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Chairperson

Her Ladyship Hon. Justice Louise Esther Blenman

8:30 – 8:45 **Registration**

8:45 – 8:55 **Welcome Remarks**

*Her Ladyship Hon. Louise Esther Blenman,
Justice of Appeal & Chair of JEI*

8:55 – 9:05 **Opening Remarks**

*Ms. Jean M. Dyer
Law Fair Coordinator*

9:05 – 9:15 **Health Break**

Working Session

Chairperson

Mrs. Josephine Gumbs-Connor, Attorney at Law

9:15 – 10:15 **“TIL THE SOONER OF DEATH AND DIVORCE DO US
PART: THE USE OF MARRIAGE AGREEMENTS,
TRUSTS AND OTHER STRUCTURES IN THE PROTEC
TION OF WEALTH UPON THE TERMINATION OF
MARRIAGE”**

*Presenter
Mrs. Karen Nunez-Tesheira
Senior Lecturer
UWI, Barbados*

10:15 – 10:35 **Discussion**

10:35 – 10:50 **Coffee Break**



Working Session
Chairperson

Her Ladyship Hon. Justice Louise Esther Blenman

10:50 – 12:20 **New wine in old wine - skins: Recent developments
in the Law of Evidence**

Presenter

His Lordship, Hon. Justice Dennis Morrison

*Justice of Appeal, Supreme Court of Jamaica & Supreme
Court of Belize*

12:20 – 12:40 **Closing Remarks**

Ms. Merline Barrett, Attorney at Law

*Her Ladyship the Hon. Dame Janice Pereira MBE
Chief Justice, ECSC*




Hon. Justice Cecil Dennis Morrison

Dennis Morrison has been a judge of the Court of Appeal of Belize since 2004 and a judge of the Court of Appeal of Jamaica since 2008. He was born in Montego Bay, Jamaica on 4 December 1950 and was educated at Jamaica College (1961–1966), Wolmer’s Boys’ School (1966-1968) and the University of the West Indies (Mona and Cave Hill). As the Jamaica Rhodes Scholar, 1975, he attended Oxford University between 1975 and 1977. He was admitted to practice as an attorney-at-law in Jamaica in 1975.

Between the years 1978-1982, he was a full time member of the academic staff of the Norman Manley Law School, one of the then two professional law schools operated by the Council of Legal Education for the Commonwealth Caribbean. Despite leaving full-time law teaching in 1982, he remained an Associate Tutor at the school and currently serves as course director in the Law of Evidence. In 1998, he was elected chairman of the Council of Legal Education, a position in which he served for over six years (1998–2005). In 2012, he returned to the Council as the nominee of the Chief Justice of Jamaica.

In 1982, Justice Morrison entered into private practice, joining the well-known Kingston firm of Dunn, Cox & Orrett (now DunnCox). He became a partner in 1985 and in due course served as head of the firm’s litigation department for several years. He appeared as an advocate in a wide range of matters covering various aspects of the law and was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 1994. He also appeared from time to time in courts in other jurisdictions in the region, including the Cayman Islands, The Bahamas, Antigua & Barbuda and Anguilla. He also appeared on several occasions before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Justice Morrison served as a member of the Council of the Jamaican Bar Association for 30 continuous years (1978-2008), including stints as Vice-President (1991-1995) and President (1995-1999). He was also a member of the Organisation of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Associations, serving as secretary from 1985-1993. He is a member of the General Legal Council for Jamaica, the statutory body charged with responsibility for the maintenance of standards and discipline in the legal profession, having served for several years as a nominee of the Jamaican Bar Association; and latterly as the nominee of the Chief Justice. He was chairman of the Kingston Legal Aid Clinic (1995-2008) and the founding chairman of the Legal Aid Council of Jamaica (1997-2001).



In the commercial arena, he has held a number of directorships in the public and private sectors, including the Central Bank of Jamaica, the first Securities Commission of Jamaica and some leading entities in the fields of banking and insurance. And in the private voluntary sector, Justice Morrison has been continuously associated with various civic and charitable organisations over many years. He continues to serve as a director of Mustard Seed Communities, a Jamaican Catholic charity dedicated to the care of children with severe disabilities.

In 2004, Justice Morrison was engaged as leading counsel to the Commission of Enquiry appointed by the Governor-General of The Bahamas to enquire into allegations of misconduct on the part of members of the Bahamas Defence Force; and in 2007 he served as a member of the tribunal appointed by the President of Trinidad & Tobago to consider the question of the removal of the Chief Justice from office. A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), he acted from time to time as sole arbitrator in many commercial and construction law disputes pursuant to the Arbitration Act of Jamaica.

In 2004, Justice Morrison was appointed a member of the Court of Appeal of Belize, a part-time court which sits three times per year in sessions of two to three weeks each. In 2008, he retired from private practice to take up a permanent appointment as a judge of appeal in Jamaica. As a judge currently sitting in both jurisdictions, he has had to adjudicate on a wide variety of commercial, constitutional, administrative, criminal, family and other matters.

Over the years, Justice Morrison has authored numerous academic articles, delivered public lectures and participated in several local, regional and international conferences. He was a Commonwealth Foundation Fellow in 1991; a member of the Commonwealth Expert Group on the reform of the law of evidence in 2001; and a Leo Goodwin Memorial Fellow at Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 2004.

In 2011-2012, Justice Morrison served as a member of a team of experts involved in a European Union sponsored law reform project in the Turks & Caicos Islands. His particular area of interest was company law and he was responsible for the preparation of two reports on the reform and redrafting of the existing Companies Ordinance and the introduction of new insolvency legislation in the Turks & Caicos Islands.

His other interests include reading, art, music, current affairs, travel and sports. He is married (to Janet Elaine, an attorney-at-law), and

Mrs. Karen Nunez-Tesheira



Karen Nunez-Tesheira was, until July 2014, a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Cavehill Campus University of the West Indies where she lectured from 2010 on the family law of over ten West Indian jurisdictions.

Nunez-Tesheira has distinguished herself as one of a handful of published authors of West Indian legal texts. Her two previous publications are widely acclaimed and considered an indispensable research resource for the student and practitioner alike in the over ten West Indian jurisdictions covered in her texts. Between 1987-2002, Nunez-Tesheira was a Course Director and from 2002 to 2007, the Senior Tutor at the Hugh Wooding Law School, St Augustine, Trinidad.

Nunez- Tesheira has also provided business law consultancy services for a number of organizations based in Grenada, Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago and has drafted proposed non-contentious probate rules for the OECS.

Between 2007 to 2010, Nunez-Tesheira served as a Member of Parliament and the Minister of Finance in the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

Tesheira is currently under contract with Routledge Publishers to author a text on the substantive family law of over 10 Commonwealth Caribbean. The text is due out November 2015.



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