



27 April, 2017

PRESS STATEMENT

I acknowledge the concerns raised with respect to the various matters which were not completed before me as Chief Magistrate by the time of my appointment to the Bench of the Supreme Court of Justice and recognise the effect that the failure to complete these matters will invariably have on the stakeholders in the criminal justice system including accused persons, victims of crime and members of the legal profession. Upon mature reflection, I am of the considered view that it would have been preferable that I advise the Judicial and Legal Service Commission of the full state of my list and request further time to bring matters to completion before confirming my readiness to assume duties as a Judge of the Supreme Court.

After careful deliberation, prayer and consultation with my family, I sought an audience with The Honourable the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Ivor Archie. Thereafter, I delivered my letter of resignation as a Judge of the Supreme Court to His Excellency, Anthony Carmona S.C. O.R.T.T., the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago at 5:30pm on April 27th 2017.

I continue to regret the effect which my actions have caused on the very persons whom I strive to serve and thank His Excellency the President and The Honourable Chief Justice for the confidence placed in me.

Mrs. Marcia Ayers-Caesar

