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14th March, 2018

ATTN: Ms. Elena Araujo

Honorary Secretary

Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago

95-97 Frederick Street,

PORT OF SPAIN

Dear Ms. Araujo,

Re: Decision to withdraw my candidacy for the post of President of the Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago

I have recently informed members of the Legal Profession that I intend to inform the Secretary of the Law Association of the withdrawal of my candidacy in the upcoming elections of the Law Association. I am enclosing a copy of the email which I sent to the members of the Legal Profession informing them of my said intention.

In the circumstances, I hereby give you notice of the said withdrawal of my candidacy. I wish the President and the new Council all the best for the next term.

Yours sincerely,

Ramesh Lawrence Maharaj S.C

c.c. The President of the Law Association, Mr. Douglas Mendes S.C

The Executive Officer, Ms. Alyson Myers

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Dear Colleague,

Re: Decision to withdraw my candidacy for the post of President of the Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago

Recently I accepted the nomination to be a candidate in the upcoming election of the Law Association for the post of President following representations made to me by many members of the legal profession.

Following my acceptance of the nomination, I held discussions with some members of the legal profession in respect of the problems confronting the legal profession and the administration of justice and I have formulated plans which I intended to recommend to Council for implementation. A *draft* agenda was also prepared for Council's review in the event I was elected President of the Law Association.

In the light of my existing professional commitments in matters which I have undertaken both in the local and overseas jurisdictions, I have determined that for the 2018-2019 term of Council I would not be able to devote the time that is required to lead the Council and to meaningfully confront and address the problems in our legal profession and in the administration of justice.

In the circumstances, I propose to inform the Secretary of the Law Association of the withdrawal of my candidacy as President of the Law Association.

I intend to hold discussions with the President of the Law Association and the new Council in respect of the draft agenda which was prepared for the improvement of the Legal Profession and the administration of justice. Further, I intend to also assist the President of the Law Association and the new Council in whatever way I can to assist the Association.

Kindest regards

Ramesh Lawrence Maharaj SC