

SUO MOTU

SUO MOTU – Court raising a point *suo motu* – duty imposed on court – parties must be given opportunity to be heard on the issue raised to avoid breach of the parties right to fair hearing – ADEGOKE V ADIBI 1992 5 NWLR Pt. 242 410 at 420, ODIASE V AGHO 1972 1 ANLR Pt. 1 170; EJOWHOMU V EDOK-ETER MANDILAS LTD 1986 5 NWLR Pt. 39 1; OJE V BABALOLE 1991 3 LRCN 928; 1991 4 NWLR Pt. 185 267 at 280; ABAS V SOLOMON 2001 90 LRCN 2682; MADAM ASIAWU ADEPEJU KOREDE V PRINCE ADEDAPO ADEDOKUN 2001 90 LRCN 2700; KUTI V JIBOWU 1972 1 ANLR Pt. II 180 at 192 SALAWU AHAO V KARIMU ASHIRU 1973 1ANLR Pt. II 51 at 63.

SUO MOTU – When a court raises a point *suo motu*, the parties must be given an opportunity to be heard on the point, particularly the party that shall be aggrieved as a result of the resolution of the point – ATANDA V LAKANMI 1976 3 S.C 109; ACHIAKPA V NDUKA 2001 90 LRCN 2865.

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