

COMMISSIONING

OF

HER HONOR JUSTICE SIE-A-NYENE GYAPAY YOUH

AS

CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

BY

HIS EXCELLENCY DR. GEORGE MANNEH WEAH
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

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Madam Clar Marie Weah
First Lady of the Republic of Liberia

Madam Jewel Howard Taylor
Vice President of the Republic of Liberia

Your Honor Justice Sie-a-nyene Gyapay Youh,
Chief Justice of Liberia - Designate;
Your Honors the Associate Justices of the Honorable Supreme Court of Liberia, and
Members of the Judiciary;
Your Honor Mr. Francis S. Korkpor, Sr.,
Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia;

The Speaker, President Pro-Tempore, and Honorable Members of the 54th Legislature,
here present;

The Dean and Members of the Cabinet;

Officials of Government;

The Doyen and Members of the Diplomatic Corps;

The President and Members of the Liberian National Bar Association;
Members of the Supreme Court Family, here present;

Relatives, Friends, and Well-wishers of Justice Youh, here present;

Members of the Fourth Estate;

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are gathered here today on this solemn occasion to commission Her Honor Justice Sie-a-nyene Gyapay Youh as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Liberia. By so doing, Justice Youh will become only the third female Chief Justice in the 175-year history of our founding as a Republic. She will also become the first female to ascend to this high office of leadership of the Second Branch of Government since 2003, some 19 years ago.

Your Honor, upon my nomination, you have been successfully vetted and confirmed by the Honorable Liberian Senate, following upon which you are now being commissioned by me as evidence of the full confidence and support of the other two branches of our tripartite governance structure.

I have no doubt whatsoever, that you have the requisite experience, skills, and qualifications to serve as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia, having due regard to the more than four decades that you have practiced in Liberia as a trial and transactional lawyer, as well as the 9 years that you have served as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court bench.

It is important to note that, throughout your illustrious career in the practice of law and jurisprudence in Liberia, you have earned a well-deserved reputation of unquestionable character and unimpeachable good judgement.

And so, Madame Chief Justice - Designate, I have the honor to now invite you to come forward, as I fulfill my Constitutional Duty to commission you to this high and noble office.

(OATH ADMINISTERED)

Please accept my personal congratulations, Madame Chief Justice!!

I thank you.