

President Boakai Pledges Support for Chief Justice Gbeisay's Judicial Reform



In a photo Right to Left-L: Associate Justice Her Honor Jamesetta H. Wolokolie, His Honor Chief Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, Sr., Newly Commissioned Judge Tarlo Wehyee , President Joseph N. Boakai, Vice President Jeremiah K. Koung, Newly Commissioned Judge Nelson B. Chineh, & Justice Minister Cllr. N. Oswald Tweh

Liberia's President, His Excellency Joseph Nyuma Boakai, has pledged unwavering support to Chief Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay Sr., emphasizing that a strong judiciary is vital for democracy and development, while inspiring stakeholders to value judicial reforms.

The President's support follows a briefing from the Chief Justice, who highlighted ongoing efforts and the commitment of new judges and court marshals to uphold justice, fostering public trust in their dedication.

Speaking on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at the souvenir program marking the commissioning ceremony, President Boakai stated: *"Mr. Chief Justice, you have my support in every effort of your reform. The Liberian people deserve courts that hear their cases promptly, apply the law faithfully, and deliver judgment fairly and impartially."*

He emphasized that his support for the judiciary is not a call for predetermined outcomes but a recognition that independence is essential for democracy and national pride, demanding responsibility, diligence, professionalism, and integrity.

The President reminded the audience that the judiciary is one of the three equal branches of government, with its independence guaranteed by the Constitution. He warned that a nation cannot prosper where the rule of law is weak, noting that investors lose confidence, citizens lose hope, criminals become emboldened, and institutions deteriorate.

Strengthening the rule of law, he maintained, remains a central pillar of his administration's agenda for inclusive development. Economic growth, national security, social stability, and democratic governance all depend on a justice system that is credible, efficient, and accessible to every Liberian regardless of status, wealth, or political affiliation.

President Boakai described the commissioning program as a pivotal milestone in the collective effort to reinforce the judiciary as a fundamental pillar of Liberia's democracy, highlighting its importance in fostering a credible and effective justice system.

"Every decision you make, every case you hear, every action you take will either strengthen or weaken the confidence of the Liberian people in our justice system," he said. He further encouraged judicial officers to ensure that justice remains blind to status and influence, while remaining vigilant against the consequences of crime, corruption, and impunity.

Addressing the marshals, President Boakai stressed the indispensable role in ensuring the orderly functioning of the courts through professionalism, discipline, and impartial enforcement of lawful orders.

Judge Nelson B. Chineh, Resident Circuit Judge of the 15th Judicial Circuit, River Gee County, speaking on behalf of the honorees, thanked the President for entrusting them with the responsibility to serve Liberia. He described the commissioning as a call to service rather than an individual achievement, pledging that the judges and marshals will uphold the rule of law and live up to the confidence reposed in them.