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The Honourable Mr Faris Al Rawi,  
Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago,  
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Dear Attorney General,

**Re: Bill No. 7 of 2018 - AN ACT to amend the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01, the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 4:20, the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60, the Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Act, Chap. 5:34, the Legal Aid and Advice Act, Chap. 7:07, the Child Rehabilitation Centre Act, Chap. 13:05, the Indictable Offences (Preliminary Enquiry) Act, Chap. 12:01, the Children Act, Chap. 46:01, the Children's Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, Chap. 46:04, the Children's Authority Act, Chap. 46:10, and the Family and Children Division Act, 2016**

I refer to the practice of consulting with the Law Association on any proposed Bills, especially those which impact and affect the administration of justice.

We are of the view that the captioned Bill, which was passed in the House of Representatives on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, has far reaching consequences for the legal profession and the administration of justice and it is quite unfortunate, as has been the case with several prior Bills, that same was not dispatched to us for consultation, it having only come to our attention on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

It is essential that consultation take place and that same be meaningful. In the circumstances, we recommend strongly that the progress of the captioned Bill be halted to permit such consultation with the legal profession and other key stakeholders. We undertake to give you our comments on same on or before 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

We look forward to your kind and urgent assurances and timely receipt of all other proposed legislation which impacts the legal profession and the administration of justice.

Yours sincerely,

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