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## **NATJL to Host Ten (10<sup>th</sup>) National Trial Judges Conference**



**His Honor Ousman F. Feika Assigned Circuit Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit Civil Law Court, Chairman of the Conference Planning Committee**

The National Association of Trial Judges of Liberia (NATJL) will convene its tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) National Trial Judges Conference from February 1-3, 2024 at the grounds of the Temple of Justice in Monrovia.

The conference will be held under the theme: *“The Judiciary & Democracy; Safeguarding Democratic Values in the Legal System, Especial During and After Elections.”*



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Judge Ousman F. Feika of the Resident Circuit Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Grand Cape Mount County, currently presiding over the Sixth Judicial Circuit Civil Law Court of Montserrado County as the Assigned Judge, and chairman of the conference planning committee, said the conference is a little different from previous years because this year's conference will be conducted with a seminar.

Judge Feika said, three prominent justice actors will speak at the seminary. Former Chief Justice His Honor Francis S. Korkpor, Sr. is expected to speak on the first day of the conference on the topic: "Ethical Dilemmas & Professional Conduct for Judges."

On day two, Associate Justice Yussif D. Kaba will speak to the delegates on the topic: "The Role of Judges in Protecting Civil Liberties." And lastly, Cllr. Felecia Coleman will lecture on the subject: "Criminal Justice Reform and the Sentencing Guard lines."

The conference planning committee chair also stated that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Her Honor Sie-A-Nyene G. Yuoh will make special remarks as head of the Judiciary Branch of Government.

He said, as a judge, one cannot do away with continued legal education, so the seminar is intended to provide legal education and enhance the knowledge of judges as they dispense justice.

*"The longer you are as a judge, it is expected that you will learn new ideas and ways of handling cases,"* he emphasized.

Judge Feika noted, *"We expect delegates from across the country consisting of magistrates and judges. It is our anticipation that all of the delegates will attend*



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*and fully participate in the conference because it is an opportunity for them to come and learn new strategies of handling the courts.”*

According to him, the conference will be climaxed with an election process that will see delegates elect new corps of officers- the president, vice president, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, vice president for magistrate affairs, secretary general, financial secretary, treasure and chaplain.

The new officials will be expected to stir the affairs of the institution for the next two years.