



THE CCJ ACADEMY FOR LAW

7th BIENNIAL LAW

CONFERENCE

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Criminal Justice Reform
in the **Caribbean:**
Achieving a Modern
Criminal Justice System

CONFERENCE
PROGRAMME

18 - 20 October 2023
Hilton Resort, Barbados

CONFERENCE CHAIRS:
THE HON. MR JUSTICE JACOB WIT
THE HON. MR JUSTICE WINSTON ANDERSON

DAY ONE - 18 OCTOBER 2023

DAY CHAIR
The Hon. Mme. Justice Rajnauth-Lee

7:00 am - 8:10 am **REGISTRATION**

8:10 am - 8:15 am **HOTEL SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT**

OPENING CEREMONY
Mrs. Gabrielle Figaro-Jones, Registrar & Chief Marshal, Caribbean Court of Justice

8:15 am - 8:20 am **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

8:20 am - 8:30 am **WELCOME:**
The Hon. Dale Marshall, S.C, M.P., Attorney General of Barbados

8:30 am - 8:40 am **REMARKS:**
The Hon. Mr Justice Winston Anderson, Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice, Chairman of the CCJ Academy for Law & Conference Co-chair

8:40 am – 8:55 am **GREETINGS FROM SPONSORS:**

- **Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)**
Mr. Elbert Ellis, Social Analyst
- **CARICOM**
Mme Justice Lisa Shoman, General Counsel
- **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**
Ms. Juliet Solomon, Regional Rule of Law, Security and Human Rights Specialist

8:55 am – 9:00 am **DECLARING CONFERENCE OPEN:**
The Hon. Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders, President of the Caribbean Court of Justice

9:00 am - 9:10 am **CULTURAL ITEM**
Senator John King: “How Many More”

BREAK/ END OF OPENING CEREMONY (Regional broadcast by UWITv)

INTRODUCTION OF DAY CHAIR

9:20 am - 9:30 am **CARIBBEAN STRATEGY FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM**
Ms. Sirah Abraham, US – UK Criminal Justice Reform Project

9:30 am – 10:00 am	<p>FEATURE ADDRESS: “Pre-trial Proceedings: Enforcing Time Limits & Active Case Management (The Scottish Approach)”</p> <p>Presented by: Lord Beckett, <i>Judge of the Supreme Courts of Scotland</i></p>
10:00 am - 11:20 am	<p>PLENARY DISCUSSION: Pre-trial Proceedings: Getting a Grip on Caribbean Pre-trial Issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professor Justice Kenneth Benjamin, <i>former Chief Justice of Belize (Chair)</i> 2. The Hon. Mr Justice Jacob Wit, <i>Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice & Conference Co-chair</i> 3. Mr. Peter Champagnie, K.C., <i>Criminal Defence Practitioner in Jamaica</i> 4. The Hon. Mr. Justice Mark Mohammed, <i>Justice of Appeal in Trinidad and Tobago and former Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) of Trinidad and Tobago</i> 5. Ms. Roberta Clarke, <i>Commissioner, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights</i>
BREAK	
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	<p>MAIN PRESENTATION: “Plea-bargaining: A Game Changer?”</p> <p>Presented by: The Hon. Reginald Armour S.C., <i>Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago</i></p> <p>Commentary by: Ms. Paula Llewellyn, K.C., <i>DPP of Jamaica</i></p>
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<p>PLENARY DISCUSSION: “Plea-bargaining: A Game Changer?”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Hon. Mr. Justice Geoffrey Henderson, <i>High Court Judge in Trinidad and Tobago (Chair)</i> 2. Ms. Paula Llewellyn K.C., <i>DPP of Jamaica</i> 3. Mr. Andrew Pilgrim S.C., <i>Criminal Law practitioner in Barbados</i> 4. Professor William Pizzi, <i>Professor of Law at the University of Colorado, USA</i>
LUNCH	
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	<p>FEATURE ADDRESS: “Intersectionality, Youth and Gender-Based Violence, and the Nexus with Criminal Justice”</p> <p>Presented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Amilcar Sanatan, <i>Assistant Director of Gender and Child Affairs in the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago</i> • Ms. Gillian Rowe, <i>CDB Future Leaders Network Representative</i>
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	<p>CRIME AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. Mme Justice Marguerite Woodstock- Riley K.C., <i>Justice of Appeal in Belize (Chair)</i> 2. Ms. Dawne J. Spicer, <i>Executive Director of the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force</i> 3. Mr. Elbert Ellis, <i>Social Analyst, CDB</i> 4. The Hon. Mr. Justice José de la Mata, <i>Senior Judge of Eurojust National Member for Spain at Eurojust</i>

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	FEATURE ADDRESS: “Civil Asset Forfeiture” Presented by: Ms. Kisha T. Sutherland, <i>Director of Regional Security System, Asset Recovery Unit</i>
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AFTER HOURS

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	REGIONAL TOWN HALL Getting a Grip on Crime: Public Perceptions and Practical Solutions. (Regional broadcast by UWITv) Moderated by: Mr. David Ellis
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DAY TWO - 19 OCTOBER 2023

DAY CHAIR
The Hon. Mr. Justice Denys Barrow

8:30 am – 8:40 am	REVIEW OF DAY ONE AND INTRODUCTION OF DAY CHAIR
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8:40 am - 9:10 am	FEATURE ADDRESS: “CARICOM National Security” Presented by: The Hon. Philip J. Pierre, <i>Prime Minister of Saint Lucia and Chair of Council for National Security and Law Enforcement (CONSLE)</i>
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9:10 am – 9:30 am	MAIN PRESENTATION: Backlog Reduction Strategies Mr. Justice Carlisle Greaves, <i>High Court Judge in Barbados</i>
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9:30 am - 10:30 am	PLENARY DISCUSSION: “Victims’ Rights” <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Hon. Mr. Justice Ronnie Boodoosingh, <i>Justice of Appeal in Trinidad and Tobago (Chair)</i> 2. Dr. Chile Eboe-Osuji, <i>Former President of the International Criminal Court</i> 3. Ms. Sejilla Mc Dowall, <i>DPP of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</i> 4. Mrs. Shalimar Ali-Hack S.C., <i>DPP of Guyana</i> 5. Ms. Sirah Abraham, <i>US – UK Criminal Justice Reform Project</i>
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10:30 am –11:00 am	MAIN PRESENTATION: “Anti-Gang Legislation: What Works” Presented by: The Hon. Mr. Justice Bryan Sykes, OJ, CD, <i>Chief Justice of Jamaica</i>
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BREAK

11:15 am –12:15 am	PLENARY DISCUSSION: “Anti-Gang Legislation: What Works” <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Paula Llewellyn K.C., <i>DPP of Jamaica (Chair)</i> 2. The Hon. Mme. Justice Maria Wilson, <i>Justice of Appeal in Trinidad and Tobago</i> 3. Professor Justice Kenneth Benjamin, <i>Former Chief Justice of Belize</i>
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	4. Mr. Leamond Deleveaux , <i>Deputy Commissioner of Police of The Bahamas</i>
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	MAIN PRESENTATION: “Modern Evidence Gathering Techniques” Presented by: Mr. Fitz Bailey , <i>Deputy Commissioner of Police of Jamaica</i>
LUNCH	
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	PLENARY DISCUSSION: “Modern Evidence Gathering Techniques” 1. The Hon. Mr. Justice Colin Williams , <i>High Court Judge in Dominica, former DPP of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Chair)</i> 2. Mrs. Donna Babb-Agard , S.C., <i>DPP of Barbados</i> 3. Mr. Andrew Pilgrim , S.C., <i>Criminal Law practitioner in Barbados</i>
3:00 pm - 3:20 pm	FEATURE ADDRESS: “Mental Health and Crime” Presented by: Sir Robert Francis , K.C., <i>Master Treasurer of the Hon. Society of the Inner Temple</i>
3:20 pm - 3:50 pm	MAIN PRESENTATION: “The Rule Against Hearsay, Should it be Abolished? – Improperly Obtained Evidence” Presented by: Professor David Ormerod , <i>Professor of Law at University College London</i>
3:50 pm – 5:00 pm	PLENARY DISCUSSION: “The Rule Against Hearsay, Should it be Abolished? – Improperly Obtained Evidence” 1. The Hon. Mr. Justice Mark Mohammed , <i>Justice of Appeal in Trinidad and Tobago (Chair)</i> 2. Mr. Nigel Hughes , <i>Criminal Law Practitioner in Guyana</i> 3. Mr. Gregory Delzin , <i>Former Chairman of the Trinidad and Tobago Sentencing Commission</i> 4. Mr. Peter Champagnie , K.C., <i>Criminal Defense Practitioner in Jamaica</i>

DAY THREE - 20 OCTOBER

DAY CHAIR The Hon. Mr. Justice Andrew Burgess	
8:50 am - 9:00 am	REVIEW OF DAY 2 AND INTRODUCTION OF DAY CHAIR
9:00 am - 9:30 am	MAIN PRESENTATION: “Judge Alone Trials and Lessons from the International Criminal Justice System” Presented by: Dr. Chile Eboe-Osuji , <i>Former President of the International Criminal Court</i>
9:30 am - 10:30 am	PLENARY DISCUSSION: “Judge Alone Trials” 1. The Hon. Mr. Justice Jacob Wit , <i>Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice (Chair)</i> 2. The Hon. Mme. Justice Maria Wilson , <i>Justice of Appeal in Trinidad and Tobago</i>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Mrs. Cheryl Vidal, S.C., DPP of Belize 4. The Hon. Anthony Sylvester, Attorney General of Belize
10:30 am – 11:00 am	<p>FEATURE ADDRESS: “Sentencing as a Deterrent”</p> <p>Presented by: The Hon. Delroy Chuck, Minister of Justice of Jamaica Commentary: Mr Justice Randall Worrell, High Court Judge in Barbados</p>
BREAK	
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	<p>PLENARY DISCUSSION: “Sentencing”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mrs. Donna Babb-Agard, S.C., DPP of Barbados (Chair) 2. Professor William Pizzi, Professor of Law at the University of Colorado 3. Mr. Nigel Hughes, Criminal Law practitioner in Guyana 4. Mr. Gregory Delzin, Former Chairman of Trinidad and Tobago Sentencing Commission 5. The Hon. Mr. Justice Colin Williams, the High Court Judge in Dominica
12:30 pm – 12:50 pm	<p>FEATURE ADDRESS: “Checklist for Summing Up/Judgments”</p> <p>Presented by: The Hon. Mme. Justice Lisa Ramsumair-Hinds, High Court Judge in Trinidad and Tobago</p>
12:50 pm – 1:20 pm	<p>FEATURE ADDRESS: “Crime and Public Health”</p> <p>Presented by: The Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, Prime Minister of Saint Christopher and Nevis</p>
LUNCH	
CLOSING SESSION	

<p>2:20 pm – 3:30 pm</p>	<p>PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER – DRAFT DECLARATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon. Mr. Justice Jacob Wit, <i>Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice</i> • Ms. Sirah Abraham, <i>US – UK Criminal Justice Reform Project</i> • The Hon. Mme. Justice Maria Wilson, <i>Justice of Appeal in Trinidad and Tobago</i> • Professor Justice Kenneth Benjamin, <i>Former Chief Justice of Belize</i> • Ms. Paula Llewellyn, K.C., <i>DPP of Jamaica</i> • The Hon. Mr. Justice Bryan Sykes, O.J, CD, <i>Chief Justice of Jamaica</i> • The Mme. Justice Roxanne George, <i>Chief Justice of Guyana</i> • The Hon. Mr. Justice Christopher Birch, <i>Criminal Court Judge in Barbados</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">CLOSING CEREMONY Mrs. Ria Mohammed-Pollard, <i>Communication & Information Manager, Caribbean Court of Justice</i></p>	
<p>3:30 pm - 3:45 pm</p>	<p>CULTURAL ITEM: Dancin’ Africa</p>
<p>3:45 pm - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>ADOPTION OF DECLARATION AND CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>The Hon. Mr. Justice Winston Anderson <i>Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice</i> <i>Chairman of the CCJ Academy for Law & Conference Co-Chair</i></p> <p>The Hon. Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders <i>President of the Caribbean Court of Justice</i></p>