

# Staff Activities & Celebrations



President Saunders shared his vision for the Court early in his tenure. The Hon. Mr. Justice Saunders has been a Judge at the CCJ since 2005.

As efforts to engage our employees and build staff relationships continued during this judicial year, several activities were planned with the aim of bringing staff together. In December, the Fun at Work Committee organised an end-of-year event for employees of the Caribbean Court of Justice, the Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission and the JURIST Project. The Committee also organised a 'Pump Up your Office Space' competition which challenged Units to decorate their individual work areas for the holiday season.

In February of 2018, the Court hosted our traditional Carnival function for staff with a record number of attendees comprising staff, their guests and invitees from neighbouring organisations.

In April, the Court celebrated its 13th anniversary with a staff breakfast during which several employees were recognised for going above and beyond their daily duties with a short award ceremony.

Our biggest staff functions, however, centred around the departure of outgoing President, the Right

Honourable Sir Dennis Byron, and the welcome of incoming President, the Honourable Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders. In May 2018, the staff continued its tradition of bidding farewell to the Court's President by throwing a farewell function for Sir Dennis in recognition of his tenure here at the Court. During the festivities, he was presented with several tokens of appreciation from his fellow judges and the staff of the Court.

In terms of the installation of the new President, as the ceremony was conducted in Jamaica, staff came together to view the swearing-in via livestream at the offices of the Court. Additionally, on the President's first day in office in his new official post, he was greeted by an employee guard of honour, as well as, a flash mob. Later in the day, he personally hosted a celebration for the staff to commemorate his elevation to the office of President of the CCJ during which he shared his vision for the Court over the next seven years.

## Staff Activities and Celebrations Continued



Employees of the Court broke into a choreographed routine as a surprise for the new President of the Court. The welcome started from the parking lot and culminated in the foyer of his new office.



Mr. Tyrone Bailey, Judicial Assistant, proudly signals his Jamaican heritage during the breakfast hosted by the Jamaicans in the Court and the JURIST Project.



His Excellency David Prendergast (right), Jamaican High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago, visited the Court for the celebration of Jamaica Day in August and enjoyed a sumptuous meal prepared by the staff of the CCJ.