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#### **Message from the CCJ President on the passing of former Chief Justice (Ag) of Guyana, Mr Justice Ian Chang CCH**

I am very saddened to learn of the passing of Mr Justice Ian Chang CCH who acted as Chief Justice of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana for many years. I have known Mr Justice Chang for almost 50 years as we were both students together at the Law Faculty of the University of the West Indies (Cave Hill). Ian's passion for the law, for legal argument, for interrogating the most esoteric nuances of the law is legendary. It was no surprise to me that he ultimately achieved high judicial office in his native Guyana. He has to his name, several outstanding judgments that are indelibly recorded in the law reports. These judgments span an impressive range of subject areas again demonstrating the breadth of his knowledge of the law and his utter devotion to it. He has made an important contribution to the development of Guyanese and Caribbean jurisprudence.

The judicial and legal profession in Guyana has lost a true champion of the law. Justice Chang will be sadly missed. On behalf of the Caribbean Court of Justice, I extend condolences to his family and to the judiciary of Guyana.

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### **ABOUT THE CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE**

The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) is a unique court because it functions as two courts in one. In its Original Jurisdiction, it protects the rights of countries, businesses and citizens of the CARICOM nations under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas. In its Appellate Jurisdiction, it serves as the final court of appeal for a growing number of nations.