



JUDGE Chineh Cautions Lawyers To Restore Public Confidence

...As Civil Law Court Opens September Terms Of Court

His Honor Nelson B. Chineh cautioned lawyers, party litigants, and court actors to restore public confidence in the Judiciary at the opening of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Civil Law Court in Montserrado County at the Temple of Justice in Monrovia.

On September, 21, 2026, Judge Chineh delivered the charge on behalf of the judges and cautioned judicial actors to work collectively to restore public confidence in the courts.

Delivering on the topic, "Working of the Court in Restoring Public Confidence," he was joined by his colleague, Her Honor Golda A. Bonah-Elliott, to declare the September Term open for business officially.

Judge Chineh reminded lawyers of their statutory duty to attend opening ceremonies. He cited the law controlling the opening of court. He pointed out that,

"According to the Statute controlling in this jurisdiction, it is compulsory for all lawyers practicing within a circuit to attend the opening ceremony on the opening day of every term of court, and answer their name at roll call. A breach of this obligation is punishable by a fine. And I will not relent to do as the statute requires," He reminded his colleagues to remain impartial and emphasized that courts in Liberia are established to administer justice according to the Constitution, statutes, rules of court, and accepted principles of law, not to serve the interest of a particular party.

"The Court exists not merely as a place where disputes are heard, but as an institution where the rights of citizens are protected, the law is interpreted, and justice is administered, consistent with law," he said.

The Judge also warned that a court loses its importance if the people it serves do not trust it. "Public confidence is therefore the foundation upon which the effective administration of justice rests, among other things he stated, and declared the Civil Law court open for business.