The Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago

DAY 1 – FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2026

COFFEE STATION OPEN FROM 8:00am to 5:00 p.m.

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**

- Sanction 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

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3. Taxation and Fiscal Law-Moderated by **Ms Ria Mohammed** ● Interpretation of Tax Legislation - **Mr Justice Chile Eboe-Osuji** ● Corporate and Transactional Law: Recent Developments in Tax Law **- Justice Anthony Gafoor** ● Tax Law Issues Come in Threes **- Ms Angelique Bart** ● Withholding Tax in Trinidad and Tobago: The Modern Commercial Environment and the Developing Jurisprudence of the Tax Appeal Board- **Mr Miguel Vazquez** ● Artificiality: Is the bolted horse finally back in the stable? **– Mr Jon Paul Mouttet**	**4. Criminal Law -** Moderated by **Senator Sophia Chote SC** ● DNA in Criminal Trials **- Justice of Appeal Mark Mohammed** ● Putting Sense in Sentencing **- Justice of Appeal Gillian Lucky** ● From Ballistics to Bytes Modernising Independent Oversight of Police-Involved Shootings in a Digital Age - **Mr David West** ● Common Expert Opinion Misconceptions in Forensic Pathology: Overview of the Limitations of Valid Expert Evidence for Legal Practitioners - **Dr. Alfredo Walker** ● Legal Aid- A Necessary Pillar in Criminal Proceedings - **Mr Trevor Clarke**	**5. Family Law (Domestic Violence) -** Moderated by **Ms Lynette Seebaran Suite SC** ● Assessing the Efficacy of the Domestic Violence Regime in Trinidad and Tobago: Access, Accountability, and the Future of Protection **- Madam Justice Sydelle Johnson** ● Assessing the Efficacy of the Domestic Violence Regime **- Senator Hazel Thompson-Ahye** ● The Domestic Violence Act - The Abuse and Misuse - **Ms Denelle Singh** ● Dismantling Silos: A Comparative Analysis of Risk-Based Offender Models in Domestic Violence Response **- Ms Adeisha Pierre**

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm — **EVENING COCKTAILS/HOR D'OEUVRES**

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6. Labour Law - Moderated by **Ms Ria Mohammed**

- S.10(3) of the IRA after recent Court of Appeal Cases: Broad Powers, Real Limits and Unresolved Tensions - **Mr Kerwyn Garcia SC, Ms Vanessa Gopaul, Mr Anthony Bullock and Mr Raphael Ajodhia**
- Regulating AI in Legal Practice: Labour Rights, Professional Accountability, and Workforce Resilience in Uncertain Times - **Ms Tracell Frederick**

MID MORNING SNACK (10:30 am – 10:45 am)

MORNING SESSION 2 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

7: Trending Topics in Civil Law - Moderated by **Ms Salma Rahaman**

- The Singapore Convention on Mediation: The Importance for Its Adoption by Trinidad and Tobago - **Ms Salma Rahaman**
- 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**- Mr Anil V Maraj**
- 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 – **Senator Dr Margaret Rose**

LUNCH (12:15 pm – 1:00 pm)

AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

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8. FATF/AML - Moderated by **Mr Ravi Rajcoomar SC** • The Recent Changes in FATF/AML Legislation as they Affect the Legal Profession – **Mr Ravi Rajcoomar SC** • Guarding the Guardians of the Caribbean Legal Profession: From Privilege to Compliance in AML Regulation – **Ms Kaylia Toney** • Guarding the Gatekeepers: Recalibrating AML/CFT/CPF Obligations and Legal Professional Privilege in the Legal Profession's Next Frontier **- Ms Kylene Dowden**	**9. Family Law - Moderated by Ms Lesley-Ann Lucky-Samaroo SC** • Approaches to Valuations in Family Law - **Ms Nadiya Gower de Chabert** • Lifting the Corporate Veil in the Family Court: Disclosure, Companies, and the Limits of Financial Transparency in Ancillary Relief Proceedings – **Ms Saira Lakhan** • The Changing Face of the Family: Elder Abuse, Immigrant Marriages, Nikkah, Same Sex Unions and Online Dating - **Ms Afreen Mohammed-Khan**	**10. Criminal Law -** Moderated by **Mr John Heath SC** • AJIPA - A Judicial Insight into Pre-Trial Adjudication: Efficiency, Evidential Sufficiency and Procedural Integrity - **Master Sarah De Silva** • Bail in Murder Matters - **Mr Rajiv Persad SC** • Reforming the Provocation Defence - **Mr Colin Denoon** • Justice Deferred, Childhood Denied, A Jurisprudential Critique of the Children's Court of Trinidad and Tobago Six Years On - **Mr Peter Carter**

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11. Artificial Intelligence - Moderated by **Mr Anand Singh** • Judge Hercules and AI in Caribbean Courts: Enhancing Judicial Accountability - **Mr Reagan Rowans** • Hallucinations, Prompts, and Precedent: the C.L.E.A.R. Protocol for Reliable AI-Augmented Legal Reasoning in Caribbean Jurisprudence - **Mr Christopher George** • Contracted into the Unknown: Vendor AI, Data Sovereignty and the Unregulated Frontier of Public Procurement in Trinidad and Tobago - **Ms Ashley Singh** • The Algorithm has no Silk: Lessons from the Global Regulation of Artificial Intelligence for the Legal Profession of the Caribbean - **Ms Rachel Welch-Phillips & Mr Nicholas Sant**	**12. The Business of Law and the Pursuit of Justice/ Niche Areas -** Moderated by- **Ms Dawn Palackdharry-Singh** • Running Your Law Practice as a Business - Profits to Paralysis - **Ms Deborah Moore-Miggins** • How The Judgments in The Maurice Bishop Murder Trials Greatly Enhanced The Dynamism of Caribbean Jurisprudence - **Dr Lawrence Joseph** • Legal Implications of UN Resolution on Reparations for the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade - **Prof. Emeritus Winston H. E. Suite**	**13. Human Rights/ Refugees -** Moderated by **Mr Anthony Vieira SC** • Blueprint for Oversight that Listens: Policy Lessons and Operational Strategies from the PCA's Response to Migrant Complaints in Trinidad and Tobago – **Mr David West & Ms Michelle Solomon-Baksh** • Whither the Alternative Remedy? Examining the Alternative Remedy Bar 46 Years Post-Harrikissoon - **Mr Roshan Ramcharitar** • TT's Legal Duty to Honour its Obligations Under the Convention and Protocol Relating to Status of Refugees - **Ms Gina Maharaj**

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm — **CLOSING CEREMONY | VOTE OF THANKS | DOOR PRIZES | ENTERTAINMENT: TASSA AND ERPHAAN ALVES | EVENING COCKTAILS**

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