

President Joseph N. Boakai Appoints Cllr. William B. Kollie, Sr. as Court Administrator Supreme Court of Liberia

The Honorable Supreme Court of Liberia, now has a new Court Administrator, his name is Cllr. William B. Kollie, Sr. He was appointed by His Excellency Ambassador Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr. President of the Republic of Liberia, on Friday, August 22, 2025.

Cllr. Kollie's appointment by the President filled in the vacancy created after the honorable retirement of Cllr. Elizabeth J. Nelson, an astute state woman and public servant leader.

The Office of the Court Administrator was created as the administrative arm of the entire court system, with primary objective to organize and manage non-adjudicatory matters under the direction of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia.

The Court Administrator (must be a Counsellor of the Supreme Court Bar) is currently selected by a process that includes a nomination by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, endorsed by majority of the Associate Justices; and the nominee forwarded to the President of Liberia for appointment.

Cllr. Kollie is a family man with four biological children and a devout Christian from the Lutheran Church in Liberia. He has fifteen years work history with the Judiciary. Upon employment at the Judiciary in 2010, his first assignment was with the James A. A. Pierre Judicial Institute as a trainer. After spending few years as training officer at the Judicial Institute, he was elevated to the position of training coordinator. Eventually, he became the institute's acting deputy executive director. In 2020, he got promoted to the position as Assisting Court

Administrator with a specific task to support the Court Administrator of the Judiciary Branch of Government.

Prior to working with the Judiciary; the new Court Administrator worked with other professional entities like the International Trust Company of Liberia as a loan officer for over six years, worked with the United Nations as protection assistance for five years; and has also been a class room teacher. He taught mathematics at the nation premiere university-the University of Liberia (UL) for fifteen years and the African Methodist Episcopal University (AMEU) for five years.

Teaching has always been a passion for him. At the United Nations where he worked before, he did a lot of trainings. For instance in Lofa County, he did training for court actors on the refugee convention especially at the time Liberian refugees were been repatriated back home.

Upon taking office officially on Monday, September 1, 2025, Cllr. Kollie reminisced that he had a very rewarding experience working with a knowledgeable former Court Administrator in Cllr. Elizabeth J. Nelson.

“I must admit that learning the lesson from her most times was very tough. She taught in a very tough way but I believe that was the best way to learn. Under her administration, I challenged myself to demonstrate the spirit of tolerance because there can be no two captains for a ship. She was the captain; so I needed to submit to a boss with a wealth of professional work experience in many areas. It is with no doubt that my predecessor, my former boss, brought lots of reforms to the Judiciary and the office I currently occupy. I believed submitting was a way to learn from her. And we worked together cordially over the last five years until she opted to be retired,” he noted.

For many, the job as a Court Administrator is a challenging and demanding task but Cllr. Kollie believes he is no stranger to it because he had previously worked as Assistant Court Administrator of the Supreme Court.

He stated: *“the good thing is that I am not strange to this job. I have been here for five years and watch Cllr. Nelson addressed the many issues. The responsibilities attached to this office are not strange to me and I should be equal to the task. Over the years, we have been able to strengthen the various*

departments with very competent people. If the departments are strengthened with very competent directors and they produce good results daily, it makes our work very easy.”

His appointment, he believes, did not come as a surprise. He showered praises on the Liberian leader, President Joseph Nyuma Boakai, for appointing someone like him from within the Judiciary system as Court Administrator of the Supreme Court.

Cllr. Kollie averred that there are many upright people in the judicial system that need to be promoted too. He thinks that as a very good administrative practice, the appointing power should always look within and appoint competent individuals to a vacant position in the system. And if said thing is done, it motivates other in a professional work environment.

In a word of appreciation, Cllr. Kollie thanked former Chief Justice Francis S. Korkpor, Sr. for firstly appointing him to the position as Assisting Court Administrator. He also lauded his former boss Cllr. Elizabeth J. Nelson for her cordial working relationship, support and tutelage on the job. He finally expressed immense gratitude to the Chief Justice His Honor Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, Sr. for recommending him to the Liberia Chief Executive as the best person suited for the job.