

Chief Justice Gbeisay, Sr. Launches Historic Personnel Verification and Credential Audit at Judiciary Branch of Government

For the first time in many years, the Civil Service Agency (CSA), by directive of the Chief Justice of the Honorable Supreme Court of Liberia, His Honor Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, Sr. has embarked on a nationwide Personnel Verification and Credential Audit exercise at the Judiciary Branch of Government.

The first phase of the exercise was launched by the Chief Justice on Thursday, August 28, 2025 and it is to continue on Thursday, September 4, 2025, beginning with the 1st to the 6th Judicial Circuits for Montserrado County.

The process has been met with widespread acclaim, reflecting that the Chief Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay's commitment to bring credibility to the Judiciary is well on course.

The exercise is in fulfillment of the commitment made by His Honor the Chief Justice to ensure that all staff of the Judiciary have the required academic qualification and experience that align with their assigned duties for effective performance.

Chief Justice Gbeisay, Sr. performing a symbolic launch of the exercise at the ground floor hall, Temple of Justice, said in consonance with his vision to reform the Judiciary, he indeed embark on a crucial need basis to improve the accuracy and integrity of personnel and their credentials.

Chief Justice Gbeisay further stated that this nationwide Personnel Verification and Credential Audit process will help maintain the highest standard of accountability and excellence in the Judiciary. He added, *"the Judiciary Branch of Government is an integrity institution. So, to remove the perception about corruption in the Judiciary, we must undertake this process and show that our credentials aligned with our respective assignments for the efficiency and*

maximum productivity of the Judiciary. I urged all of us to cooperate and make sure that this process is successful.”

The Chief Justice at the same time extended heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Director General and staff of the Civil Service Agency (CSA) for their support in this endeavor.

“I take this opportunity to thank the director general and his staff who magnanimously agreed to perform this process pro bono. Government does not provide financial support for this initiative, but the CSA agreed to render this service for us without costs attach.”

It can be recalled that upon taking seat as the Chief Justice of the Honorable Supreme Court of Liberia and Head of the Judiciary Branch of Government on August 15, 2025, His Honor Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, Sr. promised to cautiously continue with the Rebranding Program of his predecessor and will make appropriate changes where necessary.

“We will conduct what I call ‘credential audits’ to ensure that all staff of the Judiciary have the required academic qualification and experience to effectively perform their assigned duties,” the Chief Justice stated.

In line with the Chief Justice’s directive, the CSA has constituted three (3) teams to carry out this Personnel Verification and Credential Audit exercise at three venues simultaneously. These areas include: Team A-Temple of Justice; the coverage included all judges, magistrates and staff of the Temple of Justice; the Court Administrator, directors and employees within the Temple of Justice, the magistrates and staff of the West Point Magisterial Court.

While Team B-Paynesville Magisterial Court; the coverage included the magistrates and staff of the Paynesville Magisterial Court, the magistrates and staff of the Omega Magisterial Court, the magistrate and staff of the Careysburg Magisterial Court, the magistrate and staff of the Bensonville Magisterial Court and the magistrates and staff of the Todee Magisterial Court.

And finally Team C- Gardnersville Magisterial Court coverage included magistrates and staff of the Gardnersville Magisterial Court, magistrates and staff of the Bushrod Island Magisterial Court, magistrates and staff of the

Brewerville Magisterial Court and magistrates and staff of the Arthington Magisterial Court.

The personnel verification is intended to ensure that all Judiciary staff on the government's payroll are accounted for; whilst the credential audit is to ensure that judicial personnel have the requisite qualification and experience to effectively perform their assigned duties. Hence, the Civil Service Agency has requested that all employees appearing before their Verification Team must exhibit the original copies of their academic credentials and their National Identification Card.

The exercise which runs for a period of seven (7) days is mandatory by the order of His Honor the Chief Justice; therefore, any staff of the Judiciary failing to adhere to this mandate will face severe administrative consequences.