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The Coming of Age

Justice Adrian Saunders, an alumnus of the UWI Cave Hill Faculty of Law, assumes the Presidency of the Caribbean Court of Justice.

UWI at 70!

Region Builders

Distinguished Alumni of the Law Faculty recognised by the University for outstanding contributions to the development of the Caribbean

Student Success

UWI Cave Hill Class of 2018 Valedictorian Kai Bridgewater looks to the future.

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Dean's Welcome

We recognize that you, our alumni, are a great untapped resource.

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I can reach out to you, our distinguished alumni, with the first edition of the Cave Hill Law Alumni eNewsletter. The Cave Hill Faculty of Law is undergoing exciting changes and it is time to update you and seek your greater involvement in all of our activities.

We recognize that you, our alumni, are a great untapped resource. As alumni, coming out of a shared Cave Hill Law educational background, you have leveraged your education to develop exciting careers across the region and globe. The experiences you have gained and the areas of expertise you have acquired, whether in law, business or politics, are a potentially life changing resource for our present students. Your views can help shape our curriculum. Your experience can help us find opportunities for growth for the Faculty. As alumni, you can help us raise funds to support students, or to enhance student experiences in the Faculty of Law.

To help you see where you can become more involved, I will use this space to introduce you to some aspects of the current Cave Hill Law experience. I will highlight some of our achievements, strategic plans and goals, within the

framework of the University's Strategic Plan, 2017-22.

Access

Under its Strategic Plan the UWI is seeking, amongst other things, to be a University for all, to be one of first choice, and to improve the quality of our teaching and learning. Cave Hill Law has sought to achieve all three goals by working to improve the teaching and learning experience.

Not all of our changes will be

technology, such as the switch from chalkboards to whiteboards, the use of projectors, microphones and – in one room – video conferencing equipment. We hope to accelerate these changes in the near future, with the goal of converting all teaching spaces into smart classrooms. These smart classrooms will have access to cutting edge technology for teaching and learning, both in the physical teaching space and online. The hardware changes we have made,



Dean Berry addresses the new cohort of UWI Cave Hill Law students.

apparent to the casual observer. I would hope that most of our alumni have been back to visit Cave Hill since graduation, some recently. If so, you would have easily recognized the building and grounds. If you glanced into our classrooms you might have noticed some changes in

however, only foreshadow another deeper, more fundamental transition which has taken place in the Faculty of Law in the last seven years – the move to utilize online technology to enhance the teaching and learning experience.

Rest assured that we have not gone completely online. We are still very much a Faculty that relies upon face-to-face and intensive interaction to stimulate legal learning. Cave Hill Law students still spend a considerable amount of their time reading books, law reports and statute collections in the Law Library. They even have new, sound proof study rooms in the Law Library basement complete with flat screen monitors for presentations and moot practices. Nevertheless, today's Cave Hill Law students share different learning experiences than those in the past. They use computers, tablets and cell phones to access their course materials online, including worksheets and readings, class PowerPoints, and even pre-recorded lectures. They can use their cell phones in class to interact live with online polls or quizzes. They can submit their assignments electronically. They read journal articles sourced from online databases. They 'check out' eBooks. They have access to all of their course materials on a course website, which they can access 24/7 from any device with an internet connection.

However, this move to use of online technology is only part of larger changes in our teaching pedagogy. Cave Hill Law lecturers now use a wide range of assessments, on multiple occasions, in their teaching. We have moved away from the 100% examination model. We still use examinations. However, in addition to exams we now also rely upon midterm tests, in-class quizzes, oral presentations, moots, formal essays, and a range of other more specialized assessments (for example, in our mooting or clinic-style courses). These changes have been embraced by our students, who now are exposed to a much

broader range of skill sets that will be useful in their professional life.

We also have expanded and modernized the optional courses offered in our Level III curriculum. In addition to the standard compulsory Level I and II courses, we now teach advanced courses in the areas of employment law, corporate law, ADR and international commercial arbitration, gender and the law, European Union law, energy and gas law, environmental law, Caribbean integration law, competition law, securities regulation, international law, and legislative drafting. Three of our most recent courses aptly demonstrate the cutting-edge curriculum of the Faculty: Commonwealth Caribbean Sports Law, International Trade Law Clinic, and International Law of Indigenous Peoples. The first provides an introduction to the legal issues that will arise in relation to sporting activities, and is highly relevant for the modern Caribbean sporting industry. The second allows supervised students to provide research and advice to Caribbean states and regional organization, pro bono, on real life trade issues. The third course is in our modern summer format and will be jointly taught in a comparative manner by two lecturers, one from Cave Hill Law and the other from Washburn University School of Law (USA). It will be taught and assessed in an accelerated manner over three weeks in the summer. These courses, and our curriculum in general, are in sync with the needs of Caribbean societies and offer students special areas of expertise.

Alignment

The University's Strategic Plan seeks to align UWI with the public

and private sectors, to promote greater activism and public advocacy, and to promote a One UWI brand.

Cave Hill Law is seeking to achieve these goals with a number of programmes and activities. We are increasing our engagement with the public and private sectors with courses like the International Trade Law Clinic, and through the creation of a number of internship possibilities for our students in bodies such as the Barbados Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the CARICOM CSME Unit, the Barbados Supreme Court, and with other entities. In addition, two members of the Faculty's staff play very active roles in the UWI Rights Advocacy Project (URAP), which promotes human rights through advocacy and litigation. We promote the One UWI brand through developing programmes and opportunities for all three Campuses. Recently, for example, Cave Hill Law took the lead in creating the University of the West Indies and Leuphana University of Lüneburg (Germany) Double LLM Degree Programme. This programme allows a Caribbean student to obtain two LLM degrees, one from UWI and one from the University of Leuphana, in a single calendar year. Prospective students would complete the UWI LLM degree in two semesters, and then spend a third semester and the remainder of the summer in Germany in order to obtain the German LLM. German students will obtain two LLM degrees by spending the second half of their studies at one of the three UWI Faculties of Law. This programme is exciting for its potential to further internationalise the student population of Cave Hill and sister campuses, and to create new opportunities for Caribbean students overseas.

Agility

The UWI Strategic Plan also seeks to restore financial health to the University.

The Faculty of Law has responded to this challenge in a number of ways, perhaps the two most important being our self-funded programming (both graduate and undergraduate) and our continuing legal education. Four of the Faculty's five LLM degree programmes (general, corporate and commercial, public law, intellectual property law) are revenue generating, and we hope to convert the LLM in Legislative Drafting to a fee-based programme as well. We also allow students to take law as a Part Time degree, which is fee based, and are seeking to roll out additional fee-based products in for the LLB programme. In terms of continuing legal education, the Faculty has revived and successfully run the Caribbean Commercial Law Workshop since 2013, and introduced exciting new features, such as the In-House Counsel and the Business Leaders Roundtables. This year's workshop, our 18th, will be held in Havana, Cuba,

from July 21-23, 2019. This location is a first for the Faculty of Law, and perhaps for UWI as a whole.

Further details of the Workshop can be found at: <https://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/Law/cclw/home.aspx>

We also have been running short courses in specialized areas, targeting specific needs of the legal and business communities. Our public procurement law courses, which we have offered in Barbados and Trinidad, have been very successful and have attracted a wide range of both legal and business professionals operating in the field. We also plan to roll out short courses for specific topics needed in the business sector, such as in the areas of corporate governance and corporate finance. I hope that this will give you a flavour of some of the exciting activities being undertaken by the Faculty of Law. We would welcome the support of our alumni with these and other activities. Please feel free to contact us through the Faculty's email address (lawdean@cavehill.uwi.edu) if you wish to be further involved.

Dr. David S Berry

A New Partnership

The Dean's Council was established in November 2018 to serve as an advisory body for the Cave Hill Faculty of Law. Comprised of equal parts academics, legal practitioners and businesspersons, it brings together critical perspectives from these three categories of stakeholders to assist with the ongoing operations and strategic planning of the Faculty.

The idea for a Dean's Council was first recommended in the Faculty's Review of August 2015, chaired by Professor Bill Flanagan, the Dean of Queen's Faculty of Law (Canada). The review contained as an appendix the terms of reference of the Dean's Council of Queen's Law, as a potential model for use. This model was discussed by the Cave Hill Faculty of Law, and the idea of a Dean's Council was endorsed by Faculty Board and communicated to the Campus in our response to the recommendations of the Faculty Review.

In 2017 the initial Chair of the Dean's Council, Mr Ian De Souza, then serving as Executive Director and CEO of the Sagcor Cave Hill School of Business and Management, worked with the Vice Chair, Mr Jeff Cumberbatch, Senior Lecturer and Deputy Dean (Postgraduate and Research) in the Faculty of Law, and Dean David Berry to adjust and adapt the Queen's terms of reference for the UWI and our Caribbean environment. After Mr De Souza's departure from Cave Hill, Mr Oliver Jordan, who had recently retired as Partner and Head of Advisory Services for PwC East

Caribbean, assumed the role of Chair of the Dean's Council. Under Mr Jordan's stewardship the terms of reference were finalized and prestigious members were recruited from all three stakeholder sectors.

The Dean's Council held its inaugural meeting on November 5, 2018. Meeting in person, members explored the current and future roles of the Faculty of Law and set some immediate priorities, including fundraising for students and Faculty projects, raising the profile of the Faculty, engaging in continuing legal education, and deepening alumni relations. With respect to the latter, the importance of establishing an alumni database and communicating with alumni through an electronic publication was stressed by several members.

A second meeting of the Dean's Council was held on January 29, 2019, during which the Law Beautification Project was discussed and endorsed. This project is detailed on page 7 and supports one of the fundraising goals adopted by the Dean's Council, namely, to create a more student-friendly environment in the Faculty. We will be updating alumni on the work of the Dean's Council in future Cave Hill Alumni Newsletters. If you would wish to assist in the work of the Council, including fundraising, please contact us through the Faculty's email address: lawdean@cavehill.uwi.edu. We would be delighted to receive your further support.

Role of the Dean's Council

- Act as a sounding board for the Dean as it relates to connectivity between the Law School and the Business Community
- Offer the Dean and the Faculty of Law an outside perspective on issues affecting legal education that may have curricular or research implications or opportunities.
- Provide assistance and advice as requested on the Faculty's strategic direction and any operational issues where the Dean feels he or she could benefit from an outside perspective.
- Be ambassadors for the Faculty of Law with our alumni, law firms and corporations, and other external associations and organizations.
- Provide strategic advice to the Faculty of Law on alumni fund raising activities

Introducing the Dean's Council



Dean Dr. David Berry

Dr David S Berry is the Dean, Cave Hill Faculty of Law, and University Dean of Law. His areas of research and teaching are public international law and Caribbean integration law. He has written books, chapters and journal articles in the same fields, including *Caribbean Integration Law* (OUP, 2014). Dr Berry practices in various areas of international law, primarily serving Governments and regional and international organisations. He has served in cases before a number of international tribunals, including the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, ICSID and the Caribbean Court of Justice.



Chairman of the Dean's Council

Oliver Jordan, *Chief Operating Officer of the Insurance Corporation of Barbados*.

Oliver Jordan is Chief Operating Officer for Insurance Corporation of Barbados Limited subsequent to his retirement as Partner and Head of Advisory Services for one of the local professional services firms. In addition to being Chair of the UWI Law School Dean's Council he is the Chairman of the Barbados Chapter of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA). He also Chairs a number of public sector and charitable organizations in Barbados.



Vice-Chairman: Mr Jeff Cumberbatch, Deputy Dean Faculty of Law (Postgraduate and Research).

Jeff Cumberbatch teaches Contracts, Torts and Employment Law in the Faculty of Law at UWI, Cave Hill and serves as an Adjunct Lecturer in Sports Law in the Faculty of Social Sciences. He is a co-author of the text *West Indian Law of Contract*, and has published extensively, mainly in Contracts and Employment Law, in some of the leading regional and international law journals. From 2009-2012 he served as a member of the Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission. In addition, he has served, since 2008, as Chairman of the Anti-Money Laundering Authority.



Sir Marston Gibson, Chief Justice of Barbados

Sir Marston has been Chief Justice and President of the Court of Appeal of Barbados since 1 September 2011. A former Lecturer in Law at the UWI, he served for 22 years with the New York State Court system. CJ Gibson is Chief Scout and President of the Barbados Boys Scouts Association, as well as the Patron of the Barbados National Organisation of the Disabled (BARNOD).

Introducing the Dean's Council



Prof Winston Moore

*Director of Graduate Studies and
Director of Cave Hill Office of Research
and Innovation.*

Professor Moore is a very active public commentator on issues related to national development and is a former President of the Barbados Economics Society. His recent research has examined the issues surrounding the green economy, private sector development as well as the economic impact of climate change on tourism. Professor Moore has published more than 90 peer-reviewed papers, books and book chapters



Mr Mark St Hill

*Managing Director, Retail and Business
Banking, CIBC FirstCaribbean
International Bank (FCIB)*

Mark St. Hill is Managing Director, Retail & Business Banking with responsibility for the development and growth of CIBC FirstCaribbean's Retail & Business Banking operations. He also serves as a Director of FCIB Limited and as Chair of the Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad operating companies.



Sir Trevor Carmichael, *Managing Partner,
Chancery Chambers.*

Sir Trevor is one of the Founders of the Faculty of Law Caribbean Commercial Law Workshop and his firm has supported the workshop on a yearly basis from inception. He has been the Visiting Professor of Caribbean Foreign Investment Law to the Florida State University Summer Programme at the University of the West Indies and has served continuously as an External Examiner in one of the Law Faculty core courses.



Sir Henry Forde, QC *Managing Partner, Juris
Chambers*

Sir Henry De B. Forde, QC. Sir Henry is the head and founder of Juris Chambers and acts as a consultant to Clarke, Gittens and Farmer. A graduate of Cambridge University and admitted to the English and Barbados Bars in 1959, he practises throughout the Eastern Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago, British Virgin Islands, Jamaica and the Bahamas. He is a former Member of Parliament, Leader of the Opposition, Minister of External Affairs, Attorney General, member of the Privy Council and Chairman of the National Insurance Scheme.



Julia S Hope, *CEO & Founder of Innovate LSO
and President of the Barbados International
Business Association*

Julia Hope is a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England & Wales (now non-practising) who practised corporate and commercial law in London and Bermuda. In 2008 Julia relocated to Barbados, was employed as legal counsel in the international business sector and in 2013 founded Innovate LSO Solutions to provide legal and outsourcing solutions from Barbados.



Mr G Anthony King-
*Non-Executive Director, Massy Group of
Companies*

Mr King is the retired Group CEO of the Barbados Shipping & Trading Group (BS&T) and is currently a Non-Executive Director of Massy Holdings Ltd in Trinidad & Tobago. Mr. King served as President of the Barbados Chamber of Commerce & Industry as a Director of the Barbados Private Sector Association.

Beautification Project

Our Faculty, Your Legacy.

I sat for a quick interview with Ashleigh Dussard, the incoming President of the Law Society who has big plans for the enhancement of the Faculty's physical Plant.

Asked to summarise the project, Ashleigh quickly rattles off a few known facts:

"The Faculty of Law was established at the University of the West Indies in 1970. Since its conception (the Faculty of Law), few major renovations have been made to the faculty evidenced by its dilapidated state."

The aim of beautification project is to remedy the current appearance of the Faculty of Law by tapping into the resources of alumni and corporations. Through this project, past and present students, as well as any other generous body will be able to donate to the upliftment of the Faculty through a Buy-a-Brick campaign. This allows the Faculty to build a special relationship with donors, enables law students to be more comfortable and hopefully excel even further.



Improve the current infrastructure of the Faculty



Facilitate relations between the students of the Faculty and Alumni



To create a culture of giving back



Foster brotherhood and comradery in a productive space



Increase Blackbird pride

What are some of the highlights of the beautification project?

1. Deck

2. Upliftment of the Pit

3. Donor Wall

4. Study Canopy

5. New Furniture

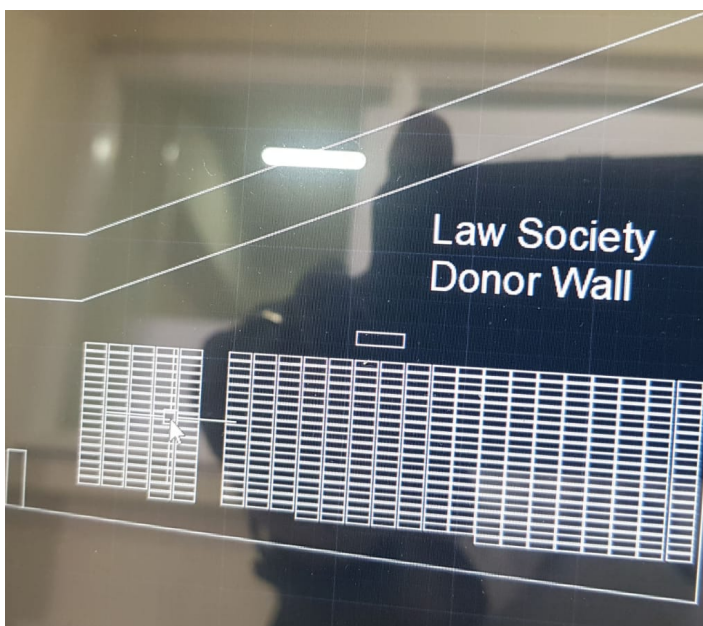
6. Grants / Bursary

How can alumni be of the most assistance to this project?

Financial Donations to the Faculty will be essential to making this project happen. The Donor Wall provides recognition for alumni who wish to make a contribution and to etch their legacy on the Faculty. The Buy a Brick or Donor Wall campaign is the heart of this. The program also seeks to promote greater mentorship and connections between the Faculty and our distinguished alumni.

Additionally, we have launched our mural contest which is open to students, staff and alumni to beautify the Pit which is in need of a spruce up. Any members of the alumni or friends of UWI who wish to be involved can contact the UWI Cave Hill Law Society.

Vision Board of the Beautification Plan



**OUR
FACULTY
YOUR
LEGACY!**

Saunders at the Helm

Saunders' Ascension - a Historic Feat

For the first time, the leader of an apex court in the Caribbean is a Caribbean man, born and shaped in the crucible of an experiment in the production of ourselves; a 'radically ours' creation. Justice Saunders is the first President of any final appellate court in the region who received his full legal training in the Caribbean. A graduate of the UWI, his ascension represents the coming together of two towers of Caribbean-ness; the first, the production of a West Indian legal education architecture capable of producing legal minds of the highest calibre, and the second, a distinctively and well-crafted Caribbean Court. Saunders represents in the words of Sir Dennis Byron, 'a powerful symbol of what can be achieved right here in the Caribbean.'

Congratulations to Justice Saunders! A toast to the simple but profound belief that we can be craftsmen of our own destiny!



nine facts

1 UWI Educated

Justice Saunders is the first President of the Caribbean Court of Justice who received his full legal training in the Caribbean. Saunders, a Vincentian national, graduated from the UWI Cave Hill in 1975 and the Hugh Wooding Law School in 1977.

2 Experienced

Justice Saunders has over 40 years of legal experience! With 19 years of private practice, 9 years of judicial experience in the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court and 13 years of CCJ experience. He is the longest serving judge of the CCJ.

3 Immaculate Forehand

For those who were regular features at the table tennis board at Law School, you're in good company. Justice Saunders is described as having a superlative forehand smash and has represented St Vincent as a national player.

4 Family-man

Justice Saunders is married to Marilyn Angela née Joslyn and has two sons, Yuri and Yanek. Justice Saunders and his wife were once chosen to represent the Catholic Church before the Holy See at the Vatican.

5 Honorary Graduand

Justice Saunders was bestowed an Honorary Doctor of Laws by the University of the West Indies at Cave Hill in 2018 for his stellar judicial Career and contribution to Caribbean development.

6 Law was not the plan

At the end of secondary school, Justice Saunders had no idea what he wanted to do. Quite by happenstance his teacher suggested law and he decided why not. He is the first lawyer in his family and his grandfather often remarked, there are no lawyers in heaven.

7 Writer

Recent students of Caribbean Commonwealth Human Rights are especially familiar with Justice Saunders writing as co-author of *Fundamentals of Caribbean Constitutional Law*, authored with UWI staff Ms. Tracy Robinson and Dr. Arif Bulkan.

8 Journeys with Byron

Justice Saunders described Sir Dennis as a long-time mentor and the two have shared remarkable legal journeys. They have reunited on the Bench several times, both serving on the ECSC, both serving as CJ, both serving on the CCJ and now both Presidents of the premier judicial institution.

9 Global Service

Justice Saunders has served as the Chairmen of the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers since 2009. He was appointed to the Advisory Board of the Global Judicial Integrity Network by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration.

Excerpts from Dean's Address

On the occasion of the assumption of the Hon Justice Saunders as President of the Caribbean Court of Justice, Dr. David S. Berry, Dean of the Faculty of Law gave Remarks at a Special Sitting, excerpts of which are provided below.

I am especially honoured because this occasion marks the first time an alumnus of the Faculty of Law of the Cave Hill Campus of the University of the West Indies is serving as President of the highest court of our region.

Having an alumnus as the President of the CCJ is a signal moment in Caribbean legal history. The Caribbean Court of Justice itself marks a repatriation of sovereign authority over our legal systems. A UWI alumnus – a product of our indigenous system of Caribbean legal education – symbolizes a coming of age in West Indian legal education.

Of course, since I had in my possession the full list of alumni from Justice Saunders' graduating class, I couldn't help but reach out to a few of them for impressions of Justice

Saunders as a UWI student. What was remarkable about the stories I heard was how true they ring today. The young man who strolled the Cave Hill Campus and wrestled with questions of law sounds very much like the learned President we have before us today – measured (*'extremely measured'* I was told), caring, compassionate, warm and gregarious, fun loving, polite, passionate about the things he cared about; but *not* argumentative.

Interestingly, although Justice Saunders was two years younger than many of his class mates, he displayed a gravitas that led his colleagues to respect and value his opinion. One classmate described Justice Saunders as 'quietly convincing' – so convincing that if you listened to his arguments and then went away and thought about them, you would be forced to acknowledge that he was right, after all.

I was delighted in these conversations to hear stories about the lecturers who taught the class of 1975, including Tony Bland, Eddy Laing, Roop Chaudhary, Ralph Carnegie and Bill Gilmore, amongst others. I heard again about how the LLB class was first

taught out of a very small wooden building near the Frank Worrell Hall. The building housed the office of the Dean and was also a location for very cramped, but stimulating, tutorials. I understand that only in their final year did the class of 1975 moved to what is now the Faculty of Law.

I was told that Justice Saunders may have learned and adopted one of Professor Carnegie's hallmark analytical traits from his time at Cave Hill. Like Professor Carnegie, Justice Saunders displays the capacity to take seriously every legal issue, to break down and analyse every legal argument, no matter how minute or detailed, in order to discover profound questions of law.

I am proud that the Hon President spent time with us. I would urge him, and the Hon Justices of the Court, to remember the University of the West Indies and other regional higher education institutions and to continue to actively engage with us on academic and other matters. We promise to remain a strong, constructively critical, ally and partner!

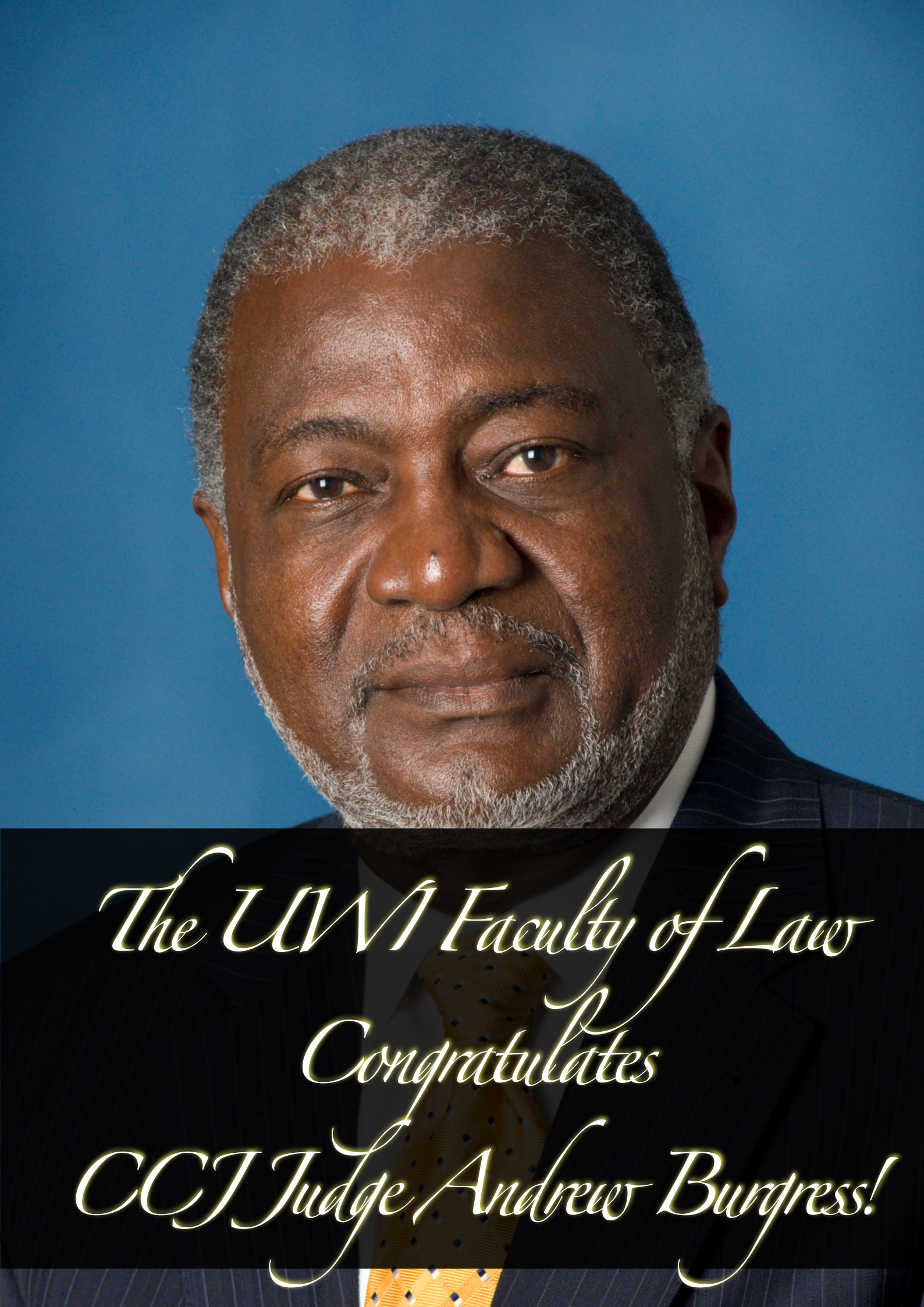


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THE HONOURABLE
JUSTICE ADRIAN SAUNDERS

PRESIDENT

— OF THE —

*Caribbean
Court ^{OF} Justice*

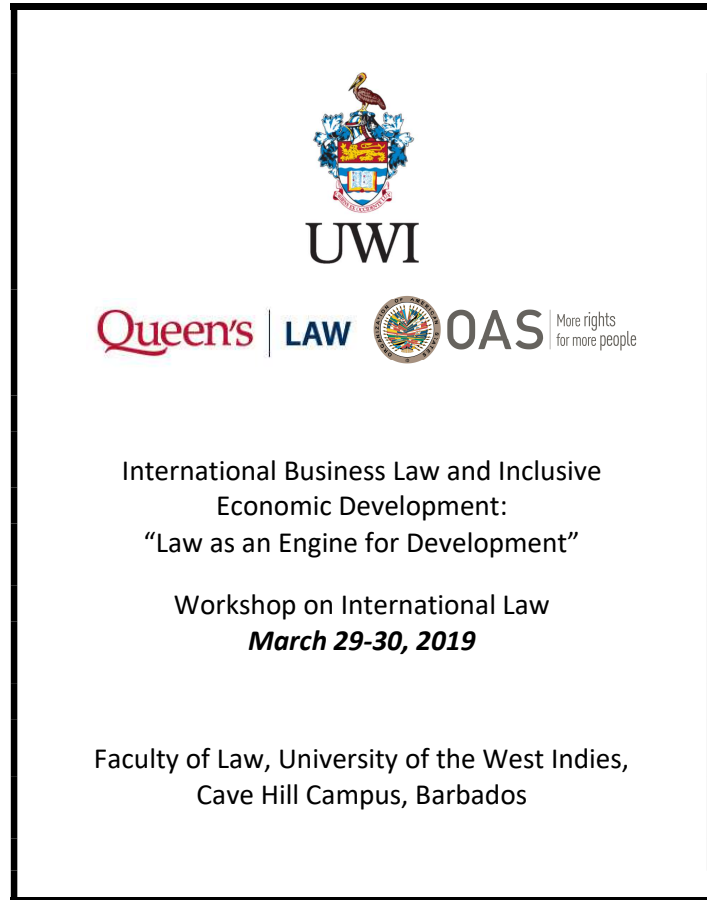


*The UWM Faculty of Law
Congratulates
CCI Judge Andrew Burgess!*



*The UWM Faculty of Law
Congratulates
CCI Judge Peter Jamadar*

faculty updates



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This Workshop on International Law was organized in partnership with the Faculty of Law of Queen's University of Kingston, Canada, and the Department of International Law of the Organization of American States (OAS).

2

The University of the West Indies and the University of Leuphana are offering a Dual LLM Degree-where students may apply to pursue a twelve-month programme. On completion students would obtain two LLM degrees, one from the UWI and the other from University of Leuphana.

3

The Eminent Speakers Lecture was held on the 12th April, 2019 with CCJ President Justice Saunders being the featured Speaker. He spoke on the topic Seeing From Near: Judging from Far: The Caribbean Court of Justice.

new staff



Dr. Ronnie Yearwood

Dr. Ronnie Yearwood is a qualified lawyer, called to the Senior Courts of England and Wales (2013) and the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court of the British Virgin Islands (2016). He was most recently admitted as a Freeman of the City of London Solicitors' Company (2018).

He has practiced in international finance and banking law, general commercial, contract and corporate law; and offshore law. He has worked in London at international law firms Ashurst and K&L Gates, as well as in-house in the Treasury Legal team of the investment bank Goldman Sachs International (London), and at Conyers Dill & Pearman in the British Virgin Islands. He also has

experience in World Trade Organisation (WTO) law, holding a doctorate in international economic law, and having worked, published and lectured in the area. He also has public policy experience having worked in the Prime Minister's Office (Barbados) (specifically with the Research Office, the Caribbean Single Market & Economy Implementation Unit, and the National Committee on Cultural Industries). His publications include his book, "The Constrained Openness of WTO Law".

Dr. Yearwood attended the University of West Indies (Cave Hill), University of California (Berkeley) and University of Newcastle. He was a Chevening Scholar, National (Barbados) Development Scholar and Overseas (United Kingdom) Research Scholar.

Dr. Janeille Zorina Matthews



Dr. Janeille Zorina Matthews is a multi-disciplinary criminal justice scholar and attorney who teaches courses in criminal law and criminology. Her doctoral dissertation, entitled *Competing Constructions: A Mixed Methods Investigation of the Popular and Media Framing of the Antigua Crime Story*, analyses Antigua's

crime statistics over a 40 year period and interrogates the unconscious assumptions that underlie the country's crime policy. Dr. Matthews's substantive area of research is Caribbean criminal law and crime policy with an emphasis on the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States specifically. Dr. Matthews is the Research Coordinator of the Faculty of Law The UWI Rights Advocacy Project (U-RAP).

Message from the Law Society

The Law Society of the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus is the Faculty of Law's official student representative body, existing for generations of bright-eyed budding scholars as a guardian of their rights and a reservoir of aid and support. Primarily a welfare organization, the Law Society considers above all else the ways in which students' lives can be meliorated both in their capacities as scholars and as human beings. In recognizing this, our duties, initiatives and mandates seek to be manifestations of response to those educational, psychological, financial and social needs. The projects embarked upon for the first months of our tenure were fashioned as initiatives with the goal of inculcating sentiments of having a family away from home to cater to the needs left awaiting.

The Law Cocktail at the beginning of the semester celebrated the inauguration of new students into our family, giving those students a chance to acquaint themselves both with their new environment and the people with whom they'd make resilient relationships. For those who could not have warm meals at the dinner table, a soup kitchen and free pizza day were provided during the times when the students would need them most. For those that were unfortunately well-acquainted with having a loved-one endure the burden of breast-cancer, on 'Welfare Wednesday' during our law week we sought to provide comfort in solidarity with the student body uniformed in pink partaking in our faculty's balloon release. The entirety of Law Week soothed the students of the stress that garners at the halfway point of the semester when mid-terms have descended by organizing fun activities like #IfLawFailsDay and our Toy Story Challenge. At the end of the semester, the primary focus was fostering a safe haven for students to feel able to manage exam stress and so, consultative sessions were organized, examination packages were given, and any last-minute concerns were addressed on their behalf.

Over the remainder of tenure, the Law Society truly worked to further the mission of our predecessors in making the journey of each and every student, whether full time, part time or cross faculty as facilitated and encouraged as can possibly be endeavoured within our ability. The newly introduced mooted club was kinetic with activity, as well as our Constitutional Law essay competition that offered excellent academic opportunities for our student body. We continue to see soaring of the Law Society Membership Programme which allows students to be partnered with a 'big brother' or a 'big sister' to whom they may look for wisdom and guidance. Law Week was an incredible success with the reintroduction of the UWI Cave Hill Law Society Pageant, our Sports Day, Legal Regal Ball and several other social events spread across the semester.

Coming full circle, as mentioned, welfare remains the focal point of our operations and as such, the new semester will bear witness to endeavours both replicated and pioneered to help our students in need. Our Welfare Fund which was once within our purview to dispense is now within the prerogative of the Guild and as such, there is need for new measures to be implemented so that it is well within our distinct capability to help those who come to us for assistance. One such example is our Law Society Book Drive which asks for donations of books that will be provided for students in need in each year group, ensuring that in each year that ascends, there will always be access to the material. In essence, the cornerstone of the Law Society is its nature as a conduit. The care is already within the students themselves and the mechanism that is the Law Society simply provides a channel through which those desires to help, to better and to evolve can be effectuated through tangible actions and initiatives. Constituted of several offices with its own committees and sub-committees, the Law Society of the UWI Cave Hill Campus stands firmly as an organization of the students, for the students and always about the students. In the words of the unprecedented Isabel Allende, "We only have what we give."

We welcome your support in the donation of Books, contribution to student welfare, internships and any other ideas that you may have to assist students at the Cave Hill Campus

President Rasheed Lee

Highlights from Law Week





18th Annual Caribbean Commercial Law Workshop: July 21-23, 2019

Faculty of Law, UWI



Habana



Melia Cohiba, Cuba

PUBLIC DEBT RESTRUCTURING AND ITS IMPACT ON THE CARIBBEAN

Following last year's successful gathering in The Bahamas, the Faculty of Law of the University of the West Indies is pleased to announce that the *18th Annual Caribbean Commercial Law Workshop* will be hosted at the Melia Cohiba, Habana, Cuba, from July 21-23, 2019.

Theme

The theme of this year's workshop focuses on the impact of public debt restructuring on the economies of Caribbean nation states. Persons are invited to submit proposals for papers that discuss, explore and reflect on the socio-legal and economic impact of sovereign debt restructuring in the Caribbean. Therefore, this year's workshop welcomes papers that may take a multidisciplinary approach to the theme. They may include papers that address investment treaty arbitration, investor confidence and debt-rescheduling, reputational and credit risks, the role of multi-lateral lending agencies, public sector reform, the impact on public-private partnerships, managing litigation exposure from restructuring and dispute settlement.

The workshop will feature the popular and dynamic roundtable sessions, including both corporate counsel and commercial law practice roundtables. We look forward to addressing these and other exciting topics in Cuba!

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Call for Papers & Save the Date

Persons are warmly invited to submit paper proposals for the Workshop. All proposals must contain the full name and contact details of the presenter, the proposed paper title and a short abstract of the paper topic (250 words maximum). Papers should be related to the Workshop Theme and must be submitted by **March 30, 2019** to Ms. Lorna Payne at the contact details below. We look forward to you joining us this year, either as a delegate or a panelist!

For further information and to submit sponsorship proposals please contact:
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A Mooting Dynasty

UWI Cave Hill Mooting Excellence

Westmin James joined the Faculty of Law in 2011 and has since then been responsible for International Mooting. When asked about the success of the program, he defers to the successes of the students:

"We've done well in a number of competitions, InterAmerican Human Rights, The CCJ Moot, and quite a few other but the successes of the mooting program for me is about much more than victories or placements. I've seen our students work under intensive pressure, grow into competent attorneys, gained from this experience in learning, and a case-study in resilience building. That is not to diminish the victories; but it is to emphasize the life-altering nature of the program, and seeing this crop of young attorneys begin to advance in the profession. Students do not just excel at mooting, they become improved students holistically.

The graduates of the program include Chevening and Commonwealth Scholars, masters graduates of the University of Cambridge, the University of Warwick, Queen Mary University London, London School of Economics, The University of the West Indies; judicial research assistants to the CCJ and the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, prosecutors, and generally strong placements in leading firms and in the public service in the region."

Summarizing his experience, he says: ' This has been tireless, and perhaps more consuming than most courses but in the end, entirely worth it!'



A Proud Tradition of Mooting Excellence

2012- 2018



2018 - Won Caribbean-China International Law

MCC (Jeriah Rock and Tassah O'kiefte) Best Memorial for the Applicant (Jeriah Rock and Tassah O'kiefte) Best Advocate for the Applicant (Tassah O'kiefte)

3rd Place (K-wani Roberts and Andiesa Weste) Best Advocate for the Respondent (K-wani Roberts)

2018 - Semifinalist WCL Inter-Am Human Rights MCC-

(Kai Bridgewater and Rebecca Rafeek), Best Oralist in English for the Victims (Kai Bridgewater), 2nd Best Oralist in English for the Victims (Rebecca Rafeek) 2nd Best Memorial in English for the Victim (Kai Bridgewater and Rebecca Rafeek)

2017 - 2nd Place Caribbean-China International Law

MCC (Mohsin Nana and Brittney Elliot-Williams) Best Memorial: (Mohsin Nana and Brittney Elliot-Williams; Best Oralist (Brittney Elliot-Williams) Spirit of the Competition Award (Aschille Clarke-Mendes and Rebekka Wooding

2017 - Best Academic Institution (Lloyd Robinson, Nehanda Samuel, and Esmond Sampson) - **CCJ IMCC**

2017 - Semifinalist WCL Inter-Am Human Rights

MCC, Best Oralist in English for the State (Matthew Walker), Best Memorial in English for the State (Matthew Walker and Andrena Athill)

2015 - 3rd Place and Semi Finalist WCL Inter-Am

Human Rights MCC (Valdere Murphy and Kael London)

2014 - Best Academic Institution (Andre Sheckleford, Suzanna Clarke, and Christopher Harper) - **CCJ IMCC**

2014 - Won the Inter-American Sustainable Moot Court

Competition (Kavita Deochan and Rushane Campbell), Best Oralist in Finals (Kavita Deochan), Best Oralist in the Competition (Kavita Deochan), Best Memorial for Petitioner (Kavita Deochan and Rushane Campbell)

2014 - Won the WCL Inter-American Human Rights

Moot Court Competition (Amanda Montague and Ori Kublalsingh), Best Oralist in English (Amanda Montague)

2013 - 3rd Place, Inter-American Sustainable

Development MCC- Best Memorial for the State and the highest memorial score in the Competition, People's Choice of Best Team (Corey Greenidge, Odwin Trenton and Shenae Cunningham) advanced to semifinals (Corey Greenidge, Odwin Trenton and Shenae Cunningham)

2013 - 3rd Place, Best Oralist in English

(Stephanie Ewbank), Best Memorial in English for the Victim (Stephanie Ewbank and Andre Bascoe) team advanced to the semi-finals (Stephanie Ewbank and Andre Bascoe) - WCL Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

2012 - Won the CCJ IMCC,

(Donia Fuller, Rashad Brathwaite and Tanya Alexis-Prime) Best Academic Institution (Donia Fuller, Rashad Brathwaite and Tanya Alexis-Prime)



Best Academic Institution 2017
Nehanda Samuel, Lloyd
Robinson and Esmond
Sampson

Taking the Dive



Adrians Hinds is no stranger to a high-paced, high intensity activity that require dexterity of thought and action. A national player for Trinidad and Tobago in water polo, the thrill and pace of the game is like none other for him. With over 10 years experience in the pool, he's had plenty of experience juggling the demands of a rigorous training schedule, the sacrifices, the balancing of school and the sport.

He fell in love with water polo one afternoon while at swim training at Bishop Anstey High School. On the other side of the pool was a water polo team practising, the first time he'd ever seen it and he was intrigued. It was this intrigue that led him to the pool and on to the junior and senior national team. With experiences at the World Junior Polo Championship, the Pan American Games, the Central American and Caribbean Games, he is accustomed to pressure at the highest stages.

Unlike the pool for water polo-the Moot Court was not a place that necessarily called out to him. Soft-spoken and reserved, he admits that mooting that he was always interested in but he was hesitant to approach. While he is more than comfortable diving into the pool, and scoring the winning goal, mooting was admittedly, madly intimidating for this third-year, 21 year old, weary of public speaking.

But when try-outs were called this year, he took the plunge. Was he ready for this high-paced, high intensity activity that require dexterity of thought and action?

It seems he was; not only is he a member of the National Water Polo Team of Trinidad and Tobago, he has been selected to represent the UWI at the WCL International Human Rights Court Moot in Washington DC in 2019. We wish Adrian and the team the best!

Cheryl Gittens: A story to tell



I first approached this UWI First Class Graduate (for the second time) under the tamarind tree facing the new Admin Building for an interview. She declined. She strolled into my office a day later, smiling, "let's do this."

The interview is free-flowing, filled with laughter, stories of resilience and second chances and a will to beat the odds.

Cheryl has a wealth of stories and twists and turns that led to her path in law. On that path were stops in Human Resource Management, life-coaching, and consulting-all built around this passion of watching people blossom. These, however, were not her first inclinations and ultimately would not be her last. Coaches often tell this story of discovering that one thing as a child that you responded to viscerally as the means through which your passion can be found. Two stories jump out.

One of these stories is about the small details that have a profound influence on our life trajectories, particularly in very unequal societies. As a lass of ten years, Cheryl recalls a teacher threatening to move her from the group of top performing students; a group that usually is assigned the teacher believed to be able to derive the best results. A teacher overhears this convo and stands up, literally and metaphorically for Cheryl- "You can't do this; Her father contributes quite a lot to the school." That such a thing, which she had no control over, was so important bothered her; that others did not have anyone to stand up for them, bothered her even more.

Cheryl knew she wanted to be a lawyer before this though. The second story is of little Cheryl Gittens being asked by her teacher, "what do you want to be when you grow up?" The 7-year-old belts out, "I want to be a lawyer AND an actress." A revolutionary idea that you do not have to be one thing and that one thing only.

Cheryl, full of wisdom was also highly sensitive to the unexpressed concerns of her parents. The idea of being a lawyer did not sit well with her mother particularly. In her teens, the family-owned shop was the scene of a murder. Called as a witness to Court, the awesomeness of the

Court, the imposing nature of the process and the ruthlessness of the questioning shook her mother so much that the evening she returned home, temporarily a shell of herself. From that day, Cheryl knew that for her mother, to be a lawyer was something that to be feared. Without her mother ever saying so much as a word, this self-described tenacious but not exceptional student changes stride and makes her way through Foundation Secondary School and Barbados Community College as an ordinary student, with a remarkable failure in math. At UWI, she begins to blossom, powering through a degree in Management, acing maths and stats, two courses she had struggled with in her earlier studies.

We talk about the journey that brings her to, and through law, after the passing of her parents; about feelings of impostor syndrome, even as a First Class Degree Holder from the UWI, with a masters from the LSE, time at the Central Bank, over a decade of experience in lecturing, day-time appearances on the national television station, CBC and a fantastic stint in coaching that places her on stages with some of the gurus of personal coaching.

But this was more than imposter syndrome, there were health challenges, yet unnamed but very much felt. Challenges that required nothing short of a herculean effort to excel at Cave Hill; and excel she did. The details of her challenges and the will to fight are not for this story, but one day she will tell that story. It will be a best-seller.

The stories she does tell of her time at Cave Hill are about the humanity expressed by colleagues, and members of staff from the library, ATS, and academic staff. "I met incredible people, who made this journey possible." Encouraging and soul-warming conversations with Dean David Berry, Deputy Deans Jeff Cumberbatch and Westmin James; the staff members who held her hands and prayed for her, a quiet smile of encouragement in an exam, are amongst some of the small trinkets she shares as the fuel to crossing the stage for a second time, as a First Class Graduate. Cheryl is currently pursuing the Canadian Bar, an unconventional step for a UWI Graduate who is very much unafraid to take the less traveled path. With a love for helping people to blossom, and a multitude of experiences and proficiencies, she is looking to bring these all together, still buoyed by that revolutionary idea that you do not have to be one thing and that one thing only.

Interview with Kai Bridgewater

Kai Bridgewater, Guild President, Valedictorian, Mooter, chief feter and student talks about his experience as a regionalist studying at UWI Cave Hill.

Tell me a little bit about Kai before Cave Hill?

I was the same happy, fun-loving and driven young man that I am now before I went to Cave Hill. However, I was a lot more sheltered and immature. My time at Cave Hill was pivotal in my development from a teenager into a young man, ready to take on the world.

Why did you decide to come to UWI Cave Hill?

There were a lot of factors that contributed to my decision to come to Cave Hill. The strongest of these was that I was and still am a fervent supporter of regional integration and wanted an opportunity to experience another island and meet persons from all over the Caribbean. Attending the most regionally diverse campus, the Cave Hill campus, made this possible. Furthermore, my grandfather, the Hon. Prof. Leslie Robinson established the campus, and I was eager to experience and be a part of what I consider one of his greatest legacies. And last but by no means least, the cost. Although there is a Faculty of Law at Mona, the only Government subsidized spots for Jamaican students is at Cave Hill. This allowed me to have the opportunity to achieve the same quality education at a fraction of the cost. That sealed the deal.

What were some of the highlights of your experience at UWI CH?

My time at Cave Hill was full of highlights and truly unforgettable experiences. The opportunity to serve and lead my fellow students as the President of the Guild of Students. Through this office many other highlights sprung such as our Dominica outreach initiative and the successful execution of the largest UWI J'ouvert in years.

Most recently, The UWI Cave Hill campus provided me with one last highlight. This highlight was the opportunity to represent my graduating class as their Valedictorian. This was a great honour and a highlight that I will

remember for the rest of my life. [See excerpts from Kai's Speech below]

How do you manage it all?

Honestly speaking, it wasn't easy at all. It required discipline, sacrifice and support. I had to allocate time to each task to be completed and stick to it, to ensure I maximized the hours within the day. I also had to combat the urge to procrastinate. Outside of the required discipline, sacrifices, including fetes or playing football, also had to be made.

But most importantly, I leaned a great deal on support received from family and friends. These persons motivated me when I felt like I couldn't manage and encouraged me to keep pushing and to continue to put my best foot forward.

Mr. Valedictorian!

At the Cave Hill Campus, the process of being selected as Valedictorian is a very inclusive one that the students, the Guild Council and the Administration play a role in. This had me wondering whether I should be campaigning or just have faith that these various groups notice and acknowledged my hard work and contribution. Ultimately, I decided on the latter, and I was overjoyed when I received the email that I was selected as the Valedictorian for the Class of 2018.

After the joy subsided, the realization settled in that I had to give a speech in front of 100s of persons. This was an extremely daunting prospect to say the least. "What should I talk about?" and "How will I connect with the persons from the various faculties?" were both questions ringing in my head. Eventually, I settled on the topic closest to my heart, regionalism, and I was elated to see that the message was well received and resonated with persons in the audience. Thankfully I had my extremely supportive family every step of the way as they provided me with crucial feedback, comments and company as I drafted the speech.

Excerpts-Kai Bridgewater

Valedictorian Address

It was not so long ago that we entered the University of the West Indies Cave Hill Campus. We were bright eyed and bushy tailed, full of youthful exuberance and zeal. We were determined to do well and make ourselves and our families proud. My fellow graduants we have succeeded! This exuberance and zeal persisted despite being confronted with the realities of University. This included the all-nighters accompanied with an ESSO pizza combo, the interesting and distinct culinary options on campus and even the beloved shuttle service. (how could we forget that) But through it all we remained strong and learnt the importance of inter-dependence. This was of particular importance for persons like me who entered the University as green as a leaf. On arrival I could not cook, wash or clean simply put I was NOT Husband Material. But through the generosity of friends, No Family, on the Halls of Residence I was never without a warm meal and was taught how to survive. Meaning was truly given to the motto "No You, No Me, But We".

However unfortunately things weren't always smooth sailing. During our time at Cave Hill we watched as fellow Caribbean islands were ravaged by Tropical Storms and Hurricanes. This impacted the entire Cave Hill community greatly as we saw the devastating power of these hurricanes while also watching our fellow students in anguish being unable to contact their family members and friends back home. Throughout the semester what keeps

many students going is that they soon will be able to go home for Christmas or even summer. Imagine being a student from Dominica or Barbuda where there was no home to go home to. Yet some of these students have managed to overcome the physical and psychological challenges to be here today. These students are an inspiration to us all and epitomize Caribbean resilience.

One from ten should never be zero again.

Regionalism represents a daunting task, one in which there will be many challenges, but nothing good has ever come easily. The Caribbean Community consists of several fractured nations many of which are small island states smaller than the size of a major city in North America. Yet we have still managed individually to highlight the depths of talent and brilliance present within our region. From Usain Bolt to Rhianna Fenty from Hugh Wooding to Sir Arthur Lewis the Caribbean has made its mark in the world. But imagine if we deepened our regional ties? If we increased regional cooperation, we would be better able to meet the needs of our people and be a force to be reckoned within the international arena. Just as we did in cricket, we can dominate the world but we didn't do it individually, we didn't do it as Grenada, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Barbados or Trinidad and Tobago, we did it as THE WEST INDIES.

UWI NEEDS YOU.

I arrived here as a Jamaican and I leave as a true Caribbean National.

My eyes have been opened to the beauty and uniqueness of each country and I am convinced that despite our differences we are greater together than apart. I wish others were able to have the same enriching and empowering experience that I did. This is why we need to encourage the movement of students across the region. Such movement should NEVER be threatened or curtailed by the imposition of student visas especially at a cost to the student.

Class of 2018, as we go our separate ways and return to our respective territories I urge you to maintain the relationships that we have built in our time here. These are the people you can call on for a place to stay when LIAT says your flight from Dominica is delayed until tomorrow. But more importantly, these are the relationships and bonds that will help unite our region as we become leaders in our individual nations. This enhanced trust and respect will even allow us to have more faith and confidence in our Caribbean Judges and inspire our nations to accede to the CCJ as our final appellate court.

But in all of this let us not forget to give back to this community that shaped us, the University of the West Indies. The UWI needs greater support from its alumni and we are now officially one of them. Believe it or not we are old now. What do you think separates UWI from institutions like Harvard and Yale. A great deal has to do with alumni support. Now although UWI can definitely use the money, giving back isn't limited to monetary donations. Students would love to have alumni who they could receive advice from, network with and who could motivate them. Class of 2018 we have a critical role to play in propelling this University and the region forward.

My fellow Caribbean citizens, I submit to you that we are a chosen generation. We are the generation to that will make regional unity into a reality. Believe in yourselves, believe in your institutions, and most of all believe in this region.





The Future Is Digital.

**A FOCUS ON BLOCKCHAIN CRYPTOCURRENCIES AND
THE ROLE OF LAW**

- **PRIMER ON BLOCKCHAIN AND ITS APPLICATION TO
REAL PROPERTY**
- **QUICK BITES: INTERVIEW WITH SADE JEMMOTT**



A new wave of innovation and investment opportunities are being created by changes in technologies with potential transformations in the way industries like the real estate industry operate. In this brief article, we specifically look at digital currencies and blockchain, a sketch of what they are and how they work; their relationship with the law and how they may be used as a catalyst for growth by investors and States, with a focus on the real estate market.

Cryptocurrency is a peer-to-peer transfer of digital currency relying on cryptography, that does not rely on a central bank/Government role. Let's think of this as programmable money. When a digital currency is shared using blockchain technology, it is recorded on what is known as distributed ledger technology which means that the transaction is recorded on thousands of computers all over the world in a permanent format, making it almost impossible to delete the record of the transaction. This enhances trust significantly in the process as all transactions are verifiable.

What this technology permits, is breaking the value/ title of an asset into much smaller fractions which can then be traded (tokenization). As fractional title, these are stored on the blockchain, as divided into smaller tokens. These tokens which receive their value from an external asset such as commercial real estate are known as security tokens, as they are the digital equivalent of a security, and must comply with ordinary securities regulations. We can think of them as "programmable ownership."

Running on top of the blockchain, are smart contracts; software that is triggered when certain conditions are met. If and when the pre-defined rules are met, the agreement is automatically enforced. The smart contract code facilitates, verifies, and enforces the negotiation or performance of an agreement or transaction. In the context of the real estate industry, these same processes exist, but is usually a slow and cumbersome process, moving between attorneys for the vendor, the purchaser, the bank if a mortgage is involved. This can be automated. Digital technology including smart contracts can, therefore, increase the speed of transactions reducing the cost by as much as 10%. When this technology is harnessed, it provides an opportunity for ordinary investors, in large numbers, to be a part of the financing (and wealth-generation) process rather than limiting it to an already small pool of wealthy investors.

These changes in technology, however, require changes in the legal framework to bring the analogue into the digital era with a view to providing the same or higher levels of protection for consumers and to avoid systemic financial risk. Regulators and innovators in the tech space such as The FSC in Barbados, in consultation with a working group, are addressing this need by creating new financial regulations applicable to digital assets and proposing new regulatory sandboxes for individual products. For example, the Provisional allotment letter used in the listing process on the Stock Exchange has been adjusted to include tokenized securities, creating a new form of issuing shares (through tokenization) that is compliant with the Stock Exchange requirements. It is, therefore, possible to trade security tokens on the Stock exchange. Other legal issues which concern regulators include compliance with Anti-Money Laundering laws and Know-Your-Client requirements. The regulatory sandboxes ensure that projects are tested under the careful eye of regulators with a view to developing adequate legal frameworks.

Using blockchain tech and regulated complaint platforms, we can revolutionize what is a stagnant but vitally important opportunity for economic growth, especially in emerging markets through increased tokenization of securities. The concept of communities financing communities can be transformative for investors, businesses and states alike, provided the law keeps pace with, without slowing down, innovations.

Quick Bites on the Future of Fintech and a Role for UWI Law

A brief interview with UWI Law Alum Sade Jemmott, General Counsel of Bitt Inc, a Barbados-based Fintech company.



Q: What is the future of blockchain and Fintech?

A: The possibilities are truly endless! Blockchain technology is little more than 10 years old so we have literally just scratched the surface. I like to compare its potential to that of the internet in terms of the impact it is likely to have on civilization.

Q: What is required for its deployment in a safe and measure way in the region?

A: Some keywords come to mind: research and development; education and open-mindedness.

We have actually attracted a lot of the major players in the space to Barbados and the rest of the region, so realistically we need to take advantage of that proximity. We need to ensure

knowledge transfer and encourage sustainable development with these innovations as tools.

Q: What are the possible development benefits for the region?

A: I envision the most significant benefit to be the impact on regional integration, specifically the CSME and the associated socio-economic ripple effects. In short, I believe digital Caribbean currencies can potentially 'complete' the CARICOM project, while facilitating unprecedented financial inclusion.

Q: What should the Faculty of Law be doing to prepare for this new world?

A: UWI has actually recently introduced a specialization in blockchain as part of the MSc in Information Technology through Dr. Janak Sodha. The Faculty of Law could adopt some of these courses as electives. Additionally, the Faculty can consider introducing a guest lecture or a module in existing courses. There may also eventually be some scope to introduce a new standalone course. Outside of the course offerings, however, the Faculty could also host or support Fintech forums such as public lectures, workshops or conferences (such as the Caribbean Commercial Law Workshop last year). In many ways, **UWI has a right and a responsibility to be at the forefront of this transformational technology in the region.**

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