

# IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

ACCRA - Suit No: GJ/0330/2024

**William Edem Fugar**  
8 Pretoria Avenue. East Legon

**Plaintiff**

**Vrs**

**Professor Ivan Addae-Mensah**  
42, Manye Adorkor Street, New Achimota, Accra

**Defendant**

## STATEMENT BY PROFESSOR IVAN ADDAE-MENSAH

Whilst conducting research prior to writing my biography of Hilla Limann I came across the report in the Daily Graphic of 12 April 1979 with reference to the court case of Pennie and Datsomor v. Egala and Limann. The headline of the story indicated that counsel for the plaintiffs, William Edem Fugar, had "abandoned" his clients during the case. I was misled by that statement and therefore relied upon it in the Limann book which I published in 2016.

In writing my autobiography in 2023 titled "My Life, A Historical Narrative", I again relied upon the abovementioned statement. William Edem Fugar had, in fact, continued to represent his clients until the successful determination of the substantive matter.

I am able therefore, without any hesitation, to say that had I been aware that the headline in the Daily Graphic in 1979 was not an accurate reflection of what had transpired in court I would not have repeated it in 2016 and again in 2023. I therefore apologise unreservedly to William Edem Fugar for relying on the report in the Daily Graphic and undertake to delete the offending words from the next print/edition of my autobiography.

Finally, I acknowledge the integrity of William Edem Fugar. I am aware that he is a luminary in the practice of law who has been respected in his field by his clients, his peers and generally for more than fifty years and continues to this day to be so respected.

  
**Professor Ivan Addae Mensah**

13.03.2024