

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT '2' ADENTAN BEFORE HER HONOUR
SEDINAM AWO BALOKAH
(MS) THE PRESIDING JUDGE ON THE 5TH DAY OF MAY, 2023**

TIME: 8:45 AM

SUIT NO. C5/054/2023

**DEBORAH KYEREWAA AGYEMANG
H/NO. M3954
OFF RITZ ROAD
MADINA - GHANA**

PETITIONER

VRS.

RESPONDENT

**OLANREWAJU LAWAL
42 OKE IJASI ANNEX ADEDEJI CRESCENT
OFF TAM BALOGUN STREET
G. R. A. IGBEBA HOUSING ESTATE
IJEBU ODE, OGUN STATE - NIGERIA**

Petitioner: Present

Respondent: Absent

Florence Mensah Present for Petitioner

By Court – Judgment:

After giving due consideration to the instant Petition for Divorce filed on 9th March, 2023 pursuant to Leave of court and having duly considered all the evidence on record, I make the following fact findings;

- 1) That Parties have not lived together as husband and wife for a continuous period of 7 years immediately preceding the presentation of the instant Petition for Divorce.

- 2) That the Respondent deserted the marriage.

3) That the Respondent has behaved in a manner as to render it unreasonable for the Petitioner to continue to be married to him.

Upon these facts and in light of **Section 2 (1)(b), (c) and (e) of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1971 (Act 367)**, I find and hold that the Ordinance Marriage celebrated between the Parties on the 26th day of October 2013 at the New Apostolic Church Accra, has broken down beyond reconciliation.

I accordingly dissolve the said Ordinance Marriage this 5th day of May 2023.

In view of **Sections 43, 44 and 45 of the Children's Act, 1998 (Act 560)** as amended, I grant to the Petitioner herein custody of the two (2) issues of the marriage; Malvin Lawal (9 years old) and Emmanuella Boateng (7 years old).

I grant to the Respondent, reasonable access to the said two (2) children, with prior notice to the Petitioner with notice period not less than 72 hours. The Respondent shall not remove the two (2) children from the lawful custody of the Petitioner except by an Order of a court of competent jurisdiction or with the express consent of the petitioner herein.

The Parties are ordered to provide all necessities of life, health and education for the two (2) children forthwith.

No award as to cost. The Registrar of this court shall issue to the Parties a Divorce Certificate after canceling their Marriage Certificate (Exhibit A)

(SGD)

**H/H SEDINAM AWO BALOKAH
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE**

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