

NOTICE RE. TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR NEW CIVIL PROCEDURE RULES 15 February, 2022

The working draft of the Civil Procedure Rules of the Supreme Court of The Bahamas, 2022 ("CPR") was circulated to judicial officers and members of the Bar earlier this month. At that time it was foreshadowed that the Bahamas Judicial Education Institute ("BJEI"), working with the Bar, would arrange a series of training seminars, webinars and workshops on the CPR during the months of March, April and May, 2022 with an initial Overview and Introduction of the training programme taking place in the last week of February, 2022.

In this regard, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CPR Training Programme will be launched on 22 February, 2022 with a virtual seminar on the "Overview and Introduction of a new Civil Procedure regime in The Bahamas" conducted on the Zoom platform from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

The time of the virtual seminar is intended to minimize disruption with court and business commitments during the work day. This is an extremely important seminar and all stakeholders (including members of the Bar who practice in the Supreme Court) are encouraged to attend. The link for the Zoom seminar will be circulated prior to the 22 February, 2022.

The principal presenters at the virtual seminar will be:

- (i) the Right Hon. Sir Charles Dennis Byron, former President of the Caribbean Court of Justice and currently President of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute;
- (ii) the Hon. Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders, President of the Caribbean Court of Justice; and
- (iii) the Hon. Mr. Justice Peter Jamadar, Caribbean Court of Justice.

All of these distinguished Caribbean jurists have had extensive experience in implementing new Civil Procedure Rules in other regional jurisdictions and conducting training programmes in connection therewith.

The following is the Zoom link to the New Civil Procedure Rules Training Programme scheduled for February 22nd 2022, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST.

Join Zoom Meeting

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The BJEI will be releasing in the coming days the full training programme for the CPR in March, April and the first week of May, 2022 which will involve 12 training sessions. Law firms and legal practitioners should take full advantage of these sessions to be prepared for the implementation of the CPR.

The new CPR is now scheduled to be promulgated on 16 May, 2022.

Office of the Chief Justice

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