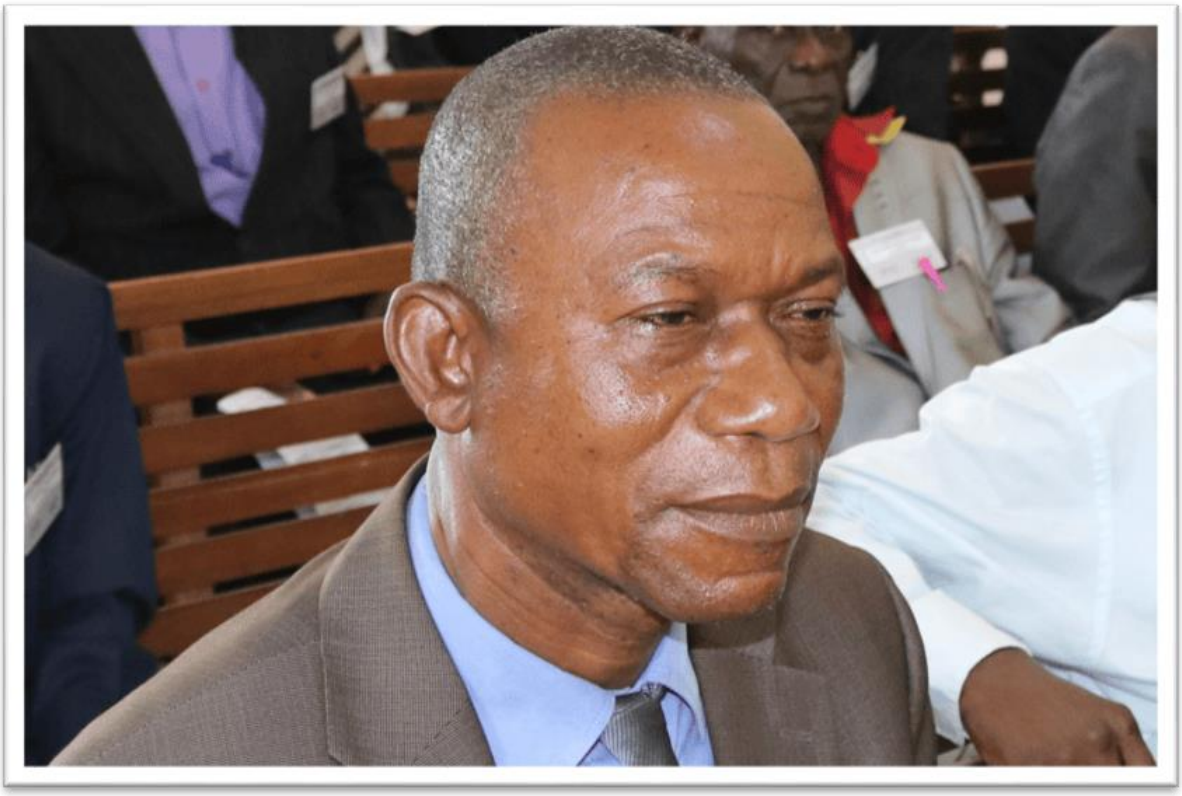


Judge Gbeneweleh Cautions Judges On Transparent Justice

...Urges Citizens To Adhere To Rule Of Law

At the formal opening of the November Term of Court, the Resident Circuit Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit Court in Grand Kru County, His Honor Peter W. Gbeneweleh, has sounded a clarion call to make transparent justice a national priority because justice is not merely a legal responsibility; it is a foundation for peace, a guarantee of human dignity, and an essential pillar of national development.

Speaking Monday, November 9, 2026, Judge Gbeneweleh said transparent justice means administering justice openly, fairly, independently, impartially, and without undue influence. Thus, it means that the law must speak equally for the poor and the rich, the powerful and the powerless, the government and the governed.

It means justice should not be for sale, that connections should not influence a court's decision, and that the outcome of legal proceedings

should be determined only by evidence and the controlling laws, not personal interest.

Judge Gbeneweleh said that as judges discharge their duties in various courts, they should remember Article 65 of the 1986 Constitution, which vests judicial power in the Judiciary. “This constitutional provision reminds us that the Judiciary is not simply another branch of government but a vital guardian of constitutional democracy and the rule of law in Liberia,” he noted.

The history of Liberia, he said, teaches an important lesson about the consequences of injustice, inequality, exclusion, and the breakdown of public institutions. It is a known fact that the country has experienced years of civil war, suffering, displacement, and destruction. The nation's past should remind justice actors that peace must be protected through strong institutions, fairness, accountability, and respect for human dignity.

A transparent and credible justice system thus creates confidence among international and local investors. It also encourages entrepreneurship, protects business agreements, promotes economic activities, and contributes to employment opportunities.

The Judge stated, “When we strengthen the administration of justice in Liberia, we are also strengthening the foundation for economic growth and national development. Thus, transparent justice is key to national development.”

He said professional integrity, honesty, and the pursuit of justice must remain the foundation of lawyers' legal practice. Citizens must respect the rule of law, defend their constitutional rights, and reject violence.

He called on Liberians and other residents to remain peaceful, democratic, and economically prosperous, and to unite the country by investing in a justice system that is independent, transparent, impartial, accountable, and accessible to all.