



CO-CHAIR'S REMARKS AT PCWJ BOOK LAUNCH

The Hon. Mr Justice Winston Anderson

Book Launch of *Pioneering
Caribbean Women Jurists*
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ABOUT THE CCJ ACADEMY FOR LAW

The Caribbean Academy for Law prepared an annual programme of activities based upon an assessment of need and successfully staged four biennial conferences. CAL programmes include participants drawn from various professions and fields of endeavour associated not only with courts but also from sectors that have some interaction with courts.

The CCJ Academy for Law is the educational arm of the Caribbean Court of Justice, which means that the Academy assists in the development of Caribbean jurisprudence through the non-judicial process.

An important objective of the Academy is to recognize, celebrate, and memorialize the contributions of outstanding Caribbean jurists to the development of Caribbean society; and the Eminent Caribbean Jurists Awards series was conceptualized to do precisely that.

As Chairman of the Academy, I am very pleased that this year, 2021, we honor 34 Pioneering Caribbean Women Jurists. These women are drawn from the entire region: The Bahamas and Jamaica in the north; Guyana and Suriname in the South; Barbados in the East, and Belize in the West; and from most of the countries in-between.

The extraordinary stories of their lives are told in *Eminent Caribbean Jurists: Pioneering Caribbean Women Jurists*. In these biographies are memorialized their travails, and their triumphs; profiles in courage that challenge all of us to a better version of ourselves; and that serve to motivate a new generation of lawyers to also leave their footprints on the sands of time.

Mme Justice Rajnauth Lee and I, as co-chairs of the PCWJ Project, are delighted to be associated with this lasting tribute to the sterling contributions of our groundbreaking women jurists. In working with them, whether physically or through the record they left behind, we were truly inspired. And as you become acquainted with their lives and their lifework, both fully illustrated in the pages of this book, we hope that you will also be inspired.
