

Chief Justice Gbeisay, Sr. Inspires Judges to Share knowledge, Strengthen Skills, and Promote Continuous Learning

--- Launches Peer-to-Peer Judicial Training in Buchanan



Circuit and Specialized Courts' judges at a weeklong Peer-to-Peer Judicial Training initiative in Buchanan City, Grand Bassa County

Monrovia, Liberia –The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia His. Honor Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, Sr. has officially launched a weeklong Peer-to-Peer Judicial Training initiative in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County, inspiring Circuit and Specialized Courts' judges to share knowledge, strengthen skills, and embrace continuous learning in judicial practice.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, January 27, 2026, Chief Justice Gbeisay, Sr. emphasized that judges fall into three categories—expert, middle-level, and

beginner—and that ongoing training is essential to bridge gaps and ensure consistency across the judiciary. He described the legal profession as “an academic profession,” stressing that success in law requires continuous reading and study.

“The Peer-to-Peer Judicial Training initiative is one of the most important things on my agenda,” he declared, urging participants to take the program seriously. “There is no expert who knows writing, ruling, and interpretation of Liberian law more than a judge.”

Representing the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. Robert Nyahn hailed the program as a shared commitment to strengthening the rule of law, judicial integrity, and access to justice. He noted that the peer-to-peer approach recognizes judges not only as arbiters of law but as custodians of experience whose collective knowledge is one of the judiciary’s greatest assets.

Nyahn explained that peer learning fosters mentorship between senior and junior judges, enhances problem-solving rooted in courtroom realities, and strengthens judicial independence. He praised Chief Justice Gbeisay for prioritizing judicial integrity, ethics, and public confidence, adding that UNDP views integrity as the foundation of public trust.

He expressed hope that the training will enhance judicial competence in both substantive and procedural law, improve consistency in rulings, strengthen ethical standards, increase efficiency in court administration, and expand access to justice nationwide.

Former Associate Justice Micah Wilkins Wright delivered a lecture on judgment writing techniques, encouraging judges to engage in thorough prior research to improve the quality of trial court decisions. He commended the participants, noting their strong academic backgrounds and years of service, and expressed confidence that they would meet public expectations.

Atty. Moses S. Sorribah, Executive Director of the James A. A. Pierre Judicial Institute, highlighted the importance of knowledgeable and ethical judges in navigating complex jurisprudence. He described the program as a strategic investment in judicial capacity and a critical tool for preserving the integrity of Liberia’s justice system.

Atty. Sorribah also acknowledged the support of UNDP and the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), whose contributions have enhanced judicial efficiency and improved access to justice. He noted that funding constraints had prevented regular judicial education for more than five years, making this training a timely intervention to address gaps and challenges facing trial judges.

The Peer-to-Peer Judicial Training runs from January 27–30, 2026, bringing together newly commissioned and experienced judges. Organizers expect the program to be enriching, impactful, and a milestone in strengthening professionalism, consistency, and excellence across Liberia’s courts.