10th Annual CCJ International Law Moot
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#2018CCJMoot

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ABOUT THE MOOT

Mooting is an activity in which participants take part in simulated court proceedings. This usually involves appearing in a moot court and representing either the appellant or respondent and engaging in oral arguments and presentations before a panel of judges. Moot court does not involve actual testimony by witnesses, cross-examination, or the presentation of evidence, but is focused solely on the application and interpretation of the law under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas.

The Annual CCJ International Law Moot, which always focuses on an Original Jurisdiction matter, is different from a mock trial, which usually refers to a simulated jury trial or Bench trial. To promote familiarity with the Original Jurisdiction of the Court in the legal profession, the idea of hosting an International Law Moot was born. The idea was quickly transformed into reality.

The invitation of teams and the creation of a Moot Registry was necessary to bring the Moot to life. First year students of the Faculty of Law in St. Augustine were invited to form the first Moot Registry. To date, the Moot Registry is formed by the first-year students of the Faculty of Law in St. Augustine.

The students receive insight into the role of practicing attorneys in preparing documents and compiling cases and authorities for the Court. They also receive an insider’s view of the operations of the Registry and its case management system. The first International Law Moot was successfully held in March 2009 and has become an annual event, traditionally held in March of each year. The Court views the moot exercise as an excellent means of familiarizing law students with the tenets of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, as well as, bringing the Treaty to life. It provides a platform for developing students as advocates before the Court and future leaders of the region.
It gives me distinct pleasure to welcome you to the Tenth Caribbean Court of Justice International Law Moot, 2018.

The Law Moot is an exciting time in the life of the Court. It represents an opportunity for the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, for which the Court has safeguarding authority, to be explored and examined with arguments developed by young students of the law.

These students match their skills in style, oratory and persuasion while at the same time deepening their understanding of Caribbean law.

The entire Court is mobilised in support of this hallmark event because we understand that every year we more deeply entrench the narrative of Caribbean jurisprudence and its importance to deepening regional integration.

Therefore, with the satisfaction that comes from shared purpose, I welcome you to the halls of the Caribbean Court of Justice and to the International Law Moot 2018.

I trust that the significance of the event and the cause that it advocates would resonate with both participant and observer and contribute to what is always, a most spectacular occasion.

May the best team win.
The Annual Caribbean Court of Justice International Law Moot is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year for us here at the CCJ. It has become woven into our organizational culture and after 10 years it is now one of our most cherished traditions.

This year there have been a number of changes to the competition, including the live-streaming of the final round and the award ceremony of the competition as well as the Moot Registry’s use of CURIA, the Court’s case management software. These are just two of the innovations introduced to the Court during the tenure of our President, the Right Honourable Sir Dennis Byron. I would like to thank him, on behalf of everyone, for his all the support and encouragement he has demonstrated for the competition over the years.

Similarly, I would also like to thank the Pan-American Health Organization for their generosity in sponsoring this year’s Annual International Moot. Additionally, we would not be able to host a Moot without the participation of the teams and their advisors and for that, I also thank them. Students of the Faculty of Law in St. Augustine form the Moot Registry each year, the University and its students have always been supportive of the competition and we are incredibly grateful for their support. The Moot also touches the entire staff of the CCJ, we band together to help ensure that the event is successful and our guests have a memorable experience.

Additionally, it would be remiss of me not to recognize the contribution of Dr Michael Anthony Lil-la, who previously managed the Moot from inception until his retirement last year. And Mrs. Sha-ron-Anne Alfonzo-Farrell who has now accepted the mantle and is managing the event this year. Last but certainly not least I would like to say a special thank you to all our staff members who have enthusiastically and tirelessly worked over the years towards ensuring a successful event. The Annual CCJ International Moot - celebrating ten years and many decades to come!
8:45 - 9:05 a.m.  OPENING REMARKS
The Right Honourable Sir Charles Michael Dennis Byron
President of the CCJ

9:05 - 10:35 a.m.  University of Technology (Jamaica) v The University of the West Indies (Mona)

10:55 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.  University of the West Indies (Cave Hill) v University of Guyana

12:25 - 1:15 p.m.  LUNCH

1:15 - 2:45 p.m.  Norman Manley Law School (Jamaica) v The University of the West Indies (St. Augustine)

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Hugh Wooding Law School (Trinidad & Tobago) v Eugene Dupuch Law School (The Bahamas)

4:45 - 5:00 p.m.  Judgment

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.  Awards Ceremony

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  Cocktail Reception
The Honourable Mr Justice Jacob Wit studied law at the Vrije Universiteit (Free University) of Amsterdam, from which he took the degree of Meester in de Rechten (Master of Laws) with honours. Mr Justice Wit was appointed as Deputy Judge of the Rotterdam District Court in January 1984, Judge of the Rotterdam District Court in March 1985 and Judge of the Joint Court of Justice of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. Mr Justice Wit presided over or sat in the Court of Appeal, but mainly presided in the Courts of First Instance over a wide range of cases. Mr Justice Wit was appointed as the President of the Constitutional Court of St. Maarten. He is the lone Civil Law Judge on the CCJ Bench.

The Honourable Mr Justice David Hayton, studied at Newcastle University, whence he graduated with an LL.B. with 1st Class Honours, having also been runner up in the March 1966 final of the UK Universities’ Mooting Competition. From 1966-1969, he was a Law Lecturer at Sheffield University, and was called to the Bar in 1968. He practised as a Chancery barrister, ultimately specialising in domestic and international trusts and succession. He was made a Bencher of Lincoln’s Inn in 2004. Mr Justice Hayton was arguably the leading authority in the U.K. and Europe on the law of trusts. He has written or edited fifteen books in the areas of trusts, property, succession and tax.

The Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson holds a Bachelor of Laws, (Honours) from the University of the West Indies. In 1984, Mr Anderson proceeded on a Commonwealth Scholarship to Cambridge University and graduated with a Doctorate in Philosophy, majoring in International Law and Environmental Law. He was appointed the General Counsel of the Caribbean Community Secretariat on secondment from the University of the West Indies. In 2006, he was appointed Professor in the Faculty of Law, University of the West Indies. The Hon Mr. Justice Anderson has the distinction of being the first Jamaican and the youngest judge ever appointed to the CCJ.
BY THE NUMBERS

Team with the most wins: **Eugene Dupuch Law School**

Number of teams that have participated in the Moot: **70**

Number of schools that have won the Moot:
- Norman Manley Law School
- Eugene Dupuch Law School
- The UWI Cavehill Campus
- Hugh Wooding Law School

Number of students that have participated in the Moot: **201**

Number of teams that have participated in the Moot: **5**
Last year we asked some of the participants to describe what it was like to compete at the IX Annual CCJ International Law Moot, here is what they shared:

• “This is the first experience where I’ve been training to present in Court and so I learned a lot simply about the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas and I am very appreciative of the entire experience.”

• “It was harder than we all expected. Late nights preparing for this- it was a challenge and we were working on it right up until our Moot.”

• “I’m excited to see what next year the 10th Moot will bring. Ten years of the CCJ Law Moot, I know it is a big thing for the region and for law students”

• I’ve grown so much as an advocate, after having participated in the training and several weeks of going intensely with the fact pattern; with the law; grappling with a style in advocacy. The competition really has benefited me as an advocate and as a law student. It’s just a phenomenal experience.”
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