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### **CCJ PROVIDES TRAINING FOR NEW CIVIL RULES IN GUYANA**

**CCJ, Port of Spain.** A small contingent from the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) travelled to Guyana to conduct training activities for the upcoming implementation of new Civil Procedure Rules in the Judiciary of Guyana. The CCJ team comprised the Court President - the Rt. Hon. Sir Dennis Byron; CCJ Judge - the Hon. Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders; CCJ Registrar – Ms. Jacqueline Graham; and Judge of the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago – the Hon. Mme. Justice Charmaine Pemberton.

This two-day intensive learning programme was conducted from the 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017, and was attended by over 200 judges, public and private sector attorneys and court registry staff. This training, which was facilitated by the newly formed Guyana Judicial Education Institute, was deemed essential to ensuring the smooth and effective introduction and implementation of the new rules of court. The implementation of new civil procedure rules is expected to contribute to improved accessibility to the court, the more efficient resolution of matters and access to mediation procedures within the Guyana legal system. The CCJ is the final appellate court for Guyana, a country which has made full use of both the original and appellate jurisdictions of the Court. The development of the new rules of court has been supported by the Judicial Reform and Institutional Strengthening (JURIST) Project, of which the CCJ is the regional executing agency.

The CCJ continues to advance its strategic vision of “Enhancing Regional Justice System Performance” by playing an active role in assisting the judiciaries of the Caribbean region, who are at varying stages of reform activities within their judiciaries. Through its work, the CCJ remains an advocate for and provides support to improvements within the region’s judicial systems.

The CCJ has also been working towards ensuring improved easy and efficient access to its own court’s services. Under the leadership of its Court President, Sir Dennis Byron, the Court recently introduced an e-Filing platform which allows litigants and attorneys to file electronic documents to an online portal, instead of having to present large files of paper documents for court filings.

For further details on the CCJ’s new e-Filing platform and other updates on the Court’s work, visit the Court website at [www.ccj.org](http://www.ccj.org).

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