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EUGENE DUPUCH WINS THE 6TH ANNUAL CCJ INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COMPETITION

CCJ, Port of Spain. The Eugene Dupuch Law School has won 6th Annual Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) International Law Moot Competition for the third time earlier today at the CCJ Courtroom 1, in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

The law school managed to best five other teams representing law schools and law faculties throughout the Caribbean:

1. Faculty of Law of the University of the West Indies (Cave Hill);
2. Faculty of Law of the University of the West Indies (Mona);
3. Faculty of Law of the University of the West Indies (St Augustine).
4. Hugh Wooding Law School (Trinidad & Tobago);
5. and the Norman Manley Law School (Jamaica);

The Caribbean Court of Justice's Annual International Law Moot Court Competition was inaugurated in March 2009, to encourage budding attorneys to become familiar with the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, and other areas of International Law.

While delivering welcome remarks at the Moot's opening, The Rt. Honourable Sir Dennis Byron, President of the CCJ highlighted the successes of the moot; *"...the unique art of appellate advocacy that is being cultivated through participation in this competition will become increasingly relevant as the appearance of young attorneys before the highest court of appeal in the region is a reality with the accession and anticipated accession of Member States to the Appellate Jurisdiction of the CCJ."*

This year's moot case dealt with the very timely issue of the right to freedom of movement as it relates to the Caribbean Single Market Economy (CSME). Advocates examined whether economic citizens are entitled to the same rights under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas as natural citizens. Arguments were presented before a panel of CCJ Judges which included: the Honourable Mme. Justice Bernard and the Honourable Messrs. Justice Hayton and Anderson. The panel commended the submissions of the students noting that it was a "very complex case"

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The winning team comprised of Alexandria Mackey, David Cash and Kristina Wallace-Whitfield. The institution first won the competition in 2010 and again in 2011. Last year's winners the Hugh Wooding Law School placed second.

The team from the University of the West Indies Cave Hill and was awarded a special prize of best team from an academic institution.

Observers of today's competition included: The Honourable Mr. Justice Ivor Archie, Chief Justice, His Honour Anthony D.J. Gafoor, Chairman of the Tax Appeal Board, His Excellency Paulo Sérgio Traballi Bozzi, Ambassador of Brazil, Mr. Ulrich Kinne, Deputy Head of Mission of the German Embassy and Ambassador Kole Adebola - Deputy High Commissioner, of the Nigerian High Commission and Mrs. Olamide Olufunke Adediran, Second Secretary of the Nigerian High Commission

Also assisting with the proceedings were first year law students of the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus. They functioned as mooted registrar, mooted court support officer and other mooted court officials.

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**6th CCJ INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT 2014
TEAMS**

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1st ADVOCATE	Ms Alexandria Claudia MACKEY
2nd ADVOCATE	Mr David Philip CASH
RESERVE	Ms Kristina Jade WALLACE-WHITFIELD

HUGH WOODING LAW SCHOOL

ADVISOR	Hon Mr Justice Ronnie BOODOOSINGH
1st ADVOCATE	Mr Henry CHASE
2nd ADVOCATE	Ms Gina MAHARAJ
RESERVE	Mr Miguel RAWLINS

NORMAN MANLEY LAW SCHOOL

ADVISOR	Ms René C K GAYLE
1st ADVOCATE	Mr Shauna-Kaye LaToya BROWN
2nd ADVOCATE	Mr Orson Jerome ELRINGTON
RESERVE	Ms Novia Donica COTTERELL

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES-CAVE HILL

ADVISOR	Mr Westmin Richard Anthony JAMES
1st ADVOCATE	Mr André SHECKLEFORD
2nd ADVOCATE	Ms Suzanna CLARKE
RESERVE	Mr Christopher HARPER

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES-MONA

ADVISOR	Ms Caprice Avril McFARLANE
1st ADVOCATE	Ms Jamelia Nastasia SIMPSON
2nd ADVOCATE	Mr François Alwayne McKNIGHT
RESERVE	Mr Sean Garvin Moses OSBOURNE

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES-ST AUGUSTINE

ADVISOR	Ms Alicia Patricia ELIAS-ROBERTS
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