

40th Anniversary of Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court *- Activities planned for Grenada.*

Local Committee-Grenada

The Celebrations Committee is comprised of the following persons:

1. Justice Kenneth Benjamin - Chairman
2. His Worship Mr. Henry Pariag - Magistracy
3. Mr. Ovid Gill - Attorney-at-law - Representative of Grenada Bar Association
4. Ms. Nordica McIntyre - Permanent Secretary - Ministry of Legal Affairs
5. Mr. Rae Roberts - Journalist - Representative of Media
6. Mrs. Gloria Payne-Banfield, Retired Public servant - representative of N.G.Os

The Committee held its first meeting on September 11, 2006 and has held regular meetings to plan celebratory events.

Essay Competition

An Essay Competition was launched on December 8, 2006 for tertiary level students. Participants were asked to submit an essay on the topic:

“Discuss the lessons learnt as to the viability of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court as a regional institution.”

The closing date for entries was January 31, 2007. Judges have been drawn from the legal and academic circles.

Public Symposium

The Grenada Bar Association has organized a public symposium which will be held on February 15, 2007. The event will take the form of a feature presentation by Prof. Simeon ‘Randy’ McIntosh, Dean of the Faculty of Law of U.W.I, Cave Hill, Barbados. The presentation will be followed by an interactive panel discussion. The panel will be comprised of Prof. McIntosh, Dr. Francis Alexis and Mr. Lloyd Noel.

Church Service

The celebrations will be ushered in with a Church Service at the Grand Anse Catholic Church on Sunday, February 18, 2007. The Judiciary, Magistracy and practicing Bar will be in attendance and will participate in the service

Profiles

Prominent Grenadian-born personalities who have been associated with the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court over its 40 years of existence will be profiled in 5-minute daily presentations on radio and television between February 12 and 23, 2007. The text of these profiles will be made available for posting on the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court web-site.

Formal Court Sitting

The Court will sit formally on February 27, 2007 to receive speeches by simulcast. Thereafter speeches will be made by Bench, Attorney-General and Members of the Bar.

Gala Banquet

The Bar has assumed responsibility for the organizing of a gala banquet to be held on Friday February 23, 2007 under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor-General. Other dignitaries and special guests are expected to attend.

Moot Trial/Debate

A sub-committee comprised of lawyers has been formed to organize a moot trial or debate. This event is slated for the month of March 2007. Teams will be coached by practicing lawyers. Television coverage is projected.

Exhibition

Items of interest are being collected from sources including the Registry, lawyers' Chambers and the Library for the purpose of mounting a public exhibition. Plans are still afoot and dates will be announced in due course.