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THE CCJ’S 2018 ANNUAL REPORT SHOWCASES GROWTH

Port of Spain, Trinidad. The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) today released its 2018 annual report, which is currently available on the Court’s website at ccj.org. CCJ’s President, the Honourable Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders, said in his introduction to the report, “over the last year, the Court maintained its solid track record of outstanding judicial work. The appellate caseload of the CCJ steadily expanded. But, even more significant than the increase in the number of appeals heard and judgments delivered, was the impressive variety and significance of the cases themselves.”

The theme of the Court’s annual report, ‘building’, reflects on the solid foundation that the CCJ now has and how it will be used to fuel growth in the future. The report covers the CCJ’s previous judicial year, which began in August 2017 and ended in July 2018, and contains summaries of the 34 judgments issued in the Appellate Jurisdiction and one judgment from the Court’s Original Jurisdiction. The Court’s financial performance, including its audited financial statements for 2017, is also included in the publication. In addition, the publication also includes reports from each of the Court’s departments, committees and related organisations.

The report also paid tribute to the Right Honourable Sir Dennis Byron, who demitted office as CCJ President during the period under review.

CCJ’s Registrar and Marshal, Ms. Jacqueline Graham, who heads the administrative function of the organisation commented, “the dynamism inherent in the leadership transition fostered an atmosphere that propelled the Court in the direction of exploring and taking advantage of opportunities to strengthen an already sturdy foundation”. Ms. Graham pointed to the fact that the CCJ’s 2019 – 2024 Strategic Plan, which was developed after seeking input from external and internal stakeholders, will direct the future of the organisation. The CCJ will celebrate its 14th anniversary on 16 April 2019.

Access to the CCJ’s 2018 annual report is also available through its social media channels on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. This year’s annual report, as well as all the previous reports, are available on the Court’s website along with all other publications.

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