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 **JUSTICE JONES CHINYAMA RETIRES**

**Lusaka, 10th June 2024 -** The Judiciary of Zambia wishes to announce the retirement of Hon. Mr. Justice Jones Chinyama, honourable Judge of the Supreme Court, effective today, Monday, 10th June 2024, upon attainment of 65years.

Justice Jones Chinyama, who served in the Judiciary for over three decades, was appointed to the Supreme Court on 22nd March 2016. He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Zambia and was admitted to the bar in 2000.

Prior to his appointment as a Supreme Court Judge, Justice Chinyama served as the Chairman of the Industrial Relations Court in Lusaka. His extensive journey within the Judiciary began in 1987, when he served as a Lay Magistrate at various subordinate courts across the country, including Chinsali, Kaputa, Luanshya, and Kafue. Additionally, he held pivotal roles as a Resident Magistrate and Senior Resident Magistrate at the Mansa Subordinate Court, and as the first Principal Resident Magistrate for the Lusaka Subordinate Court at Chikwa.

Noteworthy among his assignments was his tenure as Acting Deputy Registrar of the Lusaka High Court from 2005 - 2007 and Deputy Registrar of the Ndola High Court from 2007 - 2010. In recognition of his expertise, he was appointed Judge of the Industrial Relations Court in 2010.

Justice Chinyama’s distinguished career culminated in his appointment to the Supreme Court on 22nd March 2016, where he has meticulously served for the past eight years. Among his notable cases are **Frederick Titus Jacob Chiluba vs The People** and **Samuel Musonda vs The People.**

When asked about his judicial philosophy, Justice Chinyama emphasised the importance of impartiality, stating, *"I take cases as they come without looking at the parties involved. Where there is evidence, it is the evidence that will make me decide."* He further advised young lawyers and judges to uphold integrity in their careers, urging them to remain steadfast in the face of challenges.

Reflecting on his tenure, Justice Chinyama expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve, acknowledging both the rewards and criticisms that came with the role. He has encouraged those in the legal fraternity to prioritise the merits of each case and to remain committed to justice.

the Judiciary of Zambia extends its heartfelt appreciation to the Judge for his invaluable contributions to the institution and Zambian jurisprudence, and wishes him a fulfilling retirement as he embarks on this new chapter of his life.

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