



CHIEF JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA



JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUDICIAL ORDER NO. 6

TO : ALL JUDGES, JUDICIAL WORKERS AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL

FROM : THE SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA

RE : **JUDICIAL ORDER # 6 TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIPS OF THE JUDICIAL INQUIRY COMMISSION AND THE GRIEVANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE AND ALLOW FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF NON- LAWYERS FROM THE CIVIL SOCIETY**

DATE : NOVEMBER 13, 2013

WHEREAS, the Rules for Procedure in the Courts and Code for the Moral and Ethical Conduct of Lawyers and Judicial Canons for the Moral and Ethical Conduct of Judges in the Republic of Liberia provide for the establishment of two bodies, viz: The Judicial Inquiry Commission and the Grievance and Ethics Committee to respectively investigate allegations of unethical conduct of lawyers and judges; and


WHEREAS, the above mentioned Rules for Procedure in the Courts, Code for the Moral and Ethical Conduct of Lawyers and Judges have, heretofore, permitted the Chief Justice to appoint only judges and lawyers as members of the Judicial Inquiry Commission and Grievance and Ethics Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has determined that in order to ensure judicial transparency and accountability thereby increasing public confidence in the dispensation of justice by the Judiciary, the number of persons on the mentioned bodies be increased, and that civil society should be made a part of the mentioned bodies to fill the slots of the increase, such that the bodies comprise a greater representation from the entire Liberian society;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Article 75 of the Constitution of Liberia (1986), which grants power to the Supreme Court to make rules of court for the purpose of regulating the practice of law and prescribe a code of conduct for lawyers appearing before it and subordinate courts, the Supreme Court, by this Judicial Order hereby increases and expands the membership of the Judicial Inquiry Commission and the Grievance and Ethics Committee from the current number to a number not in excess of nine for each Committee.


In furtherance of the above, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is hereby vested with the authority, in consultation with the Justices of the Supreme Court, to appoint people from the civil society, in addition to the appointments stated in the Rules of Court, persons who are not lawyers.

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL OF
THE SUPREME COURT OF LIBERIA
THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 2013.**



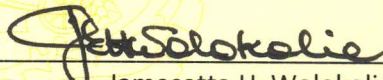
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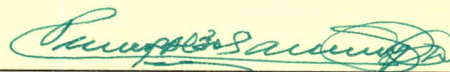
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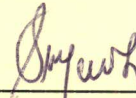
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