APPLICABLE TO ARTIFICIAL PERSONS – OFFOBOCHE V OGOJA L.G 2001 90 LRCN 2782; IBRAHIM V J.S.C. KADUNA STATE 1998 64 LRCN 5044.

PUBLIC OFFICERS PROTECTION LAW – ARTIFICIAL PERSONS – The Law applies to artificial persons – IBRAHIM V J.S.C. KADUNA STATE 1998 64 LRCN 5044; 1998 14 NWLR Pt. 5841; OFFOBOCHE V OGOJA L.G. 2001 90 LRCN 2782.

PUBLIC OFFICERS PROTECTION – BAD FAITH – Abuse of office and bad faith can deprive a party of protection under the Law. The burden is on the Plaintiff to prove abuse of office and bad faith – OFFOBOCHE supra; NWAKWERE V ADEWUNMI 1966 1 ANLR 129 at 133 – 134; LAGOS CITY COUNCIL V OGUNBIYI 1969 1 ANLR 297 at 299.