



# REMARKS AT THE CCJ ACADEMY FOR LAW, VIRTUAL AWARDS CEREMONY OF THE PIONEERING CARIBBEAN WOMEN JURISTS

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**The CCJ Academy for Law - Eminent Caribbean Jurists Series  
(International Women's Day 2022)**

Virtual Awards Ceremony  
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The CCJ Academy for Law is the educational arm of the Caribbean Court of Justice. Its essential mandate is to advance knowledge, education, learning, research, and the practical application of law and the administration of justice by providing informative and innovative perspectives on the law, particularly International Law. In 2019, the Academy introduced its Eminent Caribbean Jurists Series, and recognized and celebrated Eminent Caribbean International Law Jurists. The Pioneering Caribbean Women Jurists Project is the second installment of that series. It was co-chaired by Justice Winston Anderson and Justice Maureen Rajnauth-Lee, both Judges of the Caribbean Court of Justice. In addition to this Book, the Academy produced several videos highlighting the lives of these extraordinary Caribbean Women. Still in the midst of a pandemic, on 8 March 2022, the Academy hosted a Virtual Awards Ceremony to honour and celebrate these remarkable Caribbean Women.

## **Remarks**

**by**

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**on the occasion of**

**The Virtual Awards Ceremony of  
The Pioneering Caribbean Women Jurists  
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### **Thirty-Four Pioneering Caribbean Women Jurists**

In the two years that I have had the pleasure of co-chairing this Project with my colleague, Justice Winston Anderson, Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice and Chair of the CCJ Academy for Law, I have become accustomed to hearing these words: **Pioneering, Remarkable, Outstanding, Exceptional, Trailblazing**. These are words that have been so aptly used to describe the thirty-four Pioneering Caribbean Women Jurists, whom we honour and celebrate today.

### **Celebration of these Eminent Caribbean Women**

We gather virtually, still in the midst of a pandemic, to celebrate these **Pioneering Caribbean Women Jurists** - their extraordinary stories, challenges, and accomplishments. These remarkable women are pioneers in the truest sense of the word. They grew up in different parts of the Caribbean. Many overcame poverty and other serious obstacles. They were determined to become the best that they could be.

They used their knowledge and achievements in the law as a platform to serve their peoples, their countries, and the region with passion, strength, and integrity, values frequently identified in Caribbean women.

**Caribbean Women Salute You All!**

As a Caribbean woman, I join with my sisters throughout the region to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to every one of these Pioneering Caribbean Women Jurists. You each blazed a trail for us to follow. We salute you all!