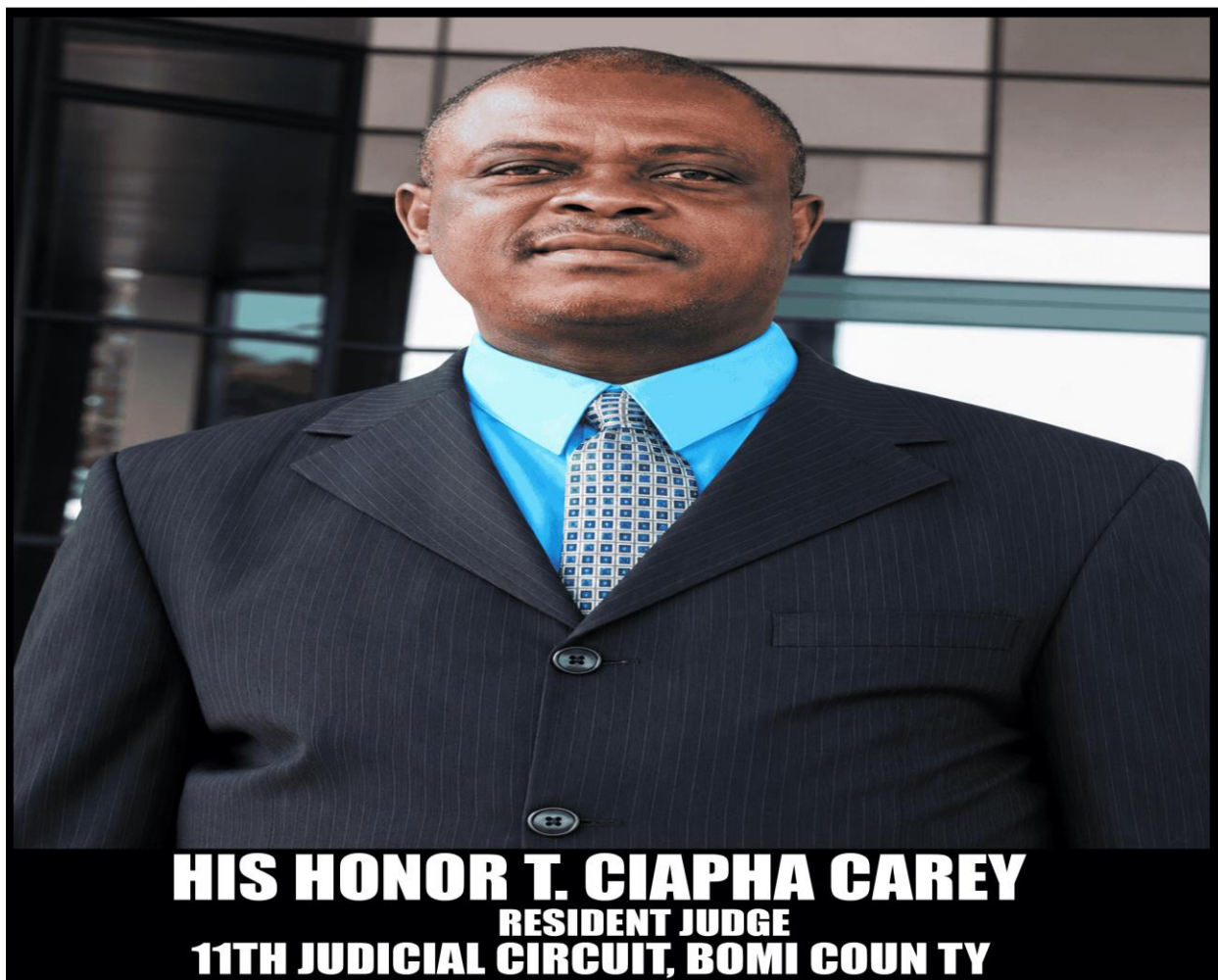




**Mano Oil Palm Plantation Liable To Pay
US\$405,000.00**

...Permanently Disabled Victim

Judge T. Ciapha Carey of the 11th Judicial Circuit Court in Tubmanburg, Bomi County, found the Mano Oil Palm Plantation Company liable for a motorbike and tractor accident that permanently disabled a 35-year-old Liberian.

On October 5, 2026, Judge Carey ruled against the oil palm plantation in favor of Mr. Isaac N. Quoiquoi of Ballah Town, Grand Cape Mount County. In his ruling, Judge Carey ordered the company to pay US\$405,000 in damages.

"The defendant is adjudged liable to the plaintiff in an action of damages for wrong, personal injury, emotional distress, and permanent disability, and is ordered to pay general damages of US\$350,000. The defendant is also liable to Mr. Quoiquoi for US\$25,000 in special damages for medical expenses incurred during his treatment. The court further orders the defendant to pay consequential damages of US\$30,000 based on the plaintiff's prevailing condition resulting from his injuries," Judge Carey stated.

Judge Carey noted that the award was justified given the severity of Mr. Quoiquoi's injuries, particularly the condition of his legs, which has deprived him of normal mobility and significantly affected his quality of life.

Relying on several Supreme Court of Liberia opinions, the judge explained that general damages compensate for injuries that cannot be precisely measured but naturally flow from a wrongful act. He emphasized the extensive harm the plaintiff suffered and the seriousness of the defendant's negligence.

The court further ruled that the plaintiff proved his case by a preponderance of the evidence and was entitled to compensation commensurate with the injuries sustained, which have rendered him unable to earn a livelihood and support his family.

On April 20, 2026, Mr. Quoiquoi filed an action for damages, alleging personal injury, emotional distress, and permanent disability against the management of Mano Oil Palm Plantation Company.

According to the complaint, on March 9, 2023, at approximately 10:00 p.m., he collided with an abandoned tractor belonging to the company along the D8 Camp Road in Gola Konneh District. The tractor had allegedly been left parked on the roadway without warning signs or safety precautions.

Mr. Quoiquoi testified that the company's driver, identified as Nelson Fayiah, operated the tractor, parked it on the road, and left it unattended. Unaware that the tractor was obstructing the roadway in darkness, the motorcyclist crashed into it, sustaining severe injuries to both legs.

During the trial, which commenced on August 26, 2026, the plaintiff presented six regular witnesses and four subpoenaed witnesses, including a Police Chief Inspector and three medical doctors.

The plaintiff told the court that following the accident, he received treatment at several medical facilities and underwent multiple surgeries. However, doctors later informed him that his condition was complicated and required treatment abroad.

He further testified that after receiving initial treatment, he was transported in the company's ambulance and later left at his residence without adequate support for continued medical care.

Mr. Quoiquoi informed the court that he is a father of five children and that his life has drastically changed since the accident. He now relies on crutches for mobility and is unable to work or provide for his family. As a result, some of his children have reportedly been forced to live with relatives because he cannot support them.

The plaintiff also testified that an investigation conducted by the Liberia National Police found the company's driver liable for the accident. He further claimed that senior company officials expressed regret over the driver's conduct and acknowledged responsibility for the incident.

The defense opened its case on September 11, 2026, presenting three regular witnesses and two subpoenaed witnesses, most of whom were employees of Mano Oil Palm Plantation Company.

Among them was Montgomery Wolo, the company's Acting General Manager, who confirmed the accident and acknowledged the injuries Mr. Quoiquoi sustained. Wolo testified that because the Mano Clinic lacked the capacity to treat the injuries adequately, he approved the victim's transfer to St. Joseph Catholic Hospital due to the seriousness of his condition.