



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE

Dear Readers:

In my last message I promised to examine more closely the new procedures for the trial of matters in the Criminal Division. These procedures are provided for in the proposed **Criminal Courts (Delay Reduction) Rules** made under the authority of the **Criminal Courts (Delay Reduction) Act** No. 17 of 2004. The proposed Rules are presently under final review with the hope and expectation that they may be implemented in the very near future.

The Rules provide for the establishment and management of the Criminal Division which, for administrative purposes, merges the administration of criminal matters in the High Court and the District Court into one unified management entity. Provision is made for the appointment of a Presiding Judge, who shall be responsible for the efficient and economic management of the Division and shall have authority for the administration of the Division. In this, the Presiding Judge will be assisted by a Division Manager.

A judge is given authority to hear and decide any indictable or summary matter, while a magistrate has authority to hear and decide summary matters, determine preliminary inquiries filed prior to the establishment of the Division, preside over initial hearings, omnibus conferences and other pre-trial events involving indictable offences as may be assigned by the Presiding Judge.

The initial hearing involves verification of the defendant's identity and contact information, notice of counsel's appearance if the defendant is represented, reading of charges to defendant, explanation of defendant's rights, consideration of bail, hearing and review of any applications made by prosecution or defence, explanation of the plea process and the taking of a plea (in summary matters only), and notification of the date at which the defendant's next appearance is expected. At that stage the magistrate will also set the date by which the prosecution must make disclosure, and the defence must disclose alibi or other special defences. In the case of a summary charge the magistrate may conduct a trial at once if the defendant requests it and the prosecution consents, or he or she may make a scheduling order that establishes a schedule of pre-trial events and a projected trial date, and an order that copies of the police investigation

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reports be made available to the defendant at a specified time. In the case of an indictable charge, the magistrate must in the scheduling order fix a date for a sufficiency hearing, a date by which the defendant must retain counsel or seek the appointment of counsel at the expense of the State, then forward the case to be dealt with by a judge.

Before accepting a guilty plea in a summary matter the magistrate must assure him or herself by questioning the defendant, either personally or by calling on the defendant's counsel to conduct the questioning, that the defendant committed the offence, that the plea of guilty is voluntary, and that it is made with an understanding of the consequences. The magistrate may refuse to accept a guilty plea if of the view that it is not in the interests of justice to do so, and in that case no admission made by the defendant at that stage is admissible at trial. In the case of a not guilty plea, a trial date is set. An immediate trial, or an expedited trial, may be ordered in particular circumstances.

The Rules introduce case management principles into the processing of criminal trials. These are held when required, and involve the early identification of real issues, the early identification of the needs of witnesses, e.g. witnesses with disabilities, witnesses whose evidence will require an interpreter, achieving certainty as to what must be done, by whom, and when, the early setting of a timetable for the progress of the case, ensuring that evidence, whether disputed or not, is presented in the shortest and clearest way, discouraging delay, dealing with as many aspects of the case as possible on the same occasion, avoiding unnecessary hearings, encouraging the participants to cooperate in the progress of the case, making use of technology, and giving any directions appropriate to the needs of the case as early as possible.

In our next issue of the Newsletter, I propose to continue this discussion.

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT NEWS

New Faces

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court welcomes Mrs. Monica Chandler and Mr. Garvin Lawrence.



Monica Chandler, Human Resource Officer; Garvin Lawrence, Website Administrator

Mrs. Monica Chandler joined the staff complement of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court on 1st March 2006 as the Human Resource Officer. Prior to joining the Court she worked in the Government Service for fifteen (15) years in different positions ranging from Secretary to her most recent, Human Resource Development Officer. Mrs. Chandler holds a Bachelor's Degree in Management with a minor in Human Resource Management from the University of the West Indies.

Mr. Garvin W. Lawrence joins the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court as Website Administrator, with effect 15th March 2006. His experience in Information Technology includes website administration and graphic designing. Mr. Lawrence is a (CIW) Certified Internet Webmaster, and has developed and maintained over 12 popular websites. Before his attachment with the Court he served as lead website administrator at one of the local media houses in Saint Lucia, Helen Television System.

Chief Justice Alleyne Leads Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Delegation on Study Tour of the New Jersey State Courts

On the 27th and 28th February, 2006, Chief Justice, the Honourable Brian Alleyne, SC headed a four-member delegation from the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court that participated in a study tour of the State Courts in New Jersey, USA as part of the ongoing process of judicial education, reform and modernization at Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court

The two-day study tour was hosted and organized by the Superior Court of Essex County in New Jersey and it gave the officials of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court directly involved with the restructuring and modernization of the Justice System, the opportunity to observe close-up a practical example of a modern judicial system and how the judicial and administrative functions of the court work in harmony to ensure a more efficient and effective delivery of justice.

The study tour began with presentations, but also included demonstrations, observations and discussions. The Assignment Judge of the vicinage of Essex County gave an overview of the New Jersey Courts and of the Superior Courts in Essex County; the Trial Court Administrator of the vicinage outlined the role and functions of the Trial Court Administrator and the Division Managers in the County; and the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division made a presentation on his administrative responsibilities as the Presiding Judge of the Division.

Following the presentations the delegation was afforded the opportunity for 1½ days to visit with each of the functional units (divisions) of the Superior Court and engage in discussions with the Presiding Judges, Division Managers, Team Leaders, and in some cases Case Management Team Members. Each Division Manager gave an overview of case management and the case management reports in his Division, after which there were questions and answers and discussions between the Case Management Team and the delegation.

The State of New Jersey is divided into geographic judicial divisions called vicinages. In each vicinage the Chief Justice of the State of New Jersey, in order to facilitate the management of the trial court system, organizes the court into four functional units called divisions namely: Civil, Criminal, Family, and General Equity. Further, the Chief Justice designates a Superior Court Judge to be the Assignment Judge for each vicinage and this person is the Chief Judicial Officer within that vicinage. An Assignment Judge, within his Vicinage, has plenary responsibilities for the administration of the courts within that jurisdiction

including the superintendence and allocation of judges and is also responsible to the Chief Justice for the vicinage's efficient and economic management.

Each of the functional units in the vicinage is supervised by a Presiding Judge. In addition to judicial duties the Presiding Judge of a functional unit within a vicinage is responsible for the expeditious processing to disposition of all matters filed within that unit.

Assisting the Assignment Judge with the administration of the vicinage is a Trial Court Administrator who acts as the administrative arm of the vicinage. The responsibilities of the Trial Court Administrator include (i) the provision of technical and managerial support to the Assignment Judge with respect to budget development and expenditure, (ii) the supervision of all judicial support personnel, (iii) programme development and analysis and (iv) facilities and resource management. The Trial Court Administrator is also responsible and accountable for the efficient movement of cases within the vicinage.

Assisting the Trial Court Administrator are Division Managers, one for each of the functional units. The responsibilities of the Division Managers include the management of such judicial-support staff and resources as have been allocated to the Division Manager's functional unit by the Assignment Judge or the Trial Court Administrator.

As a result of the study tour the delegation was better able to appreciate and understand the operations and workings of a Judicial System that is divided into specialized areas and is heavily reliant on its administrative staff for improved efficiency and effectiveness.

The tour provided significant insight into the operations of the Trial Court Divisions which is very similar to the model which is being developed as part of the Court Structures Project which started in Saint Lucia.

Accompanying the Chief Justice on the study tour were the Court's Executive Administrator Mr. Gregory Girard, Acting Chief Registrar, Ms. Heather Franklyn and Mr. Mac Clure Taylor, Deputy Court Administrator.

The CIDA Judicial and Legal Reform Project provided funding assistance to facilitate the study tour.

Interception of Communications Act

The Attorney General's Chambers of Saint Lucia, with support from the resident British High Commission Office conducted a seminar, "Preparation of Applications for Interception Warrants" during the period March 6 - 10, 2006. The Hon. Justice Ola Mae Edwards and the Hon. Justice Sandra Mason, QC represented the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.

The seminar addressed operational issues in respect of the recently passed Interception of Communications Act. Sessions included: overview of legislation and how it differs from UK legislation; benefits of intelligence only interception; IOCA safeguards limiting collateral intrusion, demonstrating proportionality and necessity; the need for streamlined processes; the application process - written, urgent, and verbal emergency procedures; integrity of process and security of information; oversight and setting up of an appeals tribunal and its operation; codes of conduct for authorizing officers and areas to be covered; managing the risks of illegal interception; and drafting IOCA interception direction applications - style and format.

Telford Georges Lecture

The Hon. Justice Hugh Rawlins represented the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court at the Telford Georges Lecture at the Cave Hill Campus, University of the West Indies, Barbados on Friday, 31st March 2006.

The lecture, entitled "Judicial Supervision of Executive Action in the Commonwealth Caribbean", was given by the Rt. Hon. Justice Michael de la Bastide, President of the Caribbean Court of Justice.

The late Rt. Hon. Philip Telford Georges served as Professor of Law, 1974 - 1981; Chief Justice of Tanzania; Chief Justice of Zimbabwe; and Chief Justice of the Bahamas.

Government of Canada Extends Support of Judiciary

The Government of Canada, through its International Development Agency (CIDA), has agreed to extend its contribution to the reform of the Judicial Branch of governments in the Eastern Caribbean with the signing on Wednesday 29th

March 2006 of an Amendment to a Contribution Arrangement between the Government of Canada and the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.

The amendment extends the duration of the original Contribution Arrangement signed on the 2nd June 2004 from March 2006 to December 2007, and increased the value of the contribution by Can. \$265,000 to Can. \$865,000.

The amendment to the Contribution Arrangement was signed at the Conference Room of the Court of Appeal at the Heraldine Rock Building, Waterfront, Castries, Saint Lucia by His Lordship, the Honourable Brian Alleyne, SC, Chief Justice [Ag.], on behalf of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, and by Ms. Kathryn Dunlop, the Head of Development (CIDA) Section, who is based at the Canadian High Commission in Barbados, for and on behalf of the Government of Canada.

The original Contribution Arrangement assisted the Court in continuing with the implementation of the Court Structures Project and the efficiency improvement of the Magistrates Courts in Member States and Territories, both of which commenced as part of the OECS / CIDA Judicial and Legal Reform Project.

These funds have thus far been used to assist particularly with consultancies, judicial education activities, and the introduction of technology, especially in the Magistrates Courts.

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court expresses sincerest gratitude to the Government of Canada for their continued support of its programmes, and looks forward to continuing the activities associated with the reforms and modernization of the Court structure.

Assistance to the Supreme Court of Bermuda

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court has been providing assistance to the Supreme Court of Bermuda in their efforts at selecting a case management system for use in their Court. The process started about 4 months ago when a US Consultant contacted the Court and solicited information on our experiences with the software company - PCSS and the approach used for selecting JEMS for the sub-region.

In early March 2006, the Supreme Court of Bermuda made a formal request of the ECSC for hosting a site visit to the High Court. The Court accepted that request and on Tuesday March 28, 2006 a team of 4 persons visited the Court to oversee the use of JEMS within our court system.

The team included:

1. Honourable Miss Charles-Etta Simmons, Supreme Court Judge
2. Ms. Charlene Scott, Registrar of the Supreme Court, Bermuda
3. Mrs. Elizabeth "Betty" Mroz, Office Manager/ Assistant Registrar
4. Mr. Frank Vazquez, IT Administrator
5. Mrs. Sharon Michael, Manager of the Magistrates Court.

During the early morning of Tuesday March 28, 2006 the team was welcomed by the Hon. Brian Alleyne, SC, Chief Justice (Ag) and had initial discussions with Mr. Gregory Girard, Court Administrator and Mr. Mark Ernest, IT Manager. Later in the morning, they visited the High Court with Mr. Derrick Agdomar, Systems Administrator and were given a session of familiarization with the JEMS package by the Court Clerk, Mr. Richard Smith and the High Court Administrator, Ms. Verlinda Stanislas.

The team indicated that their trip was extremely useful and that they were in a better position to make a selection of a case management system for their Court.

Grenada

Registry

The staff of the Supreme Court Registry has been temporarily relocated to the top floor of the Ministry of Legal Affairs to facilitate the commencement of renovation work on the main building of the court building. To date renovation has not commenced.

High Court

The No. 2 High Court has been relocated to Rowley's House on H.A. Blaize Street, St. Georges. The presiding Judge is the Honourable Justice Davidson Baptiste.

Magistrates Court

The Sauteurs Magistrates Court has not sat since the passage of Hurricane Emily in July 2005. However all other Magistrates Courts are now fully functional.

Mediation

The renovation of the Mediation office has been completed and sessions are back on stream. Since the inception of court-connected mediation in Grenada, sixty matters have to date been referred

Court Statistics

Introduction

The tables below provide statistical information for Saint Lucia's High Court, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Kitts Magistrates Courts and the Family Court of Saint Vincent. These are the territories for which complete data sets are available for the period August 2005-January 2006. Comparative data are available for the period August 2005- January 2006. In the case of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Family Court, the tables are prepared for January 2006 with comparative data for the similar period in 2004.

Table 1. gives a review of cases filed in Saint Lucia High Court for the period August-January 2005-2006 with the comparative data for the period August-January 2004-2005. There is an overall increase of 23.97% of cases filed in the High Court for review period (2005-2006) relative to the similar period of 2004-2006. Noticeable increases of 100%, 87.5% and 86.5% were recorded for admiralty, adoption and probate matters. In fact, increases were recorded in all categories of cases filed.

Table 2. provides information on the number of cases disposed of by Saint Lucia's High Court Registry for the period August- January 2005-2006 with comparative data for 2004-2005. There was a 3.69% increased in the total number of cases disposed of by the High Court in comparison to the same period of 2004-2005. Noticeable increases in disposition were recorded for criminal matters 127.27% and probate matters 124.24%. However, a decline of 16 % was recorded for the number of civil matters disposed of for the review period.

It should be noted though that the clearance rate of civil cases for the period 2005-2006 was approximately 101%. The overall clearance rate for August-January 2005-2006 was approximately 82% and 97.8% for August- January 2004-2005.

Saint Lucia High Court -Number of Cases Filed August 2005- January 2006 with Comparison for August 2004-January 2005

Table 1

Cases filed	Civil	Matrimonial	Probate	Criminal	Adoption	Admiralty	Total
August 2005	89	13	44	11	1	1	159
August 2004	75	13	0	3	3	0	94
% Change	18.67	0.00	-	266.67	-66.67	-	69.15
September 2005	83	15	65	10	4	0	177
September 2004	43	23	0	5	0	0	71
% Change	93.02	-34.78	-	100.00	-	-	149.30
October 2005	111	16	36	7	2	0	172
October 2004	110	7	31	6	0	0	154
% Change	0.91	128.57	16.13	16.67	-	-	11.69
November 2005	77	19	54	1	4	0	155
November 2004	98	6	43	3	1	1	152
% Change	-21.43	216.67	25.58	-66.67	300.00	-100.00	1.97
December 2005	67	9	35	37	3	0	151
December 2004	94	16	31	7	2	0	150
% Change	-28.72	-43.75	12.90	428.57	50.00	-	0.67
January 2006	84	18	44	0	1	1	148
January 2005	90	13	44	6	2	0	155
% Change	-6.67	38.46	0.00	-100.00	-50.00	-	-4.52
Total 2005-2006	511	90	278	66	15	2	962
Total 2004-2005	510	78	149	30	8	1	776
% change	0.19	15.38	86.57	120	87.50	100.00	23.97

**Saint Lucia High Court -Number of Cases Disposed of - August 2005- January 2006
with Comparison for August 2004-January 2005**

Table2

Cases Disposed of	Civil	Matrimonial	Probate	Criminal	Adoption	Admiralty	Total
August 2005	21	14	20	0	0	0	55
August 2004	14	5	0	0	3	0	22
% Change	50.00	180.00	-	-	-100	-	150.00
September 2005	72	7	48	7	3	0	137
September 2004	49	6	0	4	0	0	59
% Change	46.94	16.67	-	75.00	-	-	132.20
October 2005	85	7	11	12	1	0	116
October 2004	177	4	9	8	0	0	198
% Change	-51.98	75.00	22.22	50.00	-	-	-41.41
November 2005	115	12	28	21	1	1	178
November 2004	173	15	27	5	1	0	221
% Change	-33.53	-20.00	3.70	320.00	0.00	-	-19.46
December 2005	116	6	22	3	3	0	150
December 2004	95	7	9	2	2	0	115
% Change	22.11	-14.29	144.44	50.00	50.00	-	30.43
January 2006	110	14	19	7	1	0	151
January 2005	110	9	21	3	1	0	144
% Change	0.00	55.56	-9.52	133.33	0.00	-	4.86
Total 2005-2006	519	60	148	50	9	1	787
Total 2004-2005	618	46	66	22	7	0	759
% change	-16.02	30.43	124.24	127.27	28.57	0.00	3.69

Table 3. and Table 4. provide information on the number of cases filed and disposed of in the Magistrates Courts of Saint Vincent and Grenadines for August- January 2005-2006 and August- January 2004-2005.

The number of cases filed in the Magistrates Courts of the aforementioned country declined by 124% in comparison to the similar period for August-January 2004-2005. The decline in the number of traffic cases filed for the period August- January 2005-2006 impacted significantly on the total number of cases filed. The number of traffic matters filed for August- January 2005-2006 was reduced by 77%.

A large number of traffic matters were filed and likewise disposed of in the Night Court which was in operation for the previous period (August 2004-January 2005). Declines were also recorded for the number of criminal matters filed. However, civil matters recorded a 45% increase.

Corresponding to the number of filings, the total number of cases disposed of for August-January 2005-2006 declined by 52%. Similarly, the number of traffic matters disposed of impacted on the total number of cases disposed of for August- January 2005-2006 relative to August- January 2004-2005. The number of traffic matters disposed of reduced significantly by approximately 75%. There was an overall reduction in all categories of matters disposed of.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines - Magistrate Courts -Number of Cases Filed August 2005- January 2006 with Comparison for August 2004-January 2005

Table3

Cases Disposed of	Criminal	Traffic	Civil	Recovery of Possession	Total
August 2005	221	354	70	0	645
August 2004	316	1107	68	0	1491
% Change	-30.06	-68.02	2.94	-	-56.74
September 2005	229	129	141	0	499
September 2004	176	1240	69	0	1485
% Change	30.11	-89.60	104.35	-	-66.40
October 2005	253	47	51	1	352
October 2004	347	710	54	0	1111
% Change	-27.09	-93.38	-5.56	-	-68.32
November 2005	182	396	40	0	618
November 2004	257	1168	60	0	1485
% Change	-29.18	-66.10	-33.33	-	-58.38
December 2005	197	83	81	0	361
December 2004	215	476	49	0	740
% Change	-8.37	-82.56	65.31	-	-51.22
January 2006	302	178	90	0	570
January 2005	169	324	26	0	519
% Change	78.70	-45.06	246.15	-	9.83
Total 2005-2006	1384	1187	473	1	3045
Total 2004-2005	1480	5025	326	0	6831
% change	-6.49	-77.17	45.09	-	-124.33

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines- Magistrate Courts -Number of Cases Disposed of August 2005- January 2006 with Comparison for August 2004-January 2005

Table 4

Cases Disposed of	Criminal	Traffic	Civil	Recovery of Possession	Total
August 2005	180	129	58	1	368
August 2004	273	567	67	0	907
% Change	-34.07	-77.25	-13.43	-	-59.43
September 2005	187	195	29	0	411
September 2004	159	786	42	0	987
% Change	17.61	-75.19	-30.95	-	-58.36
October 2005	248	120	97	0	465
October 2004	240	707	62	0	1009
% Change	3.33	-83.03	56.45	-	-53.91
November 2005	227	290	73	0	590
November 2004	287	539	82	0	908
% Change	-20.91	-46.20	-10.98	-	-35.02
December 2005	125	83	29	0	237
December 2004	223	288	55	0	566
% Change	-43.95	-71.18	-47.27	-	-58.13
January 2006	299	72	58	0	429
January 2005	114	725	49	0	888
% Change	162.38	-90.07	18.37	-	-51.69
Total 2005-2006	1266	889	344	1	2500
Total 2004-2005	1296	3612	357	0	5265
% change	-2.31	-75.39	-3.64	-	-52.52

Tables 5 and 6 give a review of the number of cases filed and disposed of in the Magistrates Courts of Saint Kitts for the period August- January 2005-2006 and August - January 2004 -2005.

The total number of cases filed in Saint Kitts Magistrates Courts increased by 8.35%. The number of juvenile matters filed increased significantly by 175%. Maintenance matters recorded a decline of approximately 21%.

The total number of cases disposed of increased slightly by 0.83%. Corresponding with filings the number of juvenile matters disposed of increased significantly by 150%. Reductions in disposition were recorded for a number of maintenance matters (15.85%) and civil matters 5.57%. The overall clearance rate for the Magistrates Courts for the period August-January 2005-2006 was approximately 97% and 104% for August- January 2004-2005.

Saint Kitts Magistrates Courts -Number of Cases Filed August 2005- January 2006 with Comparison for August 2004-January 2005

Table 5

Cases Disposed of	Criminal	Traffic	Civil	Maintenance	Juvenile	Total
August 2005	67	78	214	137	6	502
August 2004	-	-	-	-	-	-
% Change						
September 2005	133	55	93	107	3	391
September 2004	129	67	116	132	5	449
% Change	3.10	-17.91	-19.83	-18.94	-40.00	-12.92
October 2005	111	53	169	156	3	492
October 2004	122	23	112	132	4	393
% Change	-9.02	130.43	50.89	18.18	-25.00	25.19
November 2005	130	45	205	101	9	490
November 2004	149	56	257	145	3	610
% Change	-12.75	-19.64	-20.23	-30.34	200.00	-19.67
December 2005	165	12	174	49	20	420
December 2004	66	7	192	359	7	631
% Change	150.00	71.43	-9.38	-86.35	185.71	-33.44
January 2006	161	46	99	134	14	454
January 2005	133	33	188	99	1	454
% Change	21.05	39.39	-47.34	35.35	1300.00	-
Total 2005-2006	767	289	954	684	55	2749
Total 2004-2005	599	186	865	867	20	2537
% change	28.34	55.37	10.28	-21.11	175.00	

Saint Kitts Magistrate sCourts -Number of Cases Disposed of August 2005- January 2006 with Comparison for August 2004-January 2005

Table 6

Cases Disposed of	Criminal	Traffic	Civil	Maintenance	Juvenile	Total
August 2005	33	31	121	103	3	291
August 2004	-	-	-	-	-	-
% Change						
September 2005	109	55	299	136	34	633
September 2004	137	78	123	111	10	459
% Change	-20.44	-29.49	143.09	22.52	240.00	37.91
October 2005	115	7	200	120	8	450
October 2004	123	34	226	105	8	496
% Change	-6.50	-79.41	-11.50	14.29	-	-9.27
November 2005	114	61	118	160	25	478
November 2004	150	39	138	151	1	479
% Change	-24.00	56.41	-14.49	5.96	2400.00	-0.21
December 2005	203	56	23	94	18	394
December 2004	95	52	246	318	8	719
% Change	33.86	113.64	-40.00	-42.96	-7.69	-14.29
January 2006	170	47	120	77	12	426
January 2005	127	22	200	135	13	497
% Change	33.86	113.64	-40.00	-42.96	-7.69	-14.29
Total 2005-2006	744	257	881	690	100	2672
Total 2004-2005	632	225	933	820	40	2650
% change	17.72	14.22	-5.57	-15.85	150.00	0.83

Table 7. provides information on the number of cases filed and disposed of in the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Family Court for January 2006 and 2005.

The number of family matters filed for January 2006 increased by 8.6% compared to what obtained in January 2005. Similarly the number of matters disposed of increased by 48.3% for January 2006 over January 2005. In January 2006, the Family Court recorded a clearance rate of approximately 104% compared with a 76% clearance rate in January 2005

Table 7

	2006		2005	
	Cases Filed		Cases Disposed	
	Jan	Jan	Jan	Jan
Maintenance	188	170	193	126
Custody and Access	29	20	21	19
Arrears				
protection Order	13	12	22	10
Occupation order	2	6	5	4
Sexual Intercourse	11	10	5	1
Indecent assault	1	6	3	10
Use of Indecent language			3	
Theft	1		3	
Rape				
Actual Bodily Harm		4		1
Burglary	3			2
Criminal Assault				
Incest				
Other Offences	4	4	6	3
Total	252	232	261	176

**Judicial Appointments for the period
March 1 - 31, 2006**

1. **Commonwealth of Dominica**

Ms. Gail Royer, has been appointed as Magistrate with effect from 1st February, 2006 on contract for a period of one [1] year.

2. **St. Kitts & Nevis**

Ms. Shelly Isles has been appointed as Crown Counsel, Ministry of Legal Affairs, with effect from 1st March, 2006.

3. **Saint Lucia**

Mrs. Ellaine French has been appointed as Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property with effect from 15th March 2006 on contract for a period of two [2] years.

4. **St. Vincent & the Grenadines**

(i) The secondment of **Mrs. Petrona Sealey-Browne**, Parliamentary Counsel, Attorney General's Chambers has been approved as a Legal Drafter to the Commonwealth Secretariat with effect from 1st March, 2006 for a period of two [2] years.

(ii) **Mr. Stephen Huggins** has been appointed to act as Registrar, High Court, St. Vincent & the Grenadines for the period 10th to 31st March, 2006.

WRITTEN JUDGMENTS

The following are written judgments delivered in the month of **March 2006**:

COURT OF APPEAL JUDGMENTS

ST. CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS

Caribe (Realties) Canada et al v Wycliffe Baird

St. Christopher & Nevis
Civil Appeal No 10/2005
Rawlins, J.A.
Delivered: 20/03/06

SAINT LUCIA

Attorney General of Saint Lucia v Lorne Theophilus

Saint Lucia
Civil Appeal No 13/2005
Rawlins, J.A.
Delivered: 20/03/06

ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

Elwardo Lynch v Commissioner

St. Vincent & the Grenadines
Magisterial Criminal Appeal No 46/2005
Barrow, J.A.
Delivered: 20/03/06

HIGH COURT JUDGMENTS

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

The Queen v Eston James

Antigua & Barbuda
Criminal No 2005/0036
Blenman, J.
Delivered: 03/03/06

John Samuel v Thomas Motley et al

Antigua & Barbuda
Suit No ANUHCV 2004/0419
Blenman, J.
Delivered: 15/03/06

The Queen v Miguel Santana Demorisis

Antigua & Barbuda
Criminal No 2005/0013
Blenman, J.
Delivered: 24/03/06

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Queen v Germaine Sebastien

British Virgin Islands
Case No 4 of 2006
Hariprashad-Charles, J.
Delivered: 03/03/06

The Queen v William Alexander Penn

British Virgin Islands
Case No 1 of 2006
Hariprashad-Charles, J.
Delivered: 21/03/06

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