



LAW ASSOCIATION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

MEDIA RELEASE

LATT Addresses Calls for Chief Justice's Resignation and Professional Conduct Concerns in the Legal Fraternity

The Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago (LATT) acknowledges its responsibility to promote, maintain, and support the administration of justice and the rule of law as mandated by the **Legal Profession Act, 1986**. This includes taking such steps as are available to it under the law in response to allegations of misconduct made against judicial officers and members of the profession. As such, the conduct of judicial officers which have come to light and pronounced upon in the judgments of the Court of Appeal and the Privy Council in the case of **The Judicial and Legal Service Commission v Marcia Ayers-Caesar**, and the responses of the media, members of the public and the profession, have been the subject of anxious consideration by the Council of the LATT.

LATT wishes to advise the public of its decision to seek the advice of regional senior counsel on the issues surrounding the allegations and findings made in relation to the Honourable Chief Justice and the Honourable Justice Marcia Ayers-Caesar in order to guide it in determining the most appropriate course of action. The Council wishes to emphasise that it does not have or claim the luxury of responding to events which impact public confidence in the judiciary without due calm and thoughtful deliberation.

In this regard, LATT recognises and holds dear the right of its members and members of the public to level criticism against members of the judiciary, including calling for their resignation. However, we would emphasise the need in every such case for the expression of even strident views with dignity and respect.

It is in this light that the Council of LATT distances itself from the recent public display of vandalism of an image of the Honourable Chief Justice. While we respect our member's absolute right to call for the resignation of the Chief Justice, we consider his particular mode of expression of that opinion as unnecessarily provocative and lacking in the requisite level of decorum associated with the profession.

LATT remains committed to strengthening the integrity of the judiciary and the legal profession. It will continue to monitor these developments and engage relevant stakeholders to ensure that all matters are addressed in a manner consistent with **due process, legal ethics, and the principles of fundamental justice.**

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