

Community Engagement

Hurricane Relief



In September of 2017, Hurricane Maria swept through the Caribbean wreaking havoc on several islands. As an organisation dedicated to serving the people of this region, there was a strong desire among the judges and staff of the Court to collect and donate hurricane relief items to those in need. As such, a joint effort was developed to collect funds, food, toiletries and clothing from the judges and staff to send to those in need. Funds were donated directly to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court for distribution to the judiciary in Dominica and any other judiciaries that needed assistance. The CCJ partnered with a Trinidadian charity, 'Is There Not a Cause?', to distribute the rest of the donations.



Saddened by the effects of Hurricane Irma throughout the region, employees of the CCJ organized an internal collection drive for those affected by the Hurricane. The Court partnered for the second time with 'Is There Not a Cause?', a local non-profit organisation which coordinates relief initiatives throughout the Caribbean.

CCJ Law Moot



The winning team of Mr. Jovan Bowes (left), Mr. Samuel Bailey (holding trophy) and Mr. Luke Cooke posed with their tutor, Ms. Tara Carnegie, after the team clinched the third victory for the Norman Manley Law School of Jamaica in the 10th Annual Caribbean Court of Justice International Law Moot Competition.

In its tenth incarnation, the Law Moot competition continues to serve a dual purpose – not only does it seek to familiarise law students with the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas and the workings of the CCJ's Original Jurisdiction, but it also provides young jurists with an enviable opportunity to hone their talents and exposure to the registry procedures and valuable courtroom experience. This year's debate posed a hypothetical situation: a CARICOM state imposed a tax on imported sugar-sweetened beverages and a ban on advertisement of such beverages on TV and radio.

After a fierce day of debate, the team from the Norman Manley Law School bested a field of outstanding students from seven other law faculties and law schools. The team was advised by Ms. Tara Carnegie and comprised Mr. Samuel Bailey, Mr. Jovan Bowes and Mr. Luke Cooke. The University of the West

Indies, Mona Campus also won the prize for the Best Academic Institution.

The CCJ Law Moot 2018 was sponsored by the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO), an organisation whose mandate is to improve and protect people's health. The Moot was heard by the Honourable Mr. Justice Jacob Wit and the Honourable Mr. Justice David Hayton, both of the Caribbean Court of Justice, and guest moot judge, Dr. Heidi Jiménez who holds the position of Legal Counsel of PAHO/World Health Organisation. Sir George Alleyne, Director Emeritus of PAHO, also attended the Moot with some of his colleagues.

As reiterated by the then President of the Caribbean Court of Justice, the Right Honourable Sir Dennis Byron, "the CCJ is currently poised to contribute to

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positive change in the social order of our Caribbean societies by delivering justice which is accessible, efficient and reflective of our values and mores.”

A distinguished group of guests witnessed the proceedings including: the Honourable Mr. Justice Ivor Archie, Chief Justice of Trinidad and Tobago; the Honourable Mr. Justice Carl Singh, former Chancellor and Head of the Judiciary of Guyana; the Honourable Mme. Justice Lisa Ramsumair-Hinds, from the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago; Mme. Justice Desireé Bernard, former Judge of the CCJ; His Honour Anthony D.J. Gafoor, Chairman of the Tax Appeal Board; Dr. Kusha Haraksingh, Chairman of the CARICOM Competition Commission; and members of the diplomatic corps, jurists and academicians.



Dr. Heidi Jiménez (right), Legal Counsel of PAHO/World Health Organisation, joined the Judges of the CCJ, the Hon. Messrs. Justice Wit and Hayton on the panel.



The participants in the 10th Annual Caribbean Court of Justice Law Moot, enjoy a moment with the outgoing President of the Court, the Rt. Hon. Sir Dennis Byron, after the competition ended.