

Adverse Possession Under Liberian Law

Statutes:

- Registered Land Law, Section 8.124
 - “On and after the initial registration of land under the provisions of this chapter, no interest in registered land in derogation of that of the registered owner shall be acquired by prescription or adverse possession.”
- Civil Procedure Law, Section 2.12(2), Liberian Codes Revised
 - “An action to recover real property or its possession shall be barred if the defendant or his privy has held the property adversely for a period of not less than twenty years.”

Supreme Court Cases:

- *Morris v. Keita*, 39 Liberian Law Reports 710, 718 (1999)
 - Quotes Section 2.12(2) of the Civil Procedure Law
 - “A party, therefore, can claim adverse possession of a real property wherein such party is in possession of a premises overtly and continuously for the period of twenty (20) years.”
 - “A plea of adverse possession is an affirmative plea or defense in our jurisdiction. A party pleading an adverse possession must therefore admit that plaintiff has a color of title and a cause of action against the defendant party, but that the plaintiff failed and neglected to take any steps to protect his own interest within twenty (20) years as provided by statute.”
- *Yuoh v. Sow*, p. 68, 83-84 (2005)
 - “Civil Procedure Law, provides that an action to recover real property or its possession shall be barred if the defendant or his privy has held the property adversely for a period of not less than twenty years”
 - “[T]his Court has decided that a person who seeks to assert title to land under the doctrine of adverse possession is required to prove, by a preponderance of evidence, that his use and occupation of the land has been continuous, exclusive, hostile, open, and notorious, as well as under color of right.”