



# BIENNIAL LAW CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

THE CARIBBEAN LEGAL PROFESSION AT 50: EMBRACING NEW FRONTIERS

June 12, 2026 - June 13, 2026, I Hyatt Regency Trinidad, 1 Wrightson Rd, Port of Spain

## REGISTRATION (8:00 am to 9:00 am)

**OPENING  
PLENARY  
9:00 am -  
10:00 am**

- 9:00 am - 9:30 am - **Welcome from LATT's President -Ms Lynette Seebaran Suite SC**
- Greetings from **The Honourable Attorney General, John Jeremie SC**
  - Introduction of the Keynote Speaker - **Mr Ravi Rajcoomar SC**
- 9:30 am - 10:00 am - Keynote Address - **The Honourable Chief Justice, Mr Ronnie Boodoosingh**

## MID MORNING BREAK (10:00 am – 10:30 am)

**MORNING  
SESSION 2  
10:30 am -  
12:00 pm**

- 1. International Rules-Based Order** - Moderated by **Mr Ian Benjamin SC**
- Sanctions in the Region - **Mr Ian Benjamin SC and Mr Joshua Hamlet**
  - Protecting Lawyers, Protecting the Rule of Law - **Ms Sophie Stanbrook**
  - A World Order of Silence: International Law Dominated by Power - **Dr Timothy Affonso**
  - The Principle of Non-Intervention vs the Protection of Human Rights: Conflict or Compatibility in International Law - **Ms Hannah Hylton-Edwards**

## LUNCH (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

**AFTERNOON  
SESSION  
1:00 pm -  
2:30 pm**

- 2. Artificial Intelligence/Regulation of the Legal Profession** - Moderated by **Senator Dr Margaret Rose**
- Artificial Intelligence as a Catalyst for Justice in Trinidad and Tobago - **Mr Christopher Hamel-Smith SC**
  - If AI does the Work, What Exactly are We Charging For? - **Mr Mark Bissett**
  - Fifty Years on, the Future Lawyer is still Human: Why Clinical Legal Education is Critical in the Age of Artificial Intelligence - **Mr Jason Nathu & Ms Kavita Deochan**

## AFTERNOON BREAK (2:30 pm - 2:45 pm)

**EVENING  
SESSION  
2:45 pm -  
4:30 pm**

THE PORT OF SPAIN BALLROOM	THE POINT FORTIN ROOM	THE POINT LISAS ROOM
<p><b>3. Taxation and Fiscal Law</b>-Moderated by <b>Ms Ria Mohammed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Interpretation of Tax Legislation - <b>Mr Justice Chile Eboe-Osuji</b></li> <li>● Corporate and Transactional Law: Recent Developments in Tax Law - <b>Justice Anthony Gafoor</b></li> <li>● Tax Law Issues Come in Threes - <b>Ms Angelique Bart</b></li> <li>● Withholding Tax in Trinidad and Tobago: The Modern Commercial Environment and the Developing Jurisprudence of the Tax Appeal Board- <b>Mr Miguel Vazquez</b></li> <li>● Artificiality: Is the bolted horse finally back in the stable? - <b>Mr Jon Paul Mouttet</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>4. Criminal Law</b> - Moderated by <b>Senator Sophia Chote SC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DNA in Criminal Trials - <b>Justice of Appeal Mark Mohammed</b></li> <li>● Putting Sense in Sentencing - <b>Justice of Appeal Gillian Lucky</b></li> <li>● From Ballistics to Bytes Modernising Independent Oversight of Police-Involved Shootings in a Digital Age - <b>Mr David West</b></li> <li>● Common Expert Opinion Misconceptions in Forensic Pathology: Overview of the Limitations of Valid Expert Evidence for Legal Practitioners - <b>Dr. Alfredo Walker</b></li> <li>● Legal Aid- A Necessary Pillar in Criminal Proceedings - <b>Mr Trevor Clarke</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>5. Family Law (Domestic Violence)</b> - Moderated by <b>Ms Lynette Seebaran Suite SC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assessing the Efficacy of the Domestic Violence Regime in Trinidad and Tobago: Access, Accountability, and the Future of Protection - <b>Madam Justice Sydelle Johnson</b></li> <li>● Assessing the Efficacy of the Domestic Violence Regime - <b>Senator Hazel Thompson-Ahye</b></li> <li>● The Domestic Violence Act - The Abuse and Misuse - <b>Ms Denelle Singh</b></li> <li>● Dismantling Silos: A Comparative Analysis of Risk-Based Offender Models in Domestic Violence Response - <b>Ms Adeisha Pierre</b></li> </ul>

**4:30 pm -  
5:30 pm**

## EVENING COCKTAILS/HOR D'OEUVRES





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**MID MORNING SNACK (10:30 am - 10:45 am)**

<b>MORNING SESSION 2</b> 10:45 am - 12:15 pm	<p><b>7: Trending Topics in Civil Law - Moderated by Ms Salma Rahaman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Singapore Convention on Mediation: The Importance for Its Adoption by Trinidad and Tobago - <b>Ms Salma Rahaman</b></li> <li>● Embracing New Frontiers in Corporate Law: The Caribbean Court of Justice's Rejection of Prest v Petrodel and the Future of Corporate Veil Doctrine in the Commonwealth Caribbean- <b>Mr Anil V Maraj</b></li> <li>● The Common Law of Competitive Bidding Comes of Age in the Caribbean: Cara Investments Ltd v Ram [2026] CCJ 5 (AJ) GY and the Architecture of Fairness in Procurement – <b>Senator Dr Margaret Rose</b></li> </ul>
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**LUNCH (12:15 pm - 1:00 pm)**

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<b>AFTERNOON SESSION</b> 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	<p><b>8. FATF/AML - Moderated by Mr Ravi Rajcoomar SC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Recent Changes in FATF/AML Legislation as they Affect the Legal Profession - <b>Mr Ravi Rajcoomar SC</b></li> <li>● Guarding the Guardians of the Caribbean Legal Profession: From Privilege to Compliance in AML Regulation - <b>Ms Kaylia Toney</b></li> <li>● Guarding the Gatekeepers: Recalibrating AML/CFT/CPF Obligations and Legal Professional Privilege in the Legal Profession's Next Frontier - <b>Ms Kylene Dowden</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>9. Family Law - Moderated by Ms Lesley-Ann Lucky-Samaroo SC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Approaches to Valuations in Family Law - <b>Ms Nadiya Gower de Chabert</b></li> <li>● Lifting the Corporate Veil in the Family Court: Disclosure, Companies, and the Limits of Financial Transparency in Ancillary Relief Proceedings - <b>Ms Saira Lakhan</b></li> <li>● The Changing Face of the Family: Elder Abuse, Immigrant Marriages, Nikkah, Same Sex Unions and Online Dating - <b>Ms Afreen Mohammed-Khan</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>10. Criminal Law - Moderated by Mr John Heath SC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AJIPA - A Judicial Insight into Pre-Trial Adjudication: Efficiency, Evidential Sufficiency and Procedural Integrity - <b>Master Sarah De Silva</b></li> <li>● Bail in Murder Matters - <b>Mr Rajiv Persad SC</b></li> <li>● Reforming the Provocation Defence - <b>Mr Colin Denoon</b></li> <li>● Justice Deferred, Childhood Denied, A Jurisprudential Critique of the Children's Court of Trinidad and Tobago Six Years On - <b>Mr Peter Carter</b></li> </ul>

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<b>EVENING SESSION</b> 2:45 pm - 4:15 pm	<p><b>11. Artificial Intelligence - Moderated by Mr Anand Singh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Judge Hercules and AI in Caribbean Courts: Enhancing Judicial Accountability - <b>Mr Reagan Rowans</b></li> <li>● Hallucinations, Prompts, and Precedent: the C.L.E.A.R. Protocol for Reliable AI-Augmented Legal Reasoning in Caribbean Jurisprudence - <b>Mr Christopher George</b></li> <li>● Contracted into the Unknown: Vendor AI, Data Sovereignty and the Unregulated Frontier of Public Procurement in Trinidad and Tobago - <b>Ms Ashley Singh</b></li> <li>● The Algorithm has no Silk: Lessons from the Global Regulation of Artificial Intelligence for the Legal Profession of the Caribbean - <b>Ms Rachel Welch-Phillips &amp; Mr Nicholas Sant</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>12. The Business of Law and the Pursuit of Justice/ Niche Areas - Moderated by Ms Dawn Palackdharry-Singh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Running Your Law Practice as a Business - Profits to Paralysis - <b>Ms Deborah Moore-Miggins</b></li> <li>● How The Judgments in The Maurice Bishop Murder Trials Greatly Enhanced The Dynamism of Caribbean Jurisprudence - <b>Dr Lawrence Joseph</b></li> <li>● Legal Implications of UN Resolution on Reparations for the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade - <b>Prof. Emeritus Winston H. E. Suite</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>13. Human Rights/ Refugees - Moderated by Mr Anthony Vieira SC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Blueprint for Oversight that Listens: Policy Lessons and Operational Strategies from the PCA's Response to Migrant Complaints in Trinidad and Tobago - <b>Mr David West &amp; Ms Michelle Solomon-Baksh</b></li> <li>● Whither the Alternative Remedy? Examining the Alternative Remedy Bar 46 Years Post-Harrisssoon - <b>Mr Roshan Ramcharitar</b></li> <li>● TT's Legal Duty to Honour its Obligations Under the Convention and Protocol Relating to Status of Refugees - <b>Ms Gina Maharaj</b></li> </ul>

4:15 pm - 5:15 pm

**CLOSING CEREMONY | VOTE OF THANKS | DOOR PRIZES | ENTERTAINMENT: TASSA AND ERPHAAN ALVES | EVENING COCKTAILS**