



# CCJ PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF MR JUSTICE PETER JAMADAR

4 July 2019

President's Grounds

**Protocols and Greeting:**

Your Excellency, Paula-Mae Weekes, ORTT, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

The Honourable, the Chief Justice, Mr Justice Ivor Archie, ORTT

The Honourable Christine Kangaloo, President of the Senate

Honourable Judges of the Caribbean Court of Justice

The Honourable Mr Justice Peter Jamadar and Mrs Jamadar

Family members of Justice Jamadar

Distinguished guests

**Good morning.**

Today's ceremony marks the culmination of a careful and competitive recruitment process designed to fill a vacancy on the Bench of the Caribbean Court of Justice. All such vacancies are widely advertised by the Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission (RJLSC). On this occasion, the Commission received applications by jurists from Australia, Botswana, The USA, the United Kingdom and of course from nationals of many different Caribbean countries, all seeking to fill that vacancy.

The receipt of these applications by the Commission was followed by a thorough consideration of the fitness and suitability of each of the applicants. The Commission did not only consider their respective qualifications, experience and skill sets. As mandated by the Agreement Establishing the CCJ, the Commission was also obliged to consider the applicants' moral character, their intellectual and analytical ability, the soundness of their judgment, their integrity, and their understanding of people and society. It is arising out of this rigorous process that Mr Justice Jamadar was selected to fill the vacancy and I am personally deeply satisfied that the Commission made a very wise choice.

I have known Justice Jamadar for a long time. His judgments are erudite and well-reasoned. They demonstrate a high intellect, a deep understanding of Caribbean society, and an abiding sense of fairness. Unsurprisingly, several of these judgments have been cited with approval by judges of both the CCJ and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. As a judicial educator, Peter is particularly gifted as he has mastered a range of judicial education skills that include the use of appropriate teaching techniques and tools that inspire judges and take the stress out of learning.

Your Excellency, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I can safely advise, on behalf of the Commission, that the CCJ, CARICOM's highest court, is pleased to welcome Justice Jamadar as we continue steadfastly to pursue our mission to provide accessible, fair and efficient justice for the people and states of the Caribbean Community. I take this opportunity to offer heartiest congratulations to you, Peter, on your well-deserved elevation. My colleagues, the management and staff of the CCJ all look forward to working with you. And I must warn you that you will be required to hit the ground running as both the volume and complexity of our cases have been steadily becoming greater.

Your Excellency, as I close, I wish to extend to you, on behalf of the Court, our most sincere appreciation for so graciously acceding to our request to administer the Oath of Office to The Honourable Mr Justice Jamadar. As a former esteemed colleague of Peter's, it is truly fitting that you should be the one to launch him upon this new chapter of his judicial career on CARICOM Day.

Thank you.