

Chamber Justice Orders Fresh Probe into Jury Misconduct Allegations

The Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia, His Honor Yussif D. Kaba, presiding in Chambers on Thursday, May 28, 2026, has ordered a fresh probe into jury misconduct allegations in a high-profile corruption case involving former officials of government, including Samuel D. Tweah, former Minister of Finance, Development Planning, Cllr. Nyenati Tuan, Former Acting Minister of Justice; Stanley S. Ford, former Director of the Financial Intelligence Agency; D. Moses P. Cooper, Former Comptroller, Financial Intelligence Agency; and Jefferson Karmoh, Former National Security Advisor.

The petitioners, led by Tweah, had earlier sought a writ of prohibition against an investigation being conducted by His Honor Ousman F. Feika, Assigned Circuit Judge of Criminal Court "C." Their petition argued against the inquiry into sworn allegations of jury tampering, a matter that threatened the very integrity of the trial.

At the conference, the Chambers Justice issued a clear mandate that the trial judge held the legal authority to investigate these allegations. But this was not to be a casual inquiry. The Justice emphasized that the investigation must be conducted *de novo*, meaning starting afresh, and strictly aligned with the principles of due process.

The parties, recognizing the gravity of the situation, entered into a formal stipulation. They agreed that the trial judge would lead the investigation, ensuring fairness and transparency for all involved. The stipulation anchored itself in Articles 20 (a) and (b) of the 1986 Constitution of Liberia, which safeguard the rights of due process.

Importantly, the agreement made clear that no rights of appeal were waived. Neither side admitted to any facts or legal conclusions. Instead, the stipulation preserved every right of appeal, ensuring that justice would not only be done but also seen to be done.

Thus, the story of this stipulation is one of vigilance; a commitment to uncover the truth protects the sanctity of the jury system and upholds the constitutional promise of fairness.