

16TH June 2025.

PETITION TO THE HONORABLE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

IN THE MATTER OF:

Suit No. H1/22/2023 (Interlocutory and Substantive Appeal before the Court of Appeal in Kumasi)

SUBJECT: PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE INTERVENTION, INVESTIGATION INTO JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT, INTERFERENCE, REGISTRY DERELICTION AND REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF PENDING APPEALS TO THE COURT OF APPEAL, ACCRA

TO: His Lordship Acting Chief Justice Judicial Service of Ghana Supreme Court Complex P.O Box GP119, Accra, Ghana

FROM: Nana Osei Bonsu

(Appellant / Lawful Representative of the Huahi Achama Tutuwaa Royal Family of Boadi) (Currently domiciled in the United States under humanitarian parole with political asylum proceedings pending before the United States Immigration Court)

I. INTRODUCTION

This petition is respectfully submitted to Your Lordship pursuant to the administrative supervisory jurisdiction vested in your esteemed office under Article 125(4) of the 1992 Constitution and the Courts Act, 1993 (Act 459). It arises from alarming developments in the judicial administration of the Appellant's land dispute currently pending before the Court of Appeal, Kumasi—developments which reflect systemic failure, procedural manipulation, extra-judicial influence, and administrative dereliction.

The Appellant, Nana Osei Bonsu, is a Ghanaian national and principal member of the Huahi Achama Tutuwaa Royal Family of Boadi (genealogical descendants of King Osei Tutu I). He was lawfully substituted as Plaintiff/Appellant by order of the High Court following the demise of his uncle and predecessor in title, Abusuapanin Kwame Konadu Yiadom. The Appellant also holds power of attorney for the current but incapacitated Head of Family.



- formally substituted into the proceedings pursuant to a court order. He has since continued the legal battle as plaintiff and subsequently as appellant.
- 4. On 18th September 2020, the High Court, presided over by His Lordship Justice Senyo Amedahe in Suit entitled C1/65/2020, entered judgment in favor of the Appellant's family based on uncontroverted evidence of ownership and possession. (See Exhibit A)
- 5. However, on 27th September 2021, Justice Francis Obiri, sitting in a coordinate High Court, purported to set aside the judgment by a motion filed by a third party without standing. This occurred while the trial court was *functus officio*, in clear violation of established legal doctrine and procedural safeguards under C.I. 47.
- 6. Prior to that ruling, the Appellant had already filed an interlocutory appeal on 16th September 2021, challenging an earlier ruling of Justice Obiri dated the same day. Despite being aware of this pending appeal, Justice Obiri proceeded to render a decision that interfered with the judicial finality of a prior High Court judgment. (See Exhibit B)
- 7. On 27th September 2021, the Appellant also filed a substantive appeal. Both appeals were consolidated and now form the substantive appellate matter docketed as H1/22/2023. (See Exhibit C)
- 8. Several ancillary motions arising from the main appeal were filed and heard under motion numbers H3/204/2023, H3/217/2023, H3/170/2022 and H3/117/2022. These were addressed in interlocutory proceedings, but the core appeal remains undecided. (See Exhibit D Series)
- 9. On 25th October 2022, the Court of Appeal granted an application (H3/170/2022) filed by the Respondent to remit the record to the lower court to include allegedly omitted documents. The lower court complied and returned the corrected record to the appellate registry on 19th April 2023. (See Exhibit E Series)
- 10. On May 19th, 2025, the Appellant's representative, Mr. Eric Twumasi Boateng, informed the Appellant that the appeal court registry reported the written submission was inexplicably missing from the case file. (See Exhibit K)
- 11. Upon learning this, the Appellant promptly transmitted a PDF copy via WhatsApp, which was subsequently certified by the Court of Appeal registry to restore the docket.
- 12. More disturbingly, open interference by the Kumasi Traditional Council has been recorded. His Royal Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II was quoted publicly as stating: "There is no family land in Ashanti; no Abusuapanin has power to alienate land to private developers. Go to court and I will make sure the judgment is overturned." This declaration, widely published and circulated, has created a climate of judicial fear and subservience.



- 13. Further registry irregularities were exposed in a Proof of Service issued on 30th May 2025, falsely stating that the notice of appeal was filed on 27th September 2023, and that the Appellant's submissions were never received. This conflicts with documented evidence and raises suspicions of intentional record manipulation. (See Exhibit F)
- 14. Additionally, the certified ruling by Justice Francis Obiri inaccurately records the date of judgment as 7th September 2021, although the Respondent's motion triggering the ruling was filed on 8th September 2021. This chronological inconsistency is inexplicable and underscores administrative carelessness or willful fabrication. (See Exhibit G)
- 15. Due to these and other concerns, multiple lawyers have withdrawn or declined to represent the Appellant in Kumasi. The Appellant's current lawyer, based in Sunyani, has also encountered informal pressure, reflecting an environment unconducive to fair legal representation.
- 16. On 15th October 2024, during a hearing on appeal motions H3/204/2023 and H3/217/2023, the Appellant's counsel attempted to withdraw orally, without filing a proper motion. The court nonetheless imposed costs of GHS 5,000.00 in each matter against the Appellant, despite the procedural irregularity. (See Exhibit H).
- 17. Despite procedural compliance, the registry of the Court of Appeal, Kumasi has failed to assign a hearing date or comply with subsequent directions issued by the Appeal court on 16th May 2025 which ordered the rectification of the lower court with Ten (10) days. (See Exhibit J)
- 18. These cumulative events point to a breakdown in judicial independence, administrative diligence, and respect for due process. The continued pendency of the core appeal H1/22/2023, despite four years of filings, motions, and compliance, indicates a deliberate obstruction of justice and requires urgent redress

III. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

In view of the foregoing circumstances and pursuant to the constitutional authority vested in Your Lordship under Article 125(4) of the 1992 Constitution and Section 6 of the Courts Act, 1993 (Act 459), the Appellant humbly prays for the following reliefs:

1. **Transfer of Appeal:** That the pending substantive and interlocutory appeals docketed as Suit No. H1/22/2023, be administratively transferred from the Court of Appeal sitting in Kumasi to the Court of Appeal sitting in Accra. This is necessary to secure impartial adjudication, insulate the matter from local influence, and restore confidence in the integrity of the appellate process.



- 2. **Institutional Investigation:** That an independent administrative inquiry be initiated into the conduct of judicial officers and registry personnel involved in the case, particularly regarding the improper setting aside of a valid judgment by a functus officio court, the tampering or disappearance of court records, the issuance of inaccurate Proofs of Service, and any willful misrepresentation or manipulation of judicial documentation.
- 3. **Direction to Set Matter Down for Hearing:** That Your Lordship issue clear administrative directives to the Registrar of the Court of Appeal to immediately fix the matter for hearing, having regard to the Appellant's procedural compliance and the undue delay of nearly four years, in accordance with Rule 20(3) of the Court of Appeal Rules, 1997 (C.I. 19).
- 4. **Assignment to an Independent Panel:** That consideration be given to empaneling a neutral and independent panel of Justices to preside over the matter in Accra, thereby ensuring transparency, procedural fairness, and immunity from undue traditional or political influence.
- 5. Administrative and Ethical Guidance: That guidance be issued to registries and court officials across the judicial system to reinforce their duty of professional diligence, neutrality, and timeliness in handling court records and appeal documentation, especially where the litigants are self-represented or residing abroad under risk or duress.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Appellant reaffirms his enduring faith in the Judiciary of Ghana and respectfully submits that the facts outlined in this petition demand not only legal scrutiny but principled and timely intervention by Your Lordship's high office. The integrity of the Judiciary depends not only on legal correctness but on its ability to protect vulnerable litigants from abuse of process, institutional inertia, and intimidation.

The Appellant's continuous compliance with legal procedures despite personal risk and exile is a testament to his belief in the rule of law. He submits this petition not only to rectify personal injustices but to prevent the normalization of judicial manipulation, delay, and coercion in the handling of land cases involving powerful interests.

In the spirit of constitutional justice, the Appellant respectfully requests Your Lordship to act decisively to uphold the Judiciary's mandate, restore institutional accountability, and ensure this matter is brought to final and impartial adjudication without further delay.



Respectfully submitted

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NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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County of Franklin
On <u>June 16th, 2025</u> before me <u>, Landoep luintel</u> , personally appeared
Nona Osei Bonsu, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of [STATE] that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official equilibrium.

Signature:

