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EDITOR'S PICK

CAJO Members are invited to have a look at Professor James Raymond's new forum, *Judging Judgments*, an international conversation about the philosophical aspects of judgment writing—the scene behind the surface logic of controversial judgments. Professor Raymond has conducted judgment writing training sessions for scores of Caribbean judicial officers and everyone who has taken his course has always given him high marks. The purpose of the forum is to explore what motivates equally competent and impartial judges to reach opposite conclusions from the same submissions of fact, law, and equally plausible chains of logic. The goal is not to show how judges ought to decide difficult cases, but to foster awareness of how they actually do it. The first example Prof Raymond uses is that US case of **TransAm Trucking v. Administrative Review Board**, about a truck driver who was fired for abandoning his cargo to seek safety in subzero weather. Subsequent examples will include controversial judgments nominated by participants from any of the roughly fifty-four countries where English is the language of the law.

If you decide to join the discussion, you will be able to do so anonymously. If you prefer not to join, you are encouraged to “lurk”—reading the posts and responses without entering the fray. Either way, participation is free.

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EDITOR'S Notes

As we produce this edition of CAJO NEWS, excitement is building over the upcoming Conference in Curacao, our first in the Dutch Antilles. The topics of the various sessions featured on the programme fully reflect the conference theme – INNOVATIVE, INDEPENDENT, RESPONSIVE – THE MODERN COURT. Naturally, we give prominent space to the Conference programme in these pages along with a brief article on the superb effort being made by the Antillean judiciary to welcome us in Willemstad.

This edition also gives great insights into what CAJO has been up to over the last several months. Chief among these has been our collaboration with UN Women and JURIST in preparing draft Gender Sensitive Protocols for judicial officers. Gender sensitivity means that when we sit as judicial officers it is our supreme obligation to interpret and enforce the law and the Constitution in ways that promote the full elimination of all forms of discrimination against women with a view to achieving women's equality with men in the enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms. Gender sensitivity also involves being aware of and sensitive to the ways people think about gender. It requires us to consider all the many ways in which we demonstrate gender insensitivity by relying on assumptions about traditional and outdated views on the roles of men and women. A Gender Protocol for judicial officers goes a long way to meeting these obligations and CAJO is naturally proud to be in the vanguard of these efforts.

The other event of which CAJO is justly proud is our Haiti Relief Sponsored event. Organised in Belize by Justice Sonya Young and in Trinidad and Tobago by Justice of Appeal Charmaine Pemberton, the walk was held in both countries simultaneously on 3rd December 2016. The chief benefit the combined events yielded was more than just the modest sums raised to help the people of Haiti. In each country, led by their respective Chief Justice, judges, magistrates, lawyers and the general public turned out in significant numbers simply to have fun together.

In this edition we also mark the fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court. The ECSC, currently led by Dame Janice Pereira, has the unique distinction of serving six different independent States and three British Overseas Territories. CAJO salutes Dame Pereira and the ECSC on this auspicious occasion.

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CAJO News Reports

Official Handover of Draft Gender Equality Protocols for Magistrates and Judges



In the photograph (right) Ms Tonni Brodber Hemans of UN Women is seen handing over the Barbados draft to Chief Justice Marston Gibson. Also present at the event were (seated L to R); Mr. John Furlonge (JURIST Regional Project Coordinator), H.E. Marie LeGault (Canadian High Commissioner), Hon. Sir Marston Gibson (Chief Justice of Barbados), Hon. Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders (Chairman, CAJO), Ms. Tonni Brodber-Hemans (UN Women representative).

The idea of creating a Gender Protocol for Caribbean judicial officers has been in the making since 2015 when CAJO and UN Women collaborated at CAJO's last biennial in Montego Bay, Jamaica to showcase a Gender Protocol for Mexican judges. On that occasion UN Women supported the participation of two members of the Mexican judiciary to attend the CAJO conference to share with the members of CAJO Mexico's experiences in promulgating such a document. CAJO and UN Women subsequently undertook and arranged to create draft Gender Protocols for Caribbean judiciaries. The judiciaries of Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago were selected in the first instance. UN Women hired two Interns, Farzad Idadi (who was assigned to Barbados) and Daren McLeod (who was assigned to Trinidad) to support the development of the drafts. These interns were selected on a competitive basis by a joint team from CAJO (Magistrate Lisa Ramsumair-Hinds and Justice Adrian Saunders) and from UN Women (Ms Tonni Brodber Hemans). Having been selected, the interns were afforded access to the courts and to judicial officers by Chief Justice Gibson and Chief Justice Archie respectively. Under the supervision of CAJO and UN Women the interns produced rough drafts that were continually edited and refined by CAJO and UN Women until a polished draft was completed.

The project received the full support and assistance from the Caribbean Association of Women Judges and the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Women Judges of which Magistrate Ramsumair-Hinds was also a member. The JURIST project has also been heavily involved in this initiative not only through defraying a range of expenses associated with it but also in providing expertise and technical support through the instrumentality of Ms Anika Gray who straddles both UN Women and JURIST. Ms Gray and Ms. Sharon Carter-Burke (Communications Associate UN Women) played critical roles in the process of refining and completing the drafts. It is now expected that the judiciaries of Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago will examine the drafts and hopefully adopt and formally promulgate them with such amendments and adaptations as they see fit. This process will be replicated throughout the region. As Justice Saunders stated in his remarks, promulgation of the Protocol is the beginning and not the end of a process as the document must now be used as a judicial education tool to ensure that all judicial officers are fully conscious of the need to be gender sensitive. [CAJO]



The Constitutionality of the Magistrate's Protection Act

Case Comment:

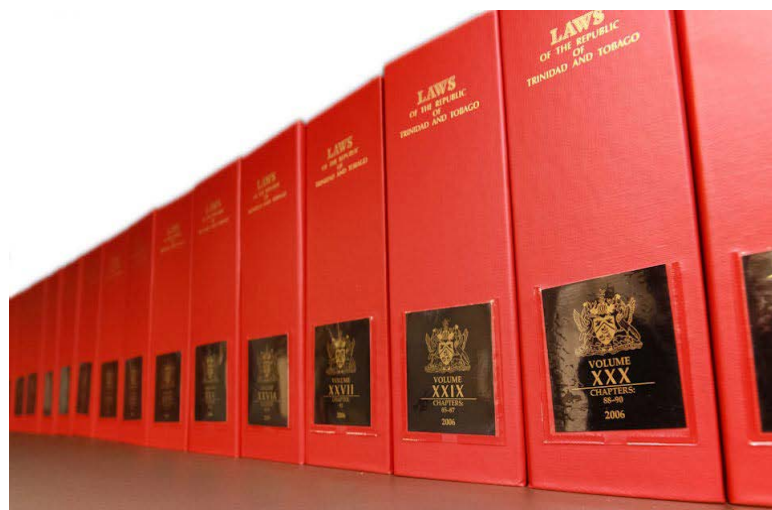
The AG of Trinidad and Tobago and Lisa Ramsumair-Hinds v Russell David

In Trinidad and Tobago, a magistrate may be personally liable for acts resulting from an order or conviction issued by the magistrate where the magistrate had no jurisdiction to act or where the magistrate acted in excess of jurisdiction. This is the effect of sections 5 and 6 of the Magistrate's Protection Act Chap. 6:03. Recently, the Courts of Trinidad and Tobago have been asked on two occasions to hold a magistrate liable for damages for acts done in the course of his/her duties. And in one case they did.

The first such case is the 2014 decision of *Mason v Jagroo*[2] where a magistrate was held liable in damages for false imprisonment in circumstances where the court agreed that the magistrate had acted, perhaps unwisely, but in good faith. More recently, in April of this year, the Court of Appeal was faced with another claim for damages against a magistrate in *The AG of Trinidad and Tobago, Lisa Ramsumair-Hinds v Russell David* [3]. The facts were that Magistrate Ramsumair-Hinds had issued a summons requiring Mr David to appear before the court in relation to a supposedly unpaid parking ticket. The respondent failed to appear on the specified date and a warrant was thereafter issued by the magistrate. The respondent was taken from his home and arrested one morning at 2:30am. Later that day, he was brought before the magistrate, and it was discovered that he had actually paid the fixed penalty within two days of receiving the ticket. It was not disputed that when she issued the summons and later the warrant, the magistrate was unaware and could not have known that the ticket had been paid. Indeed, the Court of Appeal emphasized that there was no criticism of the magistrate and that there was no expectation that she could have checked the records herself to determine whether the ticket was properly listed before her for enforcement.

The respondent brought action against both the Attorney General and the magistrate for breach of his constitutional rights. The trial judge awarded a sum of \$45,000 for his detention. On appeal, the Court of Appeal on its own motion raised the issue of whether the magistrate was a proper party to the action. The court held that the magistrate was not a proper party. This commendable decision by the Court of Appeal was on the very technical ground that the warrant was not followed by a conviction order.

The idea that a magistrate could be held personally liable for an act done in the course of her/his official responsibilities has



a strange ring to it. Superior court judges do not face this risk and, given the overlapping jurisdiction of judges and magistrates in certain areas it is discriminatory of magistrates that they should bear this liability. The Court of Appeal has commendably gone some way, both in this case and in an earlier case of *Crevelle*[4] to limit the liability of Magistrates. But perhaps it is time for the courts to interrogate closely the relevant provisions of the pre-independence Magistrates' Protection Act to determine whether the Act's provisions really do protect magistrates and whether sections 5 and 6 collide with core values of the Constitution.

The test laid down in the Magistrates Protection Act suffers from the erroneous notion that whether a magistrate is acting within or in excess of jurisdiction is a clear cut matter of fact. The problem is that there are no bright red lines here. Indeed, sometimes jurisdiction is a difficult point of law, open to different reasonable interpretations. CAJO suggests that, in principle, magistrates should be afforded the same protection as judges for acts done in the course of their duties. The Jamaican Parish Judges (formerly known as Resident Magistrates) currently enjoy such protection. To be sitting as a judicial officer and forever to be wary that an act you perform in good faith could expose you to personal liability is a serious impingement on one's judicial independence. The idea that a magistrate can be made personally liable for judicial acts done in good faith must surely be in collision with the constitutional principle of an independent judiciary. CAJO considers that, at the very least, every magistrate should be entitled to protection from personal liability for damages in respect of things done while acting judicially and under the honest belief that those acts are within jurisdiction. **[CAJO]**

CAJO News Highlights

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court celebrates 50 Golden Years



Awardees for the ECSC's essay and poster competition in attendance are pictured from L-R are: Khadijah Halliday, Ramiah Zuriel White, Aulauni Andrew, Haylie Shai Kassie, Her Ladyship the Hon. Dame Janice M. Pereira DBE, Chief Justice, Jasmine Gilford, Jediah Hippolyte, Omar King and Ariel Albert.

CAJO wishes to congratulate the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court on attaining 50 years of service. For half a century, the court has valiantly served the Eastern Caribbean and has been at the helm of shaping a regional jurisprudence. Its longevity is testament to the fact that regional integration can be achieved and in doing so it has been an enviable example of Caribbean cooperation. While the Court is a remnant of the pre-independence era, its birth certificate being the 1967 British Parliament Supreme Court Order that established the West Indies Associated States Supreme, the ECSC has been an important asset to the independent states it now serve. So important was this Court that the framers of the independent Constitutions thought that it should be deeply entrenched in the various Constitutions.

Possibly the only shared trial Court with a single Chief Justice and with appellate judges that travel to litigants, the ECSC is indeed unique.

The Court has maintained its reputation of being financially independence and has benefitted from the wealth of knowledge of jurists from across the world who have served on its bench. The Court also radically reformed its approach to civil litigation, improved the process of appointing judges and made judges more accountable to the public through an organised and structured judicial education programme and the adoption of a written code of ethics.

Over its fifty years in existence, the ECSC has come a very long way. Two of its judges have been appointed as members of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and, in the short life span of the Caribbean Court of Justice on which only 10 judges have ever sat, two of those 10 justices, including the current President, have been judges of the ECSC. We wish nothing but continued success to the ECSC as it continues on its journey to another rich 50 years. **[CAJO]**

CAJO News Highlights

KOURI' A HAITI

In 2016, Hurricane Matthew attacked us in the Caribbean Basin. Whilst most of our islands felt its effects, none were so devastatingly affected as our brothers and sisters in Haiti. In the aftermath of the storm, Justice of Appeal Charmaine Pemberton, our Vice Chairman floated the idea with the Executive Committee to hold an event to raise funds to contribute to recovery activities in Haiti. This event was to take the form of a 5K walk/run. Justice Sonya Young of the Belize Judiciary responded to the call. On 19th October, 2016, the first planning meeting of the Kourí a Haiti event was convened. In attendance were representatives from our main commercial sponsor, the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation (TTUTC) along with other representatives from the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), the Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago, the Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago (LATT), the Trinidad and Tobago Road Runners Club and Is There Not a Cause (ITNAC). The event was carded for 3rd December, 2016 at 4pm, at the Queens Park Savannah, Trinidad.

The Committee worked assiduously in planning and promoting this event. All too soon, 3rd December, 2016 dawned beautifully in Trinidad. The venue was inspected, tables, chairs and cones were delivered by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), on short notice, the DJ was set up, and the stage was set for a fun event. The sky was blue, the weather great, and the Savannah treated us to cool breezes. About 12:30pm showers from heaven joined in the celebration – unannounced, and uninvited. That did not deter the participants who showed up in modest numbers.

We saw the Honourable Chief Justice of Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Justice Ivor Archie, CAJO's own Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders, the Executive Director of the TTUTC, Mr. Ian Chinapoo, several Judicial Officers at all levels of the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago, and Senior and Junior legal practitioners all donning their walking, running and strolling gear, to play their parts in this historic event. We were joined by family members, friends and well-wishers and some serious 5k'ers. It was such a pleasurable sight – all of these persons braving the showers to come out in support of this venture!

In Belize, the walk/run started at sunrise and was well attended by both senior and younger attorneys. Justice Young paid tribute to the Belize City council and police who provided tremendous support in clearing the way for a smooth event. The participants there all thought the event was a resounding success.



Above: Chief Justice Archie crosses the finish-line at the T&T event



Left:

CAJO Chairman, Mr. Justice Saunders with hands raised in relief as he completes the course.

Below:

LATT President Reginald Armour enjoying the warm-up exercise before the 5K



KOURI' A HAITI...continued

In Trinidad, when a sizeable number had completed the cause, the crowd was treated to entertainment by Soca and Chutney stars, Iwer George and Ravi B. Inspector Subash Ramkhelawan of the TTPS, proved to be a most worthy Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Medals of completion were awarded to each participant, as well as special prizes such as the 1st child to cross the finish line, and the 1st senior citizen to do so, who incidentally was 81 years of age. Madame Justice Avason Quinlan-Williams organized a game of chance, which suitably rewarded lucky patrons.

CAJO expressed special thanks to - our main sponsor in Trinidad, TTUTC through its dynamic Executive Director Mr. Ian Chinapoo, former Vice-President of Marketing Ms. Gayle Daniel, Marketing Manager Ms. Margaret White, TV6, CNMG and CNC3 for TV coverage. Our corporate sponsors; Angostura Holdings Limited, Blue Waters, HADCO, VEMCO, Kenny's Sports, Body Glo, Nigel Khan Booksellers, Face and Body Clinic, ZM Image Consultants, Sanctuary Day Spa, TT Red Cross, TT Road Runners Club, TTPS (who protected and served us well), FLOW (Columbus Communications), Ms. Donna Prowell and Ms. Danielle Francios who did some excellent graphic work. An additional thanks to Minister Fitzgerald Hinds and SWMCOL.

For the organisers in Trinidad and in Belize alike, the success of the events was measured not only by the profit that was made but also by the camaraderie and positive spirit that was engendered among judges, magistrates, lawyers and the general public during the walk/run. All who attended said they had a great time. In both countries, it was said that there should be a similar annual event with a more generalised name so that all proceeds collected would then be donated to charitable causes.

On the 4th May, 2017, CAJO Chairman, Mr Justice Saunders and Mr. Ian Chinapoo presented the Executive Director of ITNAC, our partner in love Mrs. Avonelle Hector-Joseph, with a cheque for just over US\$19,000.00. Mrs. Hector-Joseph was moved to tears. She expressed her gratitude for the support and partnership that brought visibility to a cause to bring a measure of relief, one life at a time. She earnestly stated,

“People usually think that helping Haiti is a massive task but every effort, while it does not solve the problem en masse makes a difference”.

It is anticipated that these proceeds will be used to fund projects in Haiti which will make a lasting impact on our brothers and sisters.

View our several links to [pictures](#) and video recordings of this event. We invite you to look at them and consider another venture for CAJO to make a difference to our wider Caribbean Communities.[CAJO]



Above:

ITNAC Founder, Mrs Avonelle Hector-Joseph and others share a photo moment with T&T soca artiste Iwer George.



Right:

CAJO Vice Chair, Mme Justice Pemberton, races to the finish line.

Below:

TTUTC Executive Director, Mr. Ian Chinapoo, at the check handover event



CAJO News Presents

Justice Sonya Young's account of her interview with Mrs. Adela Straughan

- the oldest walker at the CAJO-organized
Walk-for-Haiti in Belize



Mrs Straughan has Garifuna roots and the Garifuna rightly regard St Vincent and the Grenadines, Justice Young's native land, as their ancestral land, their true homeland. Justice Young's account is carried below:

She apologized because she could not come to me to be interviewed. She had broken her foot and for the most part was immobile. When I offered to come to her instead, she seemed pleased. We said our goodbyes, but before hanging up, I could hear her excitedly explaining to someone that she was going to be interviewed by the Judge. Her excitement was contagious.

I arrived at the home of this 79 year old firecracker. The yard was spotless. Leaning on her walker, she opened the door in welcome and attempted, for my protection presumably, to chase her very ancient, very deaf or very contrary hound. He ignored her and she dismissed him with the ease of well worn friendship. Gesturing now in my direction, "Come my darling, how are you?" She seemed to have forgotten her own injury as she offered me a seat in her immaculate front room. There was a warmth and familiarity about her that I didn't then comprehend.

"So 79!" I engaged, "that's an accomplishment!" She smiled, sat down and began to speak; "It hasn't been easy with the therapy and all that. But when I pray I get what I want. I told him I was tired then I broke my foot two hours later and I got some rest." How she laughed, enjoying the irony of it all but fully appreciating that He would always work in her best interest. "My God is good, my God is awesome," she continued. "I did not fall and hit my head. I could be in a coma or dead." With this opening, Mrs. Adela Straughan had revealed herself in complete splendor – a woman of unwavering faith and conviction.

I was, nonetheless, unprepared for what she confided next. "They call me to pray and I go. I put God first in everything and I get stronger the more people who are healed. I can 'noint' you, tell you what's wrong, when sometimes the doctors can't even find it. I go to the hospital to pray for persons, lay hands. Over and over, whatever I pray for, I get. People get better when everybody say they would die." She looked at me keenly, as if willing me to understand and accept. I could not believe that, but for a single moment in time, I may have missed the exceptional opportunity to experience her.

Justice Sonya Young's account of her interview with Mrs. Adela Straughan - continued...

The **Garifuna** (gə-RIF-uu-nə; pl. *Garinagu* in **Garifuna**) are mixed-race descendants of West African, Central African, Island Carib, European, and Arawak people. The British colonial administration used the term *Black Carib* and Garifuna to distinguish them from *Yellow and Red Carib*, the original Amerindian population before the Africans intermixed and those deemed to still look Native by the British.

This remarkable, part Garifuna woman, mother of five, grand mother of more than thirty, great grandmother of over 20 and great great grandmother of 1, had walked among our crowd last November, in CAJO's 5k effort to raise funds for Haiti. She was distinguished as our oldest walker and had learnt of the venture through the Salvation Army which she has supported for more than fifteen years. She explained how the Salvation Army had helped her (a single woman raising five children), and many other women, to "help themselves." They had been encouraged to follow Christ and allowed to participate in a savings program, the funds of which became available to them just before Christmas, (when it was most needed).

It was imperative for her to give back. Right up until her accident, she had preached in dangerous areas in Belize City, visited the blind and shut-ins and manned the Salvation Army's Christmas kettle outside the main branch of Scotia Bank. In fact, it was through the Salvation Army that I revived contact with her. Without even being asked, they hastened to impress how special and dedicated she was. They spoke about how effortlessly she got along with and helped others. I had to ask her what her secret was.

"I don't quarrel with anyone; that's how I stay." She then related how her husband had left her for some 21 years and on his return they reunited for 37 years until his death. 'What?' I asked incredulously and a look of utter serenity came over her face. "He was my husband, he asked me to come back and I allowed him." The simplicity of her explanation was astounding. I felt a similar level of astonishment when she explained that she attends three churches - The Seventh Day Adventist, The Salvation Army and The Roman Catholic. "It's the same God, child. Wherever we go, it's the same God we serve." Her clarity and candor encouraged me to query why she believed she had lived this long.

"My goodness, that's what cause me to still be alive. It is always about the life you live." She had lived in her home since 1976, always surrounded by family (I met her eldest daughter and a grandson during our brief visit). She ate boiled green bananas ("for iron, the ripe ones give you potassium") and drank coffee. "The coffee not too healthy but when I drink my coffee I can work non-stop. I clean my house and my yard. I cook for my grandchildren. I keep moving, that's what keeps me going. That's why I decided to walk for the cause, for Haiti. It was the first one I ever decided to do. I paid my money, I walked all the way and once I finish it, I went straight to church." She was beaming now, pleased with both her accomplishment and her priorities.

Finally, we spoke about the young and the Belizean society and for the first time she stopped smiling. She insisted that manners and respect was all that was ever needed. "God would protect you, you don't have to have a good education, you just have to treat people with respect and pray everyday, pray anywhere, He will hear you". She regretted the lack of discipline in the schools and blamed this omission for the ever increasing crime rate. The interview ended with her quiet admonition, "just put away the guns and the knives." There was a profound sadness in her voice.

Before I left she held my hand and prayed. I felt practically invincible as I took my exit. Then in my own moment of clarity I realised what the original feeling of warmth and familiarity was. She was right, you didn't have to tell anyone you were a Christian "they would feel it and know." [CAJO]



Curacao Judiciary continues its preparations for CAJO 2017 under new President of Curacao's Court of Justice



CAJO's Curacao Local Organising Committee at Work
From right to left: Coryse Barendregt - Court Admin - Joint Court; Judge E. Jan van der Poel, Former President and CAJO Member; President Eunice Saleh, Judge Adrian Saunders, CAJO Chairman; Judge Jacob Wit, CCJ; Jefka Alberto, Consultant; Nydia Adam, Curacao Court's Communication & Information Adviser

On Friday 27th January, 2017, CAJO Chair, Justice Adrian Saunders, was part of a delegation led by Sir Dennis Byron and including CCJ's Justice Jacob Wit, that attended the installation of the new President of the Joint Court of Justice of Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten and Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. The very impressive ceremony to mark the accession to the Presidency of Her Honour Justice Eunice Saleh took place at Curacao's Santa Barbara Beach & Golf Resort whose Ballroom was converted into a Court for the solemn occasion.

In her installation address, President Saleh specifically drew attention to her Court's desire to strengthen relations with other Caribbean judiciaries. In this regard Her Honor reminded her large audience that CAJO's 5th Biennial conference will take place in Curacao in September and, speaking directly to the visiting delegation, she declared that it would be "a great honour for me to be your host at such an important event in the first year of my Presidency. A steering committee and work groups consisting of employees of all offices of the Court are working on preparations for this event."

On Saturday 28th January the Steering Committee led by President Saleh and including outgoing President Evert Jan van der Poel – a CAJO Executive member of long standing - met for over two hours with Justices Saunders and Wit. The group inspected the conference site with a representative of the Renaissance Curacao Resort (where the biennial will be held from 28th – 30th September) and were fully satisfied with it. The group also discussed a range of issues pertaining to the conference after which Justice Saunders was constrained to remark that he has never seen a judiciary more prepared and enthused about hosting a CAJO biennial than the judiciary of Curacao. All judicial officers in the Caribbean are invited to come to Curacao for the conference which will be addressed by Professors Hillary Beckles and Ernst Hirsch Ballin. The CAJO website will soon be up giving further details of the conference programme. **[CAJO]**

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The BVI International Arbitration Centre and the CAJO



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The BVI IAC strongly believes that collaborations with CAJO can be mutually beneficial and welcomes any manner of collaboration between the two to promote and enhance knowledge of arbitration in the Caribbean region. This may come in the form of event sponsoring, conference hosting, seminars and other activities that we have the capability to host.

To read more about the BVI IAC please see link here <http://thecajo.org/cajo/?p=6652>

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Agenda | Thursday, 28th September 2017

8:30 - 9:40 am	OPENING CEREMONY
9:10 – 9:40	ENTERTAINMENT
9:40 am – 9:45 am	INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
9:45 am – 10:40 am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Prof. Sir Hilary Beckles
10:40 am – 11:00 am	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 am – 11:15 am	PRESENTATION BY THE JURIST PROJECT
11:15 am – 12:30 pm	PLENARY SESSION: “INNOVATIVE, INDEPENDENT, RESPONSIVE – THE MODERN COURT” Reflections on the work of Supreme Courts.
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	LUNCH
1:30 pm – 2:50 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1. GENDER SENSITIVE ADJUDICATION 2. RESPONSIVE APPROACHES TO SEXUAL OFFENCES 3. RESPONSIVE APPROACHES TO SEXUAL OFFENCES
2:50 pm – 3:10 pm	COFFEE BREAK
3:10 pm – 4:30 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1. MAXIMISING THE USE OF STATISTICS AND PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT TOOLS 2. APPROPRIATE STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR IN A WORLD OF SOCIAL MEDIA 3. JUDICIAL MINDFULNESS
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1. MAGISTRATES’ FORUM 2. REGISTRARS AND COURT ADMINISTRATORS FORUM 3. RETIRED JUDICIAL OFFICERS’ FORUM
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	COCKTAIL RECEPTION

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Agenda | Friday, 29th September 2017

8:30 am – 8:35 am	INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER	
8:35 am – 10:00 am	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION	Prof Ernst Hirsch Ballin
10:00 am – 10:05 am	STRETCH BREAK	
10:05 am – 11:10 am	PLENARY PRESENTATION:	
	CYBERCRIME	
11:10 am – 11:30 am	COFFEE BREAK	
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
	1. ONLINE ADJUDICATION	
	2. TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE COURT OFFICE	
	3. JURIES ON TRIAL	
12:45 pm – 1:00 pm	GROUP PHOTO SHOOT OF CAJO ATTENDEES	
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	LUNCH	
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	CAJO BUSINESS MEETING	
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm	CAWJ FORUM	
6:30 pm – 11:00 pm	NETWORKING PARTY	

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Agenda | Saturday 30th September 2017

8:45 am – 9:00 am	CARILAW PRESENTATION
9:00 am – 10:30 am	PLENARY SESSION:
	UNITED NATIONS DRUGS AND CRIME SESSION ON ETHICS
10:30 am – 10:50 am	COFFEE BREAK
10:50 am – 11:10 am	PRESENTATION:
	JUSTICE STUDIES CENTER OF THE AMERICAS (JSCA)
11:10 am – 12:30 pm	LIFE AND WORK BALANCE
12:30pm – 1.15 pm	CLOSING CEREMONY

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REGULAR REGISTRATION	
Attendees	US\$500
Presenters	US\$425
Groups (5 persons or more)	US\$450 per person
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