

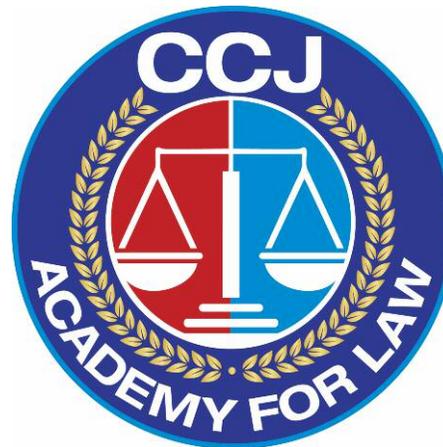
CCJ Academy for Law

Most of the period under review was dedicated to the planning, implementation, re-conceptualising and re-branding of the Caribbean Academy for Law.

Evolution

During this judicial year, activities included a name change to the CCJ Academy for Law, from the Caribbean Academy for Law and Court Administration, and the incorporation of this body into a separate legal entity from the Court. In February 2018, the Academy was incorporated as a non-profit company under the Companies Act of Trinidad and Tobago. It continues to embrace its role as the educational arm of the Caribbean Court of Justice.

The Academy is vested with the main objective of the advancement of knowledge, education, learning, research and practical application of law and the administration of justice in the Caribbean, geared towards the development of regional integration law and Caribbean jurisprudence. The Academy prepares an annual programme of activities based upon an assessment of need. Special seminars, workshops and lectures are delivered in the various jurisdictions of the Caribbean Community under the auspices of the Academy.



Admiralty Law Lecture

The Academy hosted a lecture in October 2017, in partnership with the Trinidad and Tobago Judicial Education Institute, and supported by the JURIST Project. Professor Sarah Derrington, Academic Dean and Head of TC Bernie School of Law at the University of Queensland,

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International Maritime Law, including the Law of the Sea, Marine Environmental Law and Shipping Law differ within the Caribbean region.

Change of Patronage

The Academy has also during this period paid tribute to the Right Honourable Sir Dennis Byron and welcomed the Court's new President, the Honourable Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders. Sir Dennis Byron attended the first Board of Directors meeting held in June 2018, which was one of his last official duties as President of the Court. Coming out of this meeting, the Academy has produced great output in its steps towards strengthening the now newly incorporated institution. These include the amendments of the Articles of Association, consideration of its By-laws, proposed Memorandums of Understanding with its stakeholders to concretise the Academy's collaborations, funding

proposals and the programme of work for the upcoming period. Sir Dennis was instrumental in the Academy's advancement this year and has given an invaluable contribution in propelling the Academy and its mandate forward. The Academy is pleased that Sir Dennis will continue as its first Honourary member and we look forward to continuing our esteemed role under the leadership of the Honourable President, Mr. Justice Saunders, who has already been briefed on all developments, present and future, of the Academy.

5th Biennial Conference

The 5th Biennial Conference, the Academy's flagship event, has also been at the forefront of the Academy's strategic plan. The 2018 Conference is being held in partnership with the General Legal Council of Jamaica, under the theme, "The Future of Legal Practice in the Caribbean - Catalyst for Regional Success?".

The conference will be held at the Jamaica Pegasus in Kingston, Jamaica. The flagship event brings together members of local and regional Bar Associations, the judiciary, government officials, regulators and other stakeholders to discuss legal issues with particular focus on the future of legal practice in the Caribbean and will traverse multiple themes inclusive of Intellectual Property Rights and Access to Justice.

The Academy is focused on another dynamic year ahead where the discussion of projected programmes for the next period, 1 August 2018 - 31 July 2019, will place emphasis on the referral obligation under Article 214 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas and an effort to raise awareness of the Original Jurisdiction of the CCJ and continue to develop Caribbean jurisprudence in this regard.