Rwanda’s Chief Justice, Domitilla Mukantaganzwa, on Friday urged newly appointed judges and court clerks to uphold integrity and reject corruption, warning that unethical conduct undermines justice delivery.

Mukantaganzwa, who also chairs the High Council of the Judiciary, made the remarks April 10, 2026, while administering the oath of office to 10 judges and 16 court clerks recently approved by the council.

She emphasized the need to provide quality services to citizens, including fair hearings and clear communication, particularly by court clerks who interact directly with the public.

“Good service must define us as a country. We must receive citizens well, hear their cases fairly and follow the law,” she said.

Mukantaganzwa noted that those sworn in were selected based on their integrity and urged them to maintain those standards in their work.

“If you were not people of integrity, you would not have taken this oath. What we ask is that you continue on that path. Corruption is unacceptable, as is any behavior that leads to it,” she said.

She also assured them of support from the High Council of the Judiciary in carrying out their duties and encouraged teamwork and consultation when facing challenges.

“The work you are entering already has your colleagues. We share the same responsibilities and goals. No one should face difficulties alone,” she said.

One of the newly sworn-in judges, Hodari Edgar of the High Court, said he and his colleagues are committed to delivering fair and professional services grounded in integrity.

“We must deliver justice and provide quality service to all Rwandans. As judges, integrity is essential in everything we do,” he said.

Uwera Mireille Marceline, another oath-taker, said they are determined to contribute to strengthening justice delivery while rejecting corruption.