CEREMONIAL SITTING
CELEBRATING THE ELEVATION TO OFFICE
OF THE THIRD
PRESIDENT OF THE
CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE,
THE HON. MR. JUSTICE ADRIAN SAUNDERS

House of Assembly
White Chapel Road, Kingstown
St. Vincent & the Grenadines
Friday, 20th July 2018
1:00 pm
INAUGURATION PHOTOS

The 3rd President of the CCJ was sworn in by the Governor General of Jamaica, His Excellency, the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, KSt.J, in Montego Bay, Jamaica on 4 July 2018.
PROGRAMME

BEFORE THE HONOURABLES:
Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders, President of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ)
Mr. Justice Jacob Wit, Judge of the CCJ
Mr. Justice David Hayton, Judge of the CCJ
Mr. Justice Winston Anderson, Judge of the CCJ
Mme. Justice Maureen Rajnauth-Lee, Judge of the CCJ
Mr. Justice Denys Barrow, Judge of the CCJ

REMARKS BY:
The Honourable Mr. Justice David Hayton
Judge, Caribbean Court of Justice

Dr. the Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, MP
Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

The Honourable Mme. Justice Dame Janice Pereira, DBE
Chief Justice, The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court

The Honourable Mr. Jaundy Martin
Attorney General, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

The Honourable Mr. Jomo Thomas
Speaker of the House, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Mr. Reginald Armour, SC
Chairman, Council of Legal Education (by video)
REMARKS BY:
Ms. Jennifer Astaphan SAH, LLM
Deputy Chairman, Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission

Mr. Ruggles Ferguson
President, Organization of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Associations

The Honourable Ms. Rene Baptiste, CMG
President, Bar Association of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Mr. Parnel Campbell, QC
Attorney-at-Law, PR Campbell & Company

Senator the Honourable Kay Bacchus-Baptiste
Attorney at-Law, Kay Bacchus-Baptiste Chambers

Mr. Sebastian Alexander
Director, Interactive Media

Mr. Stephen Mc A. Huggins
Founding Partner, Saunders and Huggins

RESPONSE:
The Honourable Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders
President of the CCJ
SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

• Heads various working committees at the CCJ that determine how the Court is perceived and ensures constant improvement in how stakeholders are served. He chaired the first and second Strategic Planning Committees which have shaped the operations of the Court. He has also chaired the Court’s Website and Communications Committee and other pivotal projects aimed at ensuring the smooth and efficient running of the Organization.

• In April 2018, he was appointed to the Advisory Board of the Global Judicial Integrity Network by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime’s (UNODC) Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration. The Advisory Board will assist in the identification of priority challenges and emerging issues in judicial integrity and will guide the work-plan to address the priorities that have been identified.

• Deeply involved in issues of judicial reform, he assumed a leadership role in the Eastern Caribbean states in this regard. He chaired that Judiciary’s Ethics Committee which established a Judicial Code of Ethics for Judges of the Court. He also chaired the Mediation Committee that supervised the introduction to the Eastern Caribbean of court-connected mediation.

• Since the inception of the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers (CAJO) in 2009, he has been elected as Chairman of that body. CAJO’s objectives include the improvement of the quality of Caribbean judges, through judicial education and other initiatives, as well as, the enhancement of judicial services and systems of the region.
SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS cont’d

• Former Chief Justice (Ag) of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC) and served as Chairman of the ECSC’s Judicial Education Institute prior to being appointed a Judge of the CCJ.

• Played a leading role, in collaboration with the JURIST Project, CAJO and UN Women, in developing and promoting the adoption of Gender Sensitive Protocols for various Caribbean judiciaries.

• Contributing editor of *The Caribbean Civil Court Practice*, the essential guide to the Civil Procedure Rules (CPR) as they apply in the Caribbean. He is also the author of several published articles and papers on a wide range of legal subjects.

• Co-author of *Fundamentals of Caribbean Constitutional Law*, a resource for students, legal practitioners and judges of Caribbean public law, that articulates, discusses, and clarifies fundamental principles of constitutional law in the region.

• Championed judicial education throughout his judicial career, with specialized expertise and experience as a judicial educator. He is a faculty member of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute (CJEI) having himself been trained by that body. He is currently and has been for the last 5 years, the Course Director of the CJEI’s Intensive Study Programme for Commonwealth Judicial Educators in Nova Scotia, Canada. In addition, the Hon. Mr. Justice Saunders serves on the Board of the CJEI which provides support for the creation and strengthening of national judicial education bodies, encourages regional and pan-Commonwealth networking, the exchange of human and material resources, trains judicial education faculty; develops programme modules to be used in all Commonwealth countries, and designs judicial education programmes.
BIOGRAPHY

The Honourable Mr. Justice Adrian Dudley Saunders holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the West Indies (Cave Hill) which he earned in 1975 and was awarded the Legal Education Certificate of the Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad & Tobago in 1977. He was called to the Bar of St. Vincent & the Grenadines in that same year.

Mr. Justice Saunders remained in private practice as a barrister and solicitor from 1977 until 1996, at which time he was the Senior Partner in the firm of Saunders & Huggins. In 1996, he was appointed as a Judge of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC) and in 2003, he was confirmed as a Justice of Appeal of the ECSC. One year later, he was appointed to act as Chief Justice of that Court. In 2005, Mr. Justice Saunders was sworn in as a Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice.

During the period of his tenure as a Judge in the Eastern Caribbean, Mr. Justice Saunders was deeply involved in judicial education and judicial reform issues. He chaired the Committee established to introduce court-connected mediation in the Eastern Caribbean. As Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the ECSC, he presided over the production of a code of ethics for the judges of the Eastern Caribbean. He also served as Chairman of the Judicial Education Institute of the ECSC from 2001 to 2004. He regularly participates in judicial education programmes for Judges throughout the Commonwealth as a faculty member of the Halifax-based Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute (CJEI).

Mr. Justice Saunders is currently the Chairman of the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers (CAJO). Mr. Justice Saunders has written and published several legal articles and contributed to publications. He is married to Marilyn Angela née Joslyn and has two sons, Yuri and Yanek.