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Chairperson
Her Ladyship the Hon. Justice Louise Blenman

- 08:30am - 09:00am **Registration**
- 09:00am - 09:05am **Arrival of the Governor General**
His Excellency Sir Cuthbert Sebastian, GCMG, OBE, MD, CM
- 09:05am - 09:10am **Invocation**
Her Worship Magistrate Ivenia Benjamin
- 09:15am - 09:20am **Opening Remarks**
*Her Ladyship Hon. Justice Louise E. Blenman
Chairperson, JEl*
- 09:20am - 09:30am **Welcome Remarks**
*Ms. Roberta Clarke,
Regional Programme Director, UN-Women Caribbean Office*
- 09:30am - 09:40am **Setting the Stage for the 2012 Magistrate's Conference**
Hon. Justice Janice Pereira, Justice of Appeal, ECSC
- 09:40am - 10:00am **Welcome Address**
*Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas
Prime Minister, St. Kitts and Nevis*
- 10:00am - 10:20am **Coffee Break**

Chair
Her Worship Magistrate Sonya Young

- 10:20am - 10:35am **Participant Introductions**
- 10:35am - 10:50am **Participant expectations, organisation of workshop**



- 10:50am - 11:30am **Gender, Rule of Law and Access to Justice:**
Ms. Roberta Clarke
Ms. Tracy Robinson
Mrs. Jacqueline Sealy-Burke
- 11:30am - 11:35am **Plenary discussion**
- 11:50am - 12:00pm **Understanding the socio-psychological and gendered dimensions of family violence**
Dr. Dianne Douglas
Mr. Tyrone Buckmire
- 12:30pm - 01:30pm **LUNCH**

Chair
Her Worship Magistrate Evelina Baptiste

- 01:30pm - 02:30pm **Domestic Violence: The socio-legal framework of response**
- Understanding of gender and socio-cultural causes and consequences of sexual offences
 - How Domestic Violence Cases Come to Court
 - Identifying Barriers in the Legal System to Accessing Justice
 - Developing Strategies for Improving the Judicial Response to Domestic Violence
- Mrs. Jacqueline Sealy-Burke*
- 02:30pm - 04:30pm **Sexual Offences**
- Understanding of gender and socio-cultural causes and consequences of sexual offences
 - Understanding of the law and ameliorate legal deficits
 - Preliminary Inquiry/Sufficiency hearing/Paper committals
 - Standard to be met and determination of sufficiency of evidence at PI stage
 - Presentation and types of evidence
 - Treatment of child victims and use of video etc
- Mr. Anthony Armstrong*
Mrs. Jacqueline Sealy-Burke



His Workship Magistrate Velon John

- 09:00am - 10:40am **A Family Court Approach: Working with Social Services:**
Justice Betsy-Ann Lambert Peterson,
Her Worship Magistrate Charon Gardner
Ms. Sheila Roseau
- 10:45am - 11:00am **Coffee Break**
- 11:00am - 01:00pm **The Magistrate as Family Psychologist: Custody and access, child support**
Ms. Roberta Clarke
Her Worship Magistrate, Gloria Augustus
Her Worship Magistrate, Christine Phulchere
Her Worship Magistrate Sonya Young
- 01:00pm - 2:00pm **LUNCH**

Chair

Her Worship Magistrate Tamara Gill

- 02:00pm - 4:00pm **Youth in conflict with the law and society: Options Open to Magistrates**
Dr. Corin Bailey
Dr. Jacqueline Sharpe
- 04:00pm - 04:20pm **Open Discussion**
- 04:20pm - 04:40pm **Evaluation and Closing**



Part A: Data and the Judiciary

- Myrtene Cenac, Statistician ECSC

09:00am - 9:20am Statistical Presentation

Part B: JEMS Training

Mark Ernest, IT Manager ECSC and Cynthia Ramjeawan

09:20am - 10:30am SESSION #1

- Overview of the Application Bar
- Case Selection Screen:
 - Defendant Name, DOB, SSN, DL/State, Vehicle plate/State,
 - Case Manager, Case Number, Warrant Number, Bond Number
- Overview of the Case Manager :
 - Case Information, Case Parties, Charge, Case Traffic, Actions, Bond, Fines/Costs, Payments, Cost/Payments, Scheduled Time Payments, Disbursements, Service/Warrant, Exhibit, Notes, Case File Location
 - Associated Cases
- Action Screen
 - Filing, Documents, Event (including Case Party Attendance), Order, Task, Case History Print

10:30am - 10:45am • Case Status

10:45am - 11:15am BREAK

SESSION #2

- Bond Screen (Post Information),
- Service/Warrant Screen (Service Attempt History)
- Scheduled Time Payments
- Exhibit Screen
- Sentencing
- Judgment



- 11:15am - 12:30pm **PRACTICAL SESSION #1**
- Bond Screen (Post Information),
 - Service/Warrant Screen (Service Attempt History)
 - Scheduled Time Payments
 - Exhibit Screen
 - Sentencing
 - Judgment
- 12:30pm - 01:30pm **LUNCH**
- 01:30am - 03:00pm **SESSION #3**
- JEMS - Word Document
 - Court Room Processing
 - JEMS Reporting
 - Dockets, Warrant Status, Failure to Comply, Action Tally, Disposed Cases
- 03:00pm - 03:20pm **BREAK**
- 03:20pm - 04:30pm **PRACTICAL SESSION #2**
- JEMS - Word Document
 - Court Room Processing
 - Docket Report
 - Warrant Status Report
 - Failure to Comply Report
 - Action Tally Report
 - Disposed Cases
- 04:30pm - 05:00pm **Plenary Discussion**
- Management and Use of JEMS by Magistrates



Roberta Clarke is a sociologist and attorney at law with a specialisation in human rights law. She has written extensively on gender and development including on violence against women and gender mainstreaming. She is the Regional Programme director for the UN Women Caribbean office.



Tracy Robinson is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Law, University of the West Indies (UWI) Mona, Jamaica. She teaches undergraduate courses in Constitutional Law, Commonwealth Caribbean Human Rights Law, Family Law and Gender and the Law. She can be described as a legal feminist and her academic research focuses on questions of gender, sexuality, constitutionalism and citizenship.

She joined the Faculty of Law UWI, Cave Hill as a lecturer in 1996, where she taught for fifteen years. She has been involved in the OECS Family Law and Domestic Violence Judicial and Legislative Reform Project and the UN Women Child Support, Poverty and Family Responsibilities Project.



Mrs. Sealy-Burke has over fifteen (15) years practical experience as a lawyer and consultant. She has local, regional and international experience, having worked throughout the O.E.C.S., the wider Caribbean and North America.

She has produced a wealth of research reports for international and regional agencies including UNICEF, UNIFEM, The World Bank, the O.E.C.S. Supreme Court and the CARICOM Secretariat.

She is also an educator, having lectured with the Women's Studies Programme at the University of Toronto in Canada for over 15 years. She is currently an adjunct Associate Professor at the St. George's University where she teaches in the Graduate Programme of the Public Health Department. Her area of academic focus is Family Violence.

The two (2) areas of gender based violence and child protection feature very centrally in Mrs. Sealy-Burke's social justice work. In addition to extensive research, she has developed legal and policy frameworks for the advancement of children and families. This includes the production of child abuse and domestic violence laws and pro-



She brings a socio-legal perspective to all aspects of her work. Her dual experience in the fields of social services and legal practice allows her to establish the often missed linkages between the law and social service delivery. This asset significantly enhances her role as the current Director of the Grenada Legal Aid and Counseling Clinic, which is a multidisciplinary setting combining legal interventions; psycho-social services; advocacy; research and public legal education.



Dr. Douglas is a Doctor of Clinical Psychology and a Community Psychologist. She completed her training in the U.S.A. at Wheaton College and Yale University. She is currently an Assistant Clinical Professor at Yale University School of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry, a research Affiliate at UWI's Institute for Gender and Development Studies, lecturer in the Masters in Clinical Psychology programme of the Faculty of Medical Sciences at UWI, a regional consultant for UNDP, UNWomen and UNAIDS and a Past President of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Psychologists (TTAP).

Dr. Douglas has travelled widely as an international consultant. She is committed to the psychological development of persons in Caribbean and enjoys using radio and television as a means of promoting the message of psychological health and wellbeing. Dr. Douglas has a fresh, cutting edge, holistic approach to address 21st century psychosocial issues. She brings sensitivity, charisma, humor, down to earth wisdom, spiritual insight and a wealth of clinical knowledge to her work.



Tyrone Buckmire - Currently the Coordinator of the Man-to-Man Batters Intervention Programme in Grenada, and the Vice Chairman of the Caribbean Male Action Network (CariMAN), Buckmire has over 20 years as an Activist, advocating for Child Rights, Youth and rural community development and environmental protection.

He first worked with the Grenada Planned Parenthood Association for 10 years, and subsequently worked as Coordinator of the Inter-Agency Group of Development Organizations and the Grenada National Coalition on the Rights of the Child, umbrella agencies whose members grappled with a host of social issues, primary among them poverty alleviation, education and training, domestic violence and social/legal assistance.

He trained extensively in relevant regional and international settings, with internships in the US, UK, Canada and Europe, and also served on various youth expert panels within UN-specialized agencies and in the international planned parenthood and adolescent health fields. More recently, Buckmire served as the Manager of Rare Enterprises, Grenada from October 2005 to December 2008, during which time he successfully set up community based ecotourism enterprises that link Grenada's tourism industry to its natural environment, and contribute directly to conservation projects, and set up Grenada Fund for Conservation, Inc.; an NGO which funds and implements projects related to the protection of natural resources.



Honourable Justice Betsy Ann

Lambert Peterson obtained a LLB in 1986, from the University of the West Indies and LEC from the Hugh Wooding Law School in 1988. Her practice at the Bar was predominantly in the areas of matrimonial, family and juvenile law. Justice Lambert Peterson in 2003 obtained a LLM (Child Law) from Keele University. Her professional, academic and research interests are in Family Law and Child Law especially the area of International Family Law. This has informed her specialist training and qualifications.

Justice Lambert Peterson is a member of the Trinidad and Tobago Judicial Education Institute and is a member of the International Society of Family Law. Justice Lambert Peterson was the Deputy Chairman of the Mediation Board of Trinidad and Tobago until February 2012 and a member of the Family Court Committee until May 2010. Justice Lambert Peterson was appointed to the magistracy in Trinidad and Tobago in 1995 and after acting as Senior Magistrate for a number of years was appointed to that position in August 2009.

Justice Lambert Peterson has been a Puisne Judge since March 2010 and is assigned to the Family Court.



Justice Lambert Peterson has presented papers at conferences, for example: 'First They Must Be Defined: Child and Childhood in Trinidad and Tobago - A Legal Perspective' at the Child and the Caribbean Imagi/nation: A Cultural Studies Conference, UWI St. Augustine, May 2009; 'Keepin' it real: Sustaining the family in Trinidad and Tobago' at 13th World Conference of the International Society of Family Law in Vienna 2008; 'Juvenile Delinquency, Juvenile Justice And Legal Reform: The Case For An Evidence-Based Approach' at the 4th International Conference on Crime and Justice in the Caribbean in Trinidad and Tobago 2006 and 'All things to all (wo)men: The Family Court of Trinidad and Tobago Pilot Project' at 12th World Conference of the International Society of Family Law in Utah 2005.

Justice Lambert Peterson has also published chapters in edited publications, namely 'Juvenile Delinquency, Juvenile Justice And Legal Reform: The Case For An Evidence-Based Approach' in R. Deosaran (ed) *Crime, Delinquency and Justice: A Caribbean Reader* Ian Randle Publishers 2007 Chapter 7 page 149 and 'An overview of Trinidad and Tobago Family Law' in A. Bainham (ed) *The International Survey of Family Law* 2004 (Bristol: Jordan, 2004) page 451.



GLORIA SEPTRA AUGUSTUS
BSc. (HONS.) MSc. LLB (Hons.), L.E.C, Dip. Legislative Drafting

Miss Gloria Septra Augustus has been a Magistrate from October 2004 dealing mainly with family matters. Prior to becoming an Attorney-at-law in 2001, Miss Augustus worked as a Secondary School Teacher and a Senior Fisheries Officer of the Fisheries Development Division.

Miss Augustus is a graduate of the University of the West Indies in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science Degree and also holder of a Master's Degree from University College of North Wales 'Bangor' in Fisheries Biology and Management. She also holds an external degree from University of London in Laws and Legal Education Certificate from the Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad and Tobago and a Diploma in Legislative Drafting from the University of Guyana

Miss Augustus' exposure is quite extensive as she has always been involved in community development activities, which promote the elimination of all forms of discrimination and equal justice for persons and groups from various sectors of the society. Miss Augustus has been actively involved in legal reform, the drafting of laws for change, and provided legal representation for Dominica in the Caribbean sub-region and the wider world.



Over the years she has contributed significantly to the development and implementation of community programs and legal action in education, gender reform as it relates to law and domestic violence, fisheries, forestry and environmental management for protection of resources and HIV and Human Rights. Currently, Miss Augustus has increased her involvement and work as an advocate for women, children family and social reform. Her focus is on various assessments with a view to reform of laws and policies that address the needs of the socially disadvantaged.

She has been involved in film and drama as Producer, Director and Writer. She also writes short stories, poems and plays, some for which she has been awarded prizes. Miss Augustus has always been involved in activities impacting youth and she has received awards for same.



Sonya Young, a lawyer of 15 years practice is the current Chief Magistrate in St. Vincent and the Grenadines where she presides over the Serious Offences Court. Prior to this appointment she served as Registrar in Montserrat and the British Virgin Islands, Deputy Registrar of the High Court and Legal Assistant attached to the Family Court in St. Vincent. She has also had a brief stint as Acting Chief Registrar of the ECSC in St. Lucia. Ms. Young is an avid reader and the mother of a twelve year old son.



Dr. Bailey has been a Fellow at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados since 2006. His main research focus is in the area of crime and violence with a particular focus on the perpetration of violence by youth as well as the effects of violence on youth development. Dr. Bailey has published in this area in a variety of peer reviewed journals and written reports on behalf of regional governments and international agencies. His teaching interests include deviance and qualitative research methods.



Sheila Roseau is the Executive Director, Directorate of Gender Affairs, Antigua and Barbuda.

Ms Roseau is a Registered Nurse and Social Worker by profession and worked in various management positions in the Health and Social Services in the UK. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Policy and a Masters of Business Administration (Public Sector Management). She has completed numerous training courses in relation to her work including international human rights law.

She has a long history of gender equality and social justice activism and is the Coordinator of the Caribbean Institute for Women in Leadership (CIWIL), which is a regional network promoting women in politics and decision-making.

Ms Roseau currently represents the Government of Antigua and Barbuda as an expert to the Committee for the monitoring of the implementation of the Inter-American Convention for the Prevention, Punishment and eradication of all forms of violence against women.

She holds the honour of the Commander of the Most Illustrious Order of Merit, a national award for her outstanding work in the public service. She was recognised internationally for her work in human trafficking as a 2011 recipient of the US Secretary of State, Hilary Clinton, Hero to end modern day slavery award.



Ms. Myrtene Cenac commenced her professional career as a Teacher of Mathematics, Biology, Integrated Science and Geography at the St. Joseph's Convent (1995 to 1997) and as the Head of the Mathematics Department at the Corinth Secondary school (2000-2002 and part of 2004).

During this period she pursued and obtained her BSC (First Class Honors) in two areas: Mathematics and Biology (1997-2000), followed by a Master of Philosophy in Mathematics – Statistics (2002-2004).

With an inclination towards Mathematics and Statistics she moved to the Data Management Section of the Corporate Planning Unit in the Ministry of Education in 2005. Ms Cenac acted as the Head of the Data Management Section for approximately one year, during the period 2006 to 2007, and soon after became permanently appointed to the post.

Ms. Cenac joined the team at the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the capacity of statistician from November 2008.



Mrs. Cynthia Ramjeawan originally a native of the UK has resided in Saint Lucia for the past fourteen years. Throughout her entire career she has worked in the criminal justice system including the North London and Central London, Crown Prosecution Services and Magistrates Court. She has been employed with the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court since June 1998 and currently holds the position of Project Coordinator.

Mrs. Ramjeawan is presently involved in training persons for different aspects of the implementation of the Criminal Procedure Rules and enjoys being given the opportunity to provide individuals with the necessary skills to implement the reform. She is a self-taught JEMS instructor.

A teacher at heart Mrs. Ramjeawan has over the years been an educator to infants within the church setting. She is recently married and the mother of one daughter "Abrielle", she leads an active Christian life and is grateful to God for his goodness towards her. In her spare time you will find her out in nature, acting and singing.

Mrs. Ramjeawan is currently pursuing a degree in Management and maintains that her motivation in life comes from a book once read, entitled "My Utmost for His Highest" by Oswald Chambers, daily devotions which encourage a walk with Christ at deep and maturing levels.



Mr. Mark Ernest is the Information Technology Manager at the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC), a post he has held for almost 9 years. Prior to joining the Court he served as Information Technology Specialist at the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Education Reform Unit for six years.

Mr. Ernest holds a Master's Degree in Management Information System (MIS) and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics and Computer Science.

His responsibilities include: managing and coordinating the development, on-going operation and maintenance of the organization's information systems, including the case management software - Judicial Enforcement Management System (JEMS); the Virtual Private Network (VPN) Solution for connectivity of all Courts in the Sub-region and the soon to be implemented Electronic Filing System.

He also advises and coordinates the establishment of standards, policies and procedures relating to computers, information technology, telecommunication systems and information processing for the Court; and is responsible for the implementation and coordination of all Information and Communication Technology (ICT) projects undertaken within the judiciary.



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