

**HONOURABLE CHIEF JUSTICE  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

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**ALL JUDGES**

**NOTICE OF PROSECUTORIAL LIMITS OF POLICE PROSECUTORS**

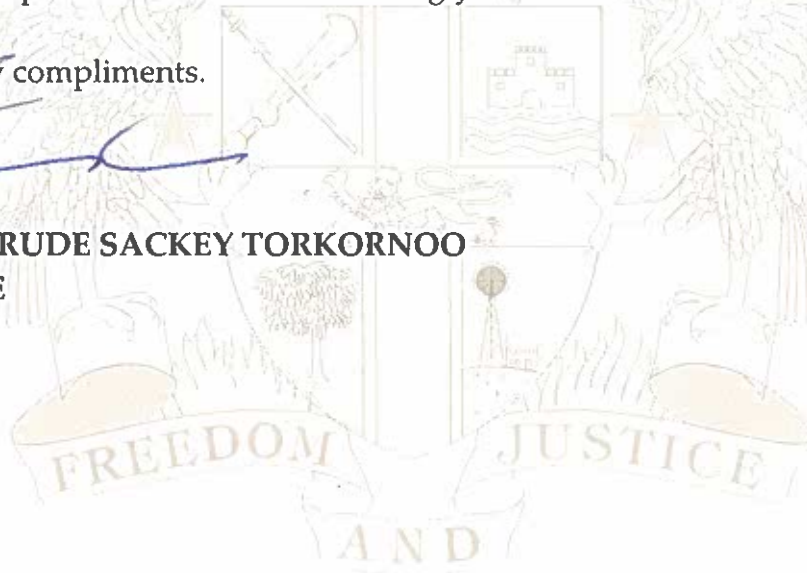
I write with reference to the attached letter from the Office of the Attorney-General and Ministry of Justice dated 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 on the above-mentioned subject.

The Attorney-General is by the said letter notifying the Service that, Police Prosecutors have been directed to prosecute cases with monetary value not exceeding the amount of GH¢500,000.00. The letter further indicates that any case with monetary value above this limit must be referred to the Office of the Attorney-General for study and advice.

You are kindly requested to take note accordingly.

Please accept my compliments.

**JUSTICE GERTRUDE SACKEY TORKORNOO  
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**HER LADYSHIP THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
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Your Ladyship,

**NOTICE OF PROSECUTORIAL LIMITS OF POLICE PROSECUTORS**

Pursuant to article 88 of the Constitution of the Republic, the Attorney-General is responsible for the initiation and conduct of all prosecutions of criminal offences. All offences prosecuted in the name of the Republic of Ghana are at the suit of the Attorney-General or **any other person authorised by him**.

In accordance with this constitutional mandate and section 56 of the Criminal and Other Offences (Procedure) Act, 1960, the Attorney-General authorised Police Officers above the rank of Sergeant to prosecute a specified class of criminal cases at the lower courts of Ghana, namely, the Circuit and District courts under the Appointment of Public Prosecutors Instrument, 1976 (E. I. 4). The authority to prosecute is however subject to certain prescribed limits.

Police Prosecutors have been directed to prosecute cases with monetary value not exceeding the amount of GHS500,000.00. Any case above this limit must be referred to the Office of the Attorney-General for study and advice.

I am informed by the Director of Public Prosecutions that due to the fact that some lower court judges are unaware of these limits, there have been instances where Police Prosecutors have prosecuted cases well above their mandate.

I am by this letter bringing to the attention of the Judicial Service the limits imposed on Police Prosecutors to enable lower court judges to refuse to entertain criminal cases brought by Police Prosecutors with monetary value beyond the permissible limits without an advice from the Office of the Attorney-General.

Accept, your Ladyship, the assurances of our highest consideration.



**GODFRED YEBOAH DAME**  
**ATTORNEY-GENERAL & MINISTER FOR JUSTICE**