



# Remarks by Mr Justice Peter Jamadar

The Honourable Mr Justice Peter Jamadar,  
Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice

## **CAJO/JURIST Handover of Virtual Classroom Equipment**

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**The Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers (CAJO)** brings together the region's Chancellors, Chief Justices, Judges, Masters, Registrars, Magistrates, Tribunal Members, Executive Court Administrators, and other judicial staff. The first meeting of judicial officers across the region took place in June 2009 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago and this marked the birth of the CAJO.

**The Judicial Reform and Institutional Strengthening (JURIST) Project** is a multi-year (2014-2023) regional Caribbean judicial reform initiative funded under an arrangement with the Government of Canada. The Project is being implemented on behalf of Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and the Conference of Heads of Judiciary of CARICOM (the Conference), by the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), which was appointed by the Conference as its Regional Executing Agency (REA).

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**on the occasion of**

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The idea of creating a Virtual Classroom for the work of the CAJO originated with Elron Elahie, CAJO's Research and Programme Coordinator and Paul Aqui the CCJ's Multimedia Officer. An experimental version, using existing and rudimentary CCJ equipment, was tested by the CAJO in a virtual 2020 Judgment Writing course.

Its potential was such that the JURIST Project was approached to support and fund the acquisition of the necessary equipment to put together a viable and sustainable (and portable) Virtual Classroom. Support was unequivocal.

Designed in response to the shifting landscape of adult education delivery, and prompted by COVID-19 restrictions, the CAJO's Virtual Classroom combines several pieces of technological equipment, to deliver training that transcends the usual virtual learning environment.

This Virtual Classroom is critical to the CAJO's innovative and sustainable delivery of judicial education and training across the region. It allows participants to attend and interact with facilitators in a user-friendly setting. It provides a space for facilitators to be interactive and impactful, moving beyond the familiar 'sitting-in-front-of-the-computer' method of delivery.

Indeed, educators can facilitate sessions as if in an in-person classroom – yet virtually. Teaching, learning, and engaged participation are enhanced in virtual settings.

Thus, the Virtual Classroom better positions the CAJO to move judicial education boldly forward in sustainable ways. This capacity allows for the CAJO to expand its reach and offer greater opportunities for regional training and education.

The CAJO received all equipment in late March 2021. In May and June 2021, the CAJO deployed its first fully outfitted virtual classroom, funded by the JURIST Project. The virtual classroom was successfully utilised for the CCJ's 2021 Judicial Training Series.

Deepest gratitude goes out to the JURIST Project and Global Affairs Canada, who have consistently supported the work of the CAJO and judiciaries across the region. There is no doubt that this support, in the form of equipment for a portable Virtual Classroom, will contribute to the sustainability of the work of the CAJO in the region and further afield.