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THE CCJ ACADEMY FOR LAW LAUNCHES DOCUMENTARY ON LEGENDARY CARIBBEAN LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

Port of Spain, Trinidad. On Wednesday, 10 July 2024, the CCJ Academy for Law was pleased to launch its documentary video '*Legendary Caribbean Legal Practitioners*', showcasing its chosen 48 exceptional Caribbean lawyers. This is the third instalment of the Academy's Eminent Caribbean Jurist series. The launch of the documentary was held in the context of the first "Legal Conference on Criminal Justice Reform – Advancing the Needham's Point Declaration" held 10-11 July 2024 in Guyana Marriott Hotel Georgetown.

The documentary presented in detail the 48 honourees who hail from Anguilla (1), Antigua and Barbuda (1), The Bahamas (1), Barbados (6), Belize (4), British Virgin Islands (1), Grenada (1), Guyana (8), Haiti (1), Jamaica (10), Saint Kitts and Nevis (1), Saint Lucia (1), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (1), Suriname (3), and Trinidad and Tobago (8), showcasing their respective home countries.

A brief programme chaired by Mrs Danielle McConney preceded the premiere which remarks Mr Teni Housty, Second Vice-President of the Guyana Bar Association and Mr Ruggles Ferguson, on behalf of the OECS Bar Association. As tokens of its deep appreciation, the CCJ Academy presented copies of its Legendary Caribbean Legal Practitioners to Honourable Mr Mohabir A. Nandlall SC, Attorney-General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Guyana, Mr Jason Wilkes, Public Management Sector Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank, Mr Teni Housty, and Mr Ruggles Ferguson. The video documentary is available on YouTube via the link: Legendary Caribbean Legal Practitioners.

As with the Academy's previous publications, it is hoped that highlighting the lives and work of these Caribbean legal personalities will inspire the younger generation of practitioners. The latest publication, along with the other books in the Jurist series, is available for purchase on the CCJ

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Academy for Law's website at https://ccjacademy.org/product/legendary-caribbean-legal-practitioners/.

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About the CCJ Academy for Law

The CCJ Academy for Law is the educational arm of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) dedicated to the advancement and promotion of legal education and research within the Caribbean region. The Academy's primary mandate is to provide informative and innovative perspectives on the rules and the roles of law, particularly International Law. Some of the Academy's key objectives are to:

- Provide a forum for discussing legal concepts and rules in the areas particularly of, general international law, international trade law, regional integration law, and comparative law.
- Instigate and encourage debate on the role and content of the discipline of Comparative Law bearing particularly in mind that the major traditions of the common law and civil law systems are represented in the Member States of CARICOM over which the CCJ exercises appellate and original jurisdiction.
- Facilitate training and evaluation and to develop problem-solving capability to enhance all areas of court administration.
- Deliver programmes to enhance practical learning in court administration and a deeper understanding of the role of court administration in judicial independence and accountability and in promoting access to justice.
- Decrease backlogs in case determinations and enhance access to justice in the judiciaries of the region.

Using various modes of delivery, the Academy develops, coordinates, and facilitates seminars, workshops, exchanges, and special lectures, as the primary vehicles for the achievement of its objectives. The Academy is run by its management committee chaired by the Honourable Mr. Justice Winston Anderson, and is responsible for conceptualizing, keeping under review, and giving effect to the objectives of the Academy.

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