

Chief Justice Gbeisay Officially Seats 73 Magistrates Across Liberia

...To Ensure Access To Justice In The Remotest Parts Of Liberia



Liberia's Supreme Court Chief Justice, His Honor Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, Sr., administered the oath of office and handed gavels to newly appointed magistrates.

The Judiciary Branch of Government is working to ensure access to Justice in the remotest part of Liberia. His Honor Chief Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay Sr. officially seated seventy-three (73) newly appointed magistrates, granting them gavel authority as judges, and dispatching them across Liberia's fifteen counties to expand access to justice for all citizens and residents.

On Monday, August 31, 2026, His Honor Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, Sr., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia, ceremoniously handed a gavel to each magistrate, extending gratitude to President Joseph Nyuma Boakai for constitutionally appointing them. *"The action of the President reaffirms a fundamental truth that access to justice should reach the last*

mile, from the capital in Monrovia to the remotest districts in the fifteen counties of Liberia,” Chief Justice Gbeisay stated.

He emphasized that the newly appointed magistrates are no longer ordinary citizens but the face of justice in their communities. They will be the first judges most Liberians encounter in cases ranging from land disputes and debt claims to juvenile actions and persistent non-support.

Chief Justice Gbeisay reminded the magistrates that the courtroom is where trust in the state begins or ends. He urged them to be fair, patient, firm, and independent, while also compassionate.

“Apply the law as written but not as requested. Yet remember justice without compassion is tyranny, and compassion without the law is chaos. Integrity is your currency,” the Chief Justice cautioned.

He further noted that the gavels entrusted to them are borrowed from the Liberian people and must be used legally and wisely. *“You are servants of the Constitution. Let due process, equality before the law, and respect for human dignity guide every ruling you make,”* he said.

Acknowledging the challenges ahead, Chief Justice Gbeisay assured the magistrates of the Judiciary’s support despite limited resources and high expectations.

“I hereby ceremoniously seat all of you magistrates and dispatch you today with this solemn charge: go and do justice in accordance with the law and serve the nation with integrity and accountability,” Chief Justice Gbeisay concluded.

Speaking on behalf of his colleagues, Cllr. August Tarpeh, Associate Magistrate of the Bushrod Island Magisterial Court, described the ceremony as both a milestone and a fulfillment of their desire to serve the Liberian people.

He pledged that the magistrates will not use authority as a privilege but as a sacred duty performed with honesty, humanity, and fairness.

“We shall know no special person but use our judicial lenses to see the law that governs everyone,” Cllr. Tarpeh affirmed, urging his colleagues to uphold the standards of justice to which they have been called.