

The Bar Association of Guyana

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2022-2023



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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Ms. Pauline Chase, President

The Bar Association of Guyana

The Strength of Unity.

The Bar Association of Guyana is a collective of Attorneys-at-Law, formed to advance the interests of Attorneys-at-Law. The formation of associations is a recognition of the strength that comes in numbers and unity. A group of persons moving together towards one collective goal. United we stand, divided we fall!

It is therefore imperative to our success, individually and collectively, that we at all times reject divisions from wherever they may emanate, whether by way of political persuasion, race, gender, personal interests or otherwise. There are, after all, no categories on admission to the Bar. We are simply, Attorneys-at-Law.

The past year brought new challenges.

Challenges, as we know, are an opportunity for growth. As President, I am extremely proud of the united stand the Bar took in addressing challenges faced.

When our colleague, Ms. Tamieka Clarke was arrested in October last, by ranks of the Special Organised Crime Unit (SOCU), in the execution of her professional duties, the response of the Bar was immediate, swift, strong and most importantly, unified.

Interventions by the association on legislation with troubling aspects were either amended, sent to a Select Committee of the National Assembly or not pursued. This is tantamount to respect and weight of the Bar, brought about by a united collective.

As can be seen from the Secretary's Report and Committee Reports herein, a lot of work has been done over the past year. Success does not come without hard work.

I therefore thank all members who have worked so very hard over the past year, willingly giving of their time and resources in support of the association. Whatever the association has been able to achieve over the past year is due to your hard work and selfless commitment to duty.

The association has also benefitted from the support of other regional and international bodies to wit, the Organization of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Associations (OCCBA), Law Association of Trinidad & Tobago (LATT), Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA), Jamaica Bar Association (JBA) and the UK Bar Council. Our relationship with these bodies provided important continuing legal education opportunities and support for our positions as they lent their names and weight particularly with regard to the arrest of our colleague, Ms. Tamieka Clarke. I thank them for their support and urge that these ties continue to be nurtured and strengthened.

As I leave the office of President, having reached my constitutional term limit, please permit me to express my sincerest gratitude to you for presenting me with the opportunity to serve. And while it is a heavy responsibility, your faith, trust and support, of which I have had the advantage, have been humbling and motivating. It has been a distinct honour.

Thank You and best wishes to the new executive!

Pauline Chase (Ms.) President Dated 26th May, 2023

BAR COUNCIL 2022-2023



Ms. Pauline Chase

President



Mr. Keoma D. Griffith
Secretary



Mr. K.A. Juman-Yassin, SC Council Member

Mr. Robin Stoby, SC



Mr. Teni Housty

Vice-President



Ms. Ashley King
Assistant Secretary



Mr. Horatio Edmonson

Council Member



Mr. Donavon Rangiah
Council Member



Ms. Jamela Ali, SC

Vice-President



Ms. Yashmini Singh

Treasurer



Mr. Kamal Ramkarran

Council Member



Ms. Onassis Granville

Council Member

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF GUYANA NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the 44th Annual General Meeting of The Bar Association of Guyana will take place on Wednesday the 31st day of May, 2023 at 3:30pm via Zoom Videoconference Link.

All members of the Association in good financial standing are hereby invited to submit resolutions and matters for the Agenda within seven (7) days of this Notice, at the Bar Office, Lot 39 Brickdam, Stabroek, Georgetown.

Dated 30th May, 2023

Keoma D. Griffith (Mr.) Secretary

AGENDA

| 1. | Call to Order |
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| 2. | Reading of Notice of AGM |
| 3. | Excuses |
| 4. | Adoption of Agenda |
| 5. | Adoption of Minutes |
| 6. | Matters arising from Minutes |
| 7. | Reports: |
| | i. Secretary |
| | ii. Treasurer |
| 8. | Committee Reports: |
| | i. IT Committee |
| | ii. Criminal Bar Committee |
| | iii. Legislative Committee vii. Committee to Review the Rules for Remuneration of Attorneys-at-Law for Non |
| | vii. Committee to Review the Rules for Remuneration of Attorneys-at-Law for Non Contentious Business |
| 9. | Board Representatives/Nominees Reports: |
| ٥. | i. Council of Legal Education (Executive Council) – Mr. Robin Stoby, S.C./alternate Mr. Teni |
| | Housty |
| | ii. Council of Legal Education (General Council) – Mr. Kamal Ramkarran |
| | iii. Guyana Legal Aid Clinic – Mr. Teni Housty |
| | iv. Deeds & Commercial Registries Authority Governing Board – Mr. Donavon Rangiah |
| | v. Rules Committee – Ms. Jamela Ali, SC |
| | vi. Supreme Court Case Management System Business Committee – Mr. Keoma D. Griffith vii University of Guyana Council – Mr. Timothy Jonas |
| | viii. Juvenile Justice Committee – Mr. Keoma Griffith |
| | ix. Allied Health Professionals Council Guyana – Ms. Ramona Rookhum |
| | x. Pharmacy Council – Mr. Nigel Niles |
| | xi. Guyana-Cuba Trade Facilitation Council of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & |
| | Industry – Ms. Vidushi Persaud-McKinnon xii. Guyana-India Trade Facilitation Council of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & |
| | Industry (GCCI) – Mr. Moenudin McDoom, Jnr. |
| | xiii. Guyana-Canada Trade Facilitation Council of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & |
| | Industry – Mr. Sanjeev Datadin |
| | xiv. Spotlight Initiative Gender Technical Working Group – Ms. Onassis Granville |
| | xv. National Task Force for preventing Sexual Violence – Mr. K.A. Juman- Yassin, SC |
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| 10. | Auditor's Report |
| 11. | Appointment of Auditors (2) for the fiscal year 2022-2023 |
| 12. | Motions and or Resolutions |

Election of Members to the Bar Council

Any other business Adjournment

13.

14. 15.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021–2022 HELD ON 31ST MAY, 2022 VIA ZOOM AUDIO/VISUAL PLATFORM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Executive:

- 1. Pauline Chase President
- 2. Jamela Ali, SC Vice President
- 3. Teni Housty Vice President
- 4. Keoma Griffith Secretary
- 5. Ashley King Asst. Secretary
- 6. Naresh Poonai Treasurer
- 7. Robin Stoby, SC Council Member
- 8. K.A. Juman Yassin, SC Council Member
- 9. Kamal Ramkarran Council Member
- 10. Horatio Edmondson Council Member
- 11. Donavon Rangiah Council Member
- 12. Onassis Granville Council Member

Ordinary Members:

- 13. Abhimanyu Dev
- 14. Alanna Lall
- 15. Anne Hussein
- 16. Anuradha Deodasingh
- 17. Arudrunauth Gossai
- 18. Ayana Mc Calman
- 19. Chandanie Dyal
- 20. Danielle Anthony
- 21. Darshanie Lall
- 22. Dexter Smartt
- 23. Dexter Todd
- 24. Everton Singh-Lammy
- 25. Fancius Gittens
- 26. Gabriel Benn
- 27. George Thomas
- 28. Jacy Archibald
- 29. Nigel Niles
- 30. Odessa James
- 31. Rajendra Jaigobin
- 32. Ramona Rookhum
- 33. Rohan Chandan
- 34. Ron Motilall
- 35. Ronald Burchsmith
- 36. Ryan Crawford

- 37. Samuel Glasgow
- 38. Sanjeev Datadin
- 39. Selwyn Pieters
- 40. Shellon Boyce
- 41. Sherrie Hewitt-Robin
- 42. Shivani Lalaram
- 43. Stephen Roberts
- 44. Tamieka Clarke
- 45. Yashmini Singh
- 46. Yondessa Welcome-Mercurius

EXCUSES:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to Order by the President Pauline Chase at 3:32 p.m.

The President thanked all for being present.

The Notice of the AGM which was published was read by the Secretary.

Teni Housty moved a motion to amend the Agenda to replace No. 13 with "Any other business" and add No. 14 as "Adjournment". Motion seconded by Donovan Rangiah.

Adoption of Agenda as amended moved by Onassis Granville and seconded by Horatio Edmondson.

CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

Kamal Ramkarran appears twice as Vice President and Council Member. Name removed from Council Member and replaced by Rafiq Khan, SC as Council Member. Further, Rafiq Khan, SC to be deleted at No. 21.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Motion for Minutes as corrected to be adopted was moved by Donovan Rangiah and seconded by Robin Stoby, SC.

MATTERS ARISING:

Robin Stoby, SC suggested that members be updated on GBA v. GRA matter with latest development of the appointment of two officers on behalf of Bar. President pointed out that said matter will be addressed under Secretary's Report.

REPORTS:

Adoption of Reports:

President invited motion that all written reports circulated in the bundle be deemed as read. Motion moved by Teni Housty and seconded by Horatio Edmondson.

i. Secretary

Secretary noted that it was his distinct pleasure to serve the past year. It was his first year serving in the office of Secretary having assumed same after Pauline Chase elevated to the office of President. Secretary adopts report as laid out in AGM Report and invited any questions.

President noted two court proceedings, one of which was concluded during the term: GBA v. Town Clerk. Follow-ups were also done to enquire if Attorneys were still having difficulties in obtaining compliance from the Mayor and City Council (M&CC). The President thanked Mr. Ramkarran who successfully advocated on behalf of the Council. Matter of costs still outstanding.

Robin Stoby, SC, informed that he was still facing said difficulty at the M&CC and enquired whether other colleagues are still experiencing same. There were no such responses from other Members so no follow up with M&CC was made. Question posed to attendees but no responses.

President raised second court action which is still ongoing since 2003, GBA v. GRA, ably represented by Robin Stoby, SC who reported that following a meeting between the Bar Council and AG in April, 2022, steps were taken to form a Committee with two members of the Bar Council and two from AG's office in order to sort out a workable settlement. The Bar Council nominated Jamela A. Ali, SC and Teni Housty but we are awaiting nomination from AG's Chambers.

President thanked the Secretary wholeheartedly for his service over this term, he has served very well and commendably especially through Law Week.

Secretary wished the incoming Secretary the very best in the new term.

ii. Treasurer

Naresh Poonai informed members of the upgrade of the Bar office to facilitate virtual hearing. Invited members to use Bar Office facilities which is also open to litigants. He briefly made certain highlights of his report that was submitted. Treasurer indicated that he is not running again for the position of Treasurer. He gave thanks to the Bar Council and the wider association for the faith placed in him, it was a blast.

Teni Housty thanked the Treasurer on behalf of the Bar Council and the Bar Association for the sterling job he has done to get the finances to the state that they are in and keep them at the level they are at.

Robin Stoby, SC second sentiments and added that this has been an excellent achievement for the entire Executive, President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

President thanked Treasurer for keeping us on track although he is moving on to better pursuits but will remain with us for the IT aspects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

i. Criminal Bar Committee

No Written Report submitted.

Donovan Rangiah, Secretary of the Committee, indicated that Stanley Moore, SC, has been very ill so there was not much organising of the Committee done. Did not have a lot of persons attending meetings. The only successful meeting was in relation to the Evidence (Amendment) Bill which the members of the Criminal Bar Committee severely condemned and a report was submitted.

The President informed that the Legislative Committee also submitted a report on the aforesaid Bill, along with comments from the wider Bar and same was submitted to the AG asking for the Bill to be recalled in its entirety. No response has been forthcoming from the AG has yet.

President thanked Criminal Bar Committee.

ii. IT Committee

Written Report submitted and taken as read.

Naresh Poonai added and brought attention to the wider Bar that there are local judgments uploaded to the website of the Bar which is fully accessible for free to paid up members of the Bar. However, there is no index at yet. Work is to be done to create an index either on the same website or a new one will be created. Guyana is the only jurisdiction without a local case index. The judgments are received from the Judges themselves and uploaded to the website.

Naresh Poonai again thanked the Council and wider members for the faith they had in him as well as members of the IT Committee, the Chairman Nikhil Ramkarran, Kadeem Davis and Ron Motilall.

Ron Motilall encouraged members to submit their case decisions so that it can be uploaded to the website.

The President indicated that it is sometimes difficult to obtain judgments as Judges do not always send them down to the Library as they should, so we approach the Judges directly which can sometimes be a back and forth. President thanked the IT Committee as they have been very active over the year and has done a lot of work with plans to Committee.

Kamal Ramkarran also commended the IT Committee.

iii. Legislative Committee

Written Report submitted and taken as read.

Alanna Lall indicated there is the review of the Traffic Bill that is still ongoing, and which was not added to the report.

President thanked Committee members as it has been the most active Committee for the year given the amount of Bills they had to consider. They were a tremendous support to the Council over the past term meeting on Fridays and sometimes Saturdays to get the work done. A month did not go by without them meeting. Thanked Michael Munroe, the Secretary for submitting the reports on time. President also encouraged persons to get involved in the work of the Association by joining these committees.

iv. Corporate Counsel Report

Written Report submitted and taken as read.

President thanked Committee members for their work, and the members who so willingly offered their help to the Council for the last term. Twelve persons cannot do all this work.

v. Committee to Review the Remuneration for Attorneys-at-Law for Non-Contentious Business

Written Report submitted and taken as read.

Naresh Poonai added that this Committee will continue over the next year. Grateful to Bar members for any advice they wish to share. The Committee is ably led by Ronald Burchsmith and advised by Stephen Fraser, SC. These rules have not been updated for over 40 years. We look forward to support from the wider Bar moving forward.

President echoes sentiments of Naresh Poonai and encouraged persons to give consideration to emails calling for input from Secretary as this affects our livelihood.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES/NOMINEES REPORTS

- i. Council of Legal Education Executive Council Permanent Representative, Robin Stoby, SC and alternate Teni Housty. Written Report submitted and taken as read.
- ii. Council of Legal Education General Council Kamal Ramkarran, Representaive. Written Report submitted and taken as read.
- iii. Guyana Legal Aid Clinic Teni Housty Representative. Written Report submitted and taken as read.
- iv. Deeds and Commercial Registry's Authority (DCRA) Governing Board Donovan Rangiah, Representative. No Written Report submitted.
- There are a lot of discussions on going. Discussions on the digitalisation of the records of the Deeds Registry and funding to do same.
- v. Rules Committee Jamela A. Ali, SC, Representative. Written Report submitted and taken as read. Ms. Ali, SC added that not much was done over the past year.
- vi. Supreme Court Case Management Business Committee Keoma Griffith Representative. Written Report submitted and taken as read.
- Keoma Griffith indicated nothing to add but highlighted that the Magistrates' Courts system will be coming on board within 4-6 months. This Committee will be calling on support from members of the Bar as system will affect lawyers and clients on how matters will be heard in the Magistrates Courts. Keoma Griffith asked the Chief Justice and Mr. Alex Graham, the Project Manager, for there to be a period of consultation with the Bar to explain how the system will be operating. It may require a bit of a learning curve or some adjustment.
- vii. University of Guyana Council Timothy Jonas Representative. Not present but had indicated no communication was received from the Council. President requested follow up to be done within the new term.
- viii. Juvenile Justice Committee Keoma Griffith Representative. Written Report submitted and taken as read.
- ix. Allied Health Professional Council Guyana Ramona Rookhum Representative. Nomination was sent, but Ramona Rookhum indicated that no communication was forthcoming from the Council. Follow ups were done by the Secretary and should continue in the new term.
- x. Pharmacy Council Nigel Niles- Representative. Written Report submitted and taken as read.
- xi. GCCI Guyana Trade Facilitation Councils-
- (a) Cuba Vidushi Persaud-Mc Kinnon Representative. Written Report submitted and taken as read.
- (b) India Moen Mc Doom Representative. Written Report submitted and taken as read.
- (c) Canada Sanjeev Datadin Representative. Written Report submitted and taken as read.
- President enquired whether any communication was received from this Council. Sanjeev Datadin indicated an email was received to indicate that it would be sitting but no subsequent or follow up email received to indicate where they would actually be sitting. Advised that follow up be done in the new term.
- xii. Spotlight Initiative Gender Technical Working Group Onassis Granville Representative. No report submitted.
- xiii. National Task Force for Prevention of Sexual Violence K.A. Juman-Yassin Representative. No report submitted.

President brought attention to the fact that the Bar Association is represented on quite a few Councils and Committees. She thanked all the Attorneys-at-Law who have agreed and so ably represent the association on these bodeis, who have volunteered and devoted their time to so represent us.

Teni Housty pointed out that the fact that the Bar is represented on all these Boards is a testament to the strength of the Bar and its leadership. We have done a lot to maintain our strength in society and hope it continues. Thanks to all who volunteer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

President noted that last Auditor's Report was deferred form last AGM to this AGM. Report submitted.

Naresh Poonai indicated that Auditor's Report was finally submitted in February, 2022 after some exchanges with the Auditor. There is now a clean bill of health. However, there are still some questions from a few years ago when the finances were not properly recorded. Auditor gave some suggestions on how long we take to deposit money. This period was around Covid hence the low figures as compared to the current figures. No concerns raised by Auditor or Council members due to better record keeping.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

President noted that the Audit report submitted was for last year, that is, the period 2020-2021. President invited a motion to be moved for Audit for 2021-2022 to be deferred to next AGM as it is not yet ready.

Motion moved by Teni Housty for Audit for period 2021-2022 be deferred to next AGM. Motion seconded by Donovan Rangiah. Motion adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2022–2023

Naresh Poonai indicated Auditor for last 3 years was Maurice Solomon & Co. but the practice is that 2 Auditors be appointed and kept in rotation. Treasurer suggested a change of Auditor to Harry Parmeswar, who indicated his willingness and the alternate be retained as Maurice Solomon & Co. President invited a motion accordingly. Teni Housty moved a motion that Harry Parmeswar be appointed Auditor with Maurice Solomon & Co. as alternate for period 2022–2023. Motion seconded by Jameela Ali, SC. Motion adopted.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO BAR COUNCIL FOR 2022–2023 TERM

Ron Motilall – Returning Officer enquired if there are any motions at this time.

Sanjeev Datadin moved a motion that the rules be suspended so that a slate be nominated. Motion seconded by Robin Stoby, SC. Motion adopted.

Sanjeev Datadin proposed slate as follows:

- 1. Pauline Chase President
- 2. Jamela Ali, SC Vice President
- 3. Teni Housty Vice President
- 4. Keoma Griffith Secretary
- 5. Ashley King Asst. Secretary
- 6. Yashmini Singh Treasurer
- 7. Robin Stoby, SC Council Member
- 8. K.A. Juman Yassin, SC Council Member
- 9. Kamal Ramkarran Council Member
- 10. Horatio Edmondson Council Member
- 11. Donavon Rangiah Council Member
- 12. Onassis Granville Council Member

Slate seconded by Naresh Poonai.

The Returning Officer invited any other motions before Slate is put to the Members.

Sanjeev Datadin moved that nomination be closed. Motion seconded by Ramona Rookhum. Motion adopted.

Returning Officer closed nominations and posed whether there any disagreements from members to proposed slate. There being no objections, Returning Officer announced that proposed Slate passed and declared the aforesaid Members so elected.

Sanjeev Datadin and Arudrunauth Gossai congratulated new Council Members.

President thanked all for the faith reposed in us once again and welcomed Yashmini Singh to the Council. There is still a lot of work to be done including e-filing and other business.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Horatio Edmondson congratulated the Council and enquired whether the Bar had heard of the passing of Mr. Doorsammy, Former Magistrate, Former Head of the Integrity Commission who passed away last night. There be no other business, President requested that we observe a moment of silence for Mr. Doorsammy before we adjourn.

| ADJOURNMENT President thanked all for attending. Meeting adjourned | at 5:32 p.m. |
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| Confirmed: | |
| Pauline Chase | Leoma Griffith |
| President | Secretary |

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Access to Justice

Immediately following the Bar Association of Guyana's inaugural law week 2022, the period 2022–2023 commenced with the Bar continuing its mandate of advancing the Rule of Law. For the period, the new normal became more normalized with the continued promotion of access to and administration of justice being promoted on a technological wave. As in the law term, the Bar Association continued to play an integral role in the technological transformation of access to Court systems and methods by partnering with the Judiciary and providing critical support and feedback regarding the E-Litigation systems currently under construction from the Magistracy to the Court of Appeal.

The Bar Association also played in integral role in the country's aggressive legislative agenda by participating in consultation with the Chambers of the Attorney General, the National Assembly and Law Reform Commission on several key pieces of legislation. The Association through the hard work of the Legislative Committee also reviewed and submitted reports on draft bills under the hand of the Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Commerce and Ministry of Human Services and Social Security, among other justice sector agencies.

Statutory Meeting

For the period 2022-2023, the Bar Council continued to meet virtually via the Zoom online platform. Attendance was as follows:

| Pauline Chase | - | President | - | 10/10 |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------|---|-------|
| Jamela A. Ali, SC | - | Vice President | - | 8/10 |
| Teni Housty | - | Vice President | - | 10/10 |
| Keoma D. Griffith | - | Secretary | - | 9/10 |
| Yashmini Singh | - | Treasurer | - | 10/10 |
| Ashley King | - | Asst. Secretary | - | 9/10 |
| Robin Stoby, SC | - | Council Member | - | 0/12 |
| K.A. Juman-Yassin, SC | - | Council Member | - | 2/10 |
| Horatio Edmondson | - | Council Member | - | 7/10 |
| Kamal Ramkarran | - | Council Member | - | 6/10 |
| Onassis Granville | - | Council Member | - | 5/10 |
| Donavon Rangiah | - | Council Member | - | 10/10 |

Committees

The work of the Bar Association is supported by members of the Bar who through the period provided stellar service. The committees are as follows:-

Criminal Bar Committee

- Mr. Everton Singh- Chairperson
- Mr. Dexter Smart Secretary
- Mr. Bernard DaSilva
- Ms. Latchmie Rahamat
- Mr. Samuel Glasgow
- Ms. Latchme Rahamat
- Mr. Adrian Thompson
- Mr. Glenn Hanoman

- Ms. Chandrawattie Persaud
- Mr. Dexter Todd
- Ms. Yondessa Welcome-Mercurius
- Ms. Anne Hussein
- Mr. Brandon DeSantos
- Ms. Jimelle Joseph
- Ms. Tiffany Jeffrey-Durant
- Mr. Stanley Moore SC*

IT Committee

- Mr. Kadeem Davis Chairperson
- Mr. Rajendra Jaigobin
- Mr. Naresh Poonai (resigned)
- Mr. Ron Motilall (resigned)

Legislative Committee

- Ms. Alanna Lall Chairperson
- Mr. Michael Munroe Secretary
- Mr. Teni Housty
- Mr. Arud Goosai
- Mr. Bernard DaSilva
- Mr. Ronald Burch-Smith

- Ms. Chandrawattie Persaud
- Ms. Anurada Deodasingh-Persaud
- Ms. Odessa James
- Ms. Thandi McCallister
- Mr. Kurt DaSilva

A debt of gratitude is owed to all members of Committees for their dedicated and ever efficient service to the Bar Association and members of the profession. The Bar Association would be less effective in discharging its mandate without their time and service.

Meetings & Engagements

The Bar Association continued to meet and engage with key players in the justice sector with responsibility for the administration of justice. Among these were the members of the Judiciary and the Hon. Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs. Members of the Association provided technical support and guidance to members of the Judiciary at several engagements touching and concerning the Judiciary's construction and implementation of its E-Litigation Filing Systems in the Magistracy, High Court and Court of Appeal. At the invitation of the Hon. Chancellor of the Judiciary, a delegation of the Bar Association was also pleased to meet with a delegation from the Supreme Court of Jamaica headed by the Chief Justice of Jamaica who visited Guyana for a study tour of Guyana's electronic court system.

In September 2022, Ms. Chandrawattie Persaud, Attorney-at-Law represented the Association at a National HIV-Related Stigma and Discrimination Technical Working Group meeting where stakeholders committed continued efforts to the elimination of all forms of HIV-Related Stigma and Discrimination.

At the invitation of the Bar Council of the United Kingdom, the President of the Association in September 2022 joined Bar leaders from Trinidad & Tobago, the Bahamas and other parts of the world at the opening of the Law Term in the United Kingdom. This occasion served as a positive opportunity where discussions were had on possible collaborations on areas of mutual interest and in furtherance of the mandate of the Bar Association.

^{*}The President and Secretary are ex officio members of all Committees.

In November of 2022, members of the Bar engaged in a peaceful demonstration outside the Special Organized Crime Unit (SOCU) in response to the unlawful arrest of Ms. Tamieka Clarke, Attorney-at-Law. This action from the Guyana Police Force triggered immediate responses and condemnation from Law Associations and Bar Association throughout the Region. Arising out of this unfortunate situation was a Special Emergency Meeting of the Association held on 3rd November, 2023 where the members of the Association resolved that the Association shall explore the appropriate options including filing of proceedings for declarations towards the interpretation of all laws, rules, policies and practices of the State and organs of the State, affecting the role of lawyers in representing their clients, the rule of law and such matters arising from the arrest of Attorney-at-Law Ms. Tameika Clarke.

For the period, the Association also continued its collaboration with the Ministry of Human Services and Social Security ("MHSSS") under the Legal Pro Bono 500 Initiative to provide pro bono services to victims of gender and family based violence. Collaborations with the MHSSS continued during law week 2023 when Attorneys-at-Law, Ms. Alanna Lall, Ms. Anastacia Sanford, Ms. Chandrawattie Persaud and Ms. Allizen Welch-Critchlow, an Attorney-at-Law representing MHSSS engaged in a panel discussion streamed on the National Communication Network and other social media platforms to discuss the new Family Violence Bill 2022.

During Law Week 2023, the members of the Association visited high schools across Guyana and held talks with students about the responsible use of social media and the implications under the Cyber Crime Act 2018. Participating schools included Queens College, Bishops High School, President's College, St. Stanislaus College, St. Joseph's High School, New Central High School and Charlestown Secondary School inter alia.

In furtherance of our social responsibility to provide service to the indigent, members of the Association during Law Week 2023 participated in Pro Bono Monday on 24th April, 2023. This engagement is an annual engagement with the Georgetown Legal Aid Office to provide pro bono services to members of the public for both contentious and non-contentious matters. Through this engagement, qualifying persons have their matters handled by competent counsel from commencement to conclusion at no cost of theirs.

The Association also held meetings with the CARICOM Competition Commission where the need for collaboration was discussed. The fruits of this meeting were the eventual partnership between the Commission and the Association in the form of the hosting of an online webinar on Competition Law during Law Week 2023.

This month, the Association met with European Union representatives on a follow-up to their Report on the last General Elections. As part of those engagements, Mr. Teni Housty, Vice-President of the Association participated in a round table discussion on the EU recommendations.

A debt of gratitude is owed to each colleague of who participated and or attended engagements or meetings on behalf of the Association. The profession is enriched by their dedication.

Court Proceedings

Guyana Bar Association v Revenue Authority – Action No. 601 of 2003

The matter currently awaits a date for continuation having been put down for settlement. The Bar Association continues to engage the parties in the pursuance of a settlement to these proceedings.

Publications

There were no publications for the term. It is hoped that the term will allow for the rejuvenation of the publications committee of the Bar Association which will see the unwavering support of the Bar by submission of papers and other material for publication.

Continuing Legal Education

For the period 2022-2023, the Bar Association continued to explore avenues for Continuing Legal Education ("CLE"). This we see as an extremely important objective in preserving and promoting the Rule of Law. Apart from CLE events hosted by the Bar Association of Guyana, the Association partnered with and promoted activities from the University of the West Indies, Barbados Bar Association, Jamaica Bar Association, the Organization of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Associations and the International Bar Association inter alia.

On the part of our own, and with the rise in the use of virtual platforms for the administration of justice, the Association was able to host CLE events with presenters and participants from all around the Region and even further from North America and other parts of the world. This allowed us to tap into unique skill and expertise of Attorneys-at-Law and jurists who, from all indications, allowed the members of the Bar to become more equipped in novel areas of law. Accordingly, during Law Week 2023, the Bar Association hosted its annual virtual law conference on Wednesday 26th April, 2023. Our international speakers included Ms. Melida Hodge from New York who presented on the proliferation of international business and the imminence of international arbitration and what it meant for the future of Guyana and Mr. Steve Otillar from the Houston Bar whose oil and gas law presentation was titled "paving the way to Guyanese prosperity: the crucial role of the bar. Our Regional speakers included Mr. Nicholas Burkill from the British Virgin Islands who presentation focused on an introduction to arbitration and its opportunities and Mr. Raphael Morgan, Deputy Chief Public Defender for Trinidad and Tobago who presented on the topic of bail for murder and its jurisprudential horizons. Our lone local presenter from the Bar was Mr. Kamal Ramkarran who interrogated the issues associated with Wrongful Dismissal and the decision of the CCJ in Sandy Lane Hotel Company Ltd. v. Cato and Others. From a Judicial point of view, members were treated to a presentation from the Hon. Mr. Nareshwar Harnanan, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Guyana, who presented on the role of the Court in reviewing decisions in regulatory bodies. All presentations were moderated and supported by members of the Bar.

The Association during its second annual law week was also fortunate to partner with the Public Defender's Department of Trinidad and Tobago to look at the issue of Bail for Murder in Guyana and the approach of the Courts. Other collaborations for CLE included the CARICOM Competition Commission where an inadept presentation was had on Competition Law and Consumer Policy.

Finally, the members of the Bar Association and local bench had the pleasure of a lecture presentation at the Law Symposium during Law Week from the Hon. Mr. Justice Winston Anderson, Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice. His Honour's presentation, as well as other presentation from the Hon. Chancellor of the Judiciary (Ag) and Hon. Attorney General focused on the theme for law week 2023, New Frontiers in Law: Preparing for the Future.

Orientation for Newly Admitted Attorneys-at-Law

Attorneys-at-Law from the graduating class of 2022 were treated to an orientation titled "Practice at the Bar" held on 27th October, 2022 at Cara Lodge, Georgetown. The event is an annual occurrence on the Bar's calendar and arose following an engagement with the Hon. Chancellor of the Judiciary (ag.) where the need to provide guidance for new Counsel was discussed.

Panelists for the engagement included Mr. Ralph Ramkarran SC, Mr. Mrs. Abiola Wong-Innis and Mr. Dexter Todd. Topics discussed included the role and duty of Counsel and the manner in which Counsel should engage the members of the Bench, fellow Attorneys-at-Law and clients. The new Attorneys-at-Law were thereafter invited to a cocktail after discussions were had. New Counsel also had to opportunity of being formally introduced to all the members of the Bar Council and learned of ways they could assist the work of the Bar Association and the profession.

Social Activities

With the end of covid-19 restrictions on in person gatherings, colleagues were able to return to the traditional form of interacting with each other and enjoying each other's presence. Accordingly, the Bar Association hosted a number of social activities with the aim of promoting comradery and unity among the members of the profession. Undoubtedly, the Bar Dinner, Christmas Social and Walk-A-Thon during Law Week have become our most popular social events. In November 2022, the Bar Association hosted the 42nd Annual Bar Dinner where three eminent members of the Inner Bar, Justice rtd. Charles Ramson, OR, SC, Mr. Robin Stoby SC and Mr. Claude Denbow SC were all celebrated for their work and service to the Bar, each having attained the milestone of 50 years admission to the Bar.

Law Week 2023 which was held 23rd – 28th April, 2023, under the theme, "New Frontiers in Law: Preparing for the Future" once again achieved its mandate of bringing together the members of the legal profession and other justice sector supporters to participate in activities for the advancement of the profession and the Rule of Law. Our annual Walk-A-Thon and Continental Breakfast which seeks to promote health and fitness in the profession was widely supported by the members of the Bar, Judiciary, Diplomatic Corps and students of various High School law societies. The most notable part is perhaps the Hon. Chancellor's victory when posed with the challenge of a 100m sprint by another member of the Bar. Members of the Bar were also able to pay tribute and well wishes to the Chief Magistrate rtd. who proceeded on pre-retirement leave in the month of March.

Switching things up a bit, the Association held its first Cocktail Gala to close off the Law Week Celebrations where we had the distinct pleasure of having the Hon. Justice Winston Anderson, Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice as our guest of honour.

At the invitation of the Bar Council, President of the association, Ms. Pauline Chase attended the Opening of the Law Year in London, England in October 2022.

Following on the aforesaid visit, the Bar Council of The Bar Association of Guyana reciprocated by hosting Mr. John McKendrick, KC, Vice-Chair of the International Committee of The Bar Council of England & Wales, at a Luncheon at the historic Cara Lodge, Ballet Room on 30th October, 2022.

To end the year, the association collaborated with the Eugene Dupuch Law School (EDLS) to host the Guyana resident Students-at-Law for dinner at the Marriot Hotel on 29th December, 2023.

Bar of Sorrow

The Bar suffered the loss of our dear colleagues Mr. Kumar Doraisami on 6th June, 2022, Ms. Ms. Bibi Safora Shaddick on 13th August, 2022, Ms. Asasha Ramzan on 12th December, 2022, Mr. Edmond Cooper on 28th January, 2023, and Mr. Stanley Moore SC on 31st March, 2023. Regrettably, no Special Full Court sittings have been held for colleagues during the period.

Heartfelt Appreciation!

My second term as your dutiful servant has, as it was in the first term, been nothing short of a sincere pleasure. I include in my report my remarks wish I shared during the opening of the Law Symposium at the Arthur Chung Convention Centre on 28th April, 2023-

"For us all as members of the legal profession, the writing on the wall could not be clearer. We must remain steadfast in our reverence for the rule of law and curiosity for new legal concepts. Together, we must be pioneers towards new frontiers in law. For we owe this duty to our profession so that generations may be in safe legal hands."

Heartiest congratulations to the Council for a successful term and to all the members of the Bar who read every email under my hand and supported our activities. I extend best wishes to the new executive.

Prepared by: KEOMA D. GRIFFITH (MR.) Secretary 24th May, 2023

TREASURER'S REPORT



This report covers the period 1st June, 2022 to 25th May, 2023.

Membership

For 2022, the Association had 161 (one hundred and sixty-one) fully paid-up members. This is a decrease of 15 (fifteen) members compared to 2021.

For 2023, the Association currently has 117 (one hundred and seventeen fully paid-up members.

The Association also has 4 (four) fully paid-up members for 2024.

Finances

The Association's revenue for the fiscal year was in the sum of approximately \$6,208,767.05 (six million two hundred and eight thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven dollars and five cents). This is a decrease of \$2,041,232.95 (two million and forty-one thousand two hundred and thirty-two dollars and ninety-five cents) compared to the previous year.

The Association expended the sum of \$7,387,573.51 (seven million three hundred and eighty-seven thousand five hundred and seventy-three dollars and fifty-one cents).

Based on the income and expenditure received during this fiscal year, the Association suffered a net loss in the sum of \$1,178,806.46 (one million one hundred and seventy-eight thousand eight hundred and six dollars and forty-six cents).

As of the 25th day of May, 2023, the Association's balances are as follows:

| (a) | Citizen's Bank Account | \$322,830.00 |
|-----|----------------------------------|----------------|
| (b) | GBTI Current and Savings Account | \$1,836,594.75 |
| (c) | Cash on Hand | \$0 |
| (d) | Cheques on Hand | \$0 |
| (e) | MMG GBA Subscriber - 643-7074 | \$2,210.00 |
| (f) | MMG Biller Account | \$0 |

Presently, the Association has no outstanding liabilities.

The Association currently has accounts receivable in the sum of \$447,000.00 (four hundred and forty-seven thousand dollars).

Accounts and Audit

The Association's alternative ways of payment were maintained and utilized by members of the Bar. Bank transfers, GTT+ MMG Biller payments and GTT+ MMG Subscriber payments are all currently utilized. However, as these payments are automated, tracking has remained difficult hence some figures provided in this report are approximates. E-Banking is also utilized by the Association for its GBTI's account.

The audit for the period of 1st May, 2021 to 30th April, 2022, was conducted by Maurice Solomon & Co. Chartered Accountants and same was completed and approved on 16th February, 2023.

While some questions were raised by the Auditors, no major concerns or queries were made by the auditors.

Fundraising and Revenue Generation

Fundraising and revenue generation continue to be a problem for the Association.

While membership payments, certificates of good standing and Bar ID Cards continue to be strong earners, these are insufficient sources of revenue for the Association. Even though the Association held a few events during the year, revenue earned and donations received from these events were used to cover expenses for the said events thus resulting in no substantial additional revenue for the Association. Some events also incurred a loss, thereby resulting in less revenues being available. Improved revenue generation is needed in the coming years.

Operating Expenses

Throughout the term, the Association's operating expenses were routine. On average, operating expenses per month for the Association is approximately \$80,000 (eighty thousand dollars). This includes payment of utility bills, salary for the Administrative Assistant and assorted expenses ranging from transportation for the Administrative Assistant in relation to her duties and office expenses.

Events

Over the term, the Association held a number of events. As the Association renewed its Zoom License, there was no cost for most virtual events save and except for webinars where the Zoom webinar feature had to be purchased during Law Week 2023.

The Association held its' annual orientation session for newly admitted Attorneys-at-Law on 27th October, 2022. As per tradition, Bar Council members donated to partially offset costs of these events. A small loss in the sum of \$39,490.80 (thirty-nine thousand four hundred and ninety dollars and eighty cents) was incurred.

On 19th November, 2022, the Association held its Annual Bar Dinner. From this event, revenue was received in the sum of \$1,755,000.00 (one million seven hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars). Contrastingly, the Association expended the sum of \$2,581,663.66 (two million five hundred and eighty-one thousand six hundred and sixty-three dollars and sixty-six cents) which resulted in a loss in the sum of \$826,663.66 (eight hundred and twenty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-three thousand and sixty-six cents) for this event.

The Association's Annual Christmas Social 2022 was held on 21st December, 2022. Bar Council members also donated to partially offset costs of these events. A small loss in the sum of \$50,275.80 (fifty thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars and eighty cents) was incurred.

At the request of the Eugene Dupuch Law School, on 29th December, 2022, the Association held a Student-at-Law Dinner for the current students of the said Law School. The cost of this event was covered by the said Law School but due to a difference in exchange rate and bank charges, there was a minute difference resulting in the Association expending the sum of \$19,659.68 (nineteen thousand six hundred and fifty-nine dollars and sixty-eight cents).

Law Week 2023

The Association held its Second Law Week from 23rd April, 2023 to 28th April, 2023. The Association received revenue in the sum of \$2,344,500.00 (two million three hundred and forty-four thousand five hundred dollars). The Association expended the sum of \$3,001,954.92 (three million and one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four dollars and ninety-two cents). The Association suffered a net loss for law week 2023 in the sum of \$657,454.52 (six hundred and fifty-seven thousand four hundred and fifty-four dollars and fifty-two cents).

Closing

It has been a pleasure to service as Treasurer of the Association for the past term. The experience and knowledge gained serving as Treasurer, is one that has been profound, but it is one that also came with its' challenges.

Thank you to the Members of the Association who afforded me the opportunity to serve.

Special thank you to the members of the Bar Council for their guidance, support and trust in me, in allowing me to execute my duties.

All the best to the incoming Bar Council.

Prepared by: YASHMINI SINGH (Ms.) Treasurer 25th May, 2023

COMMITTEE REPORTS



i. Criminal Bar Committee

No report submitted.

ii. IT Committee

The IT Committee ("the Committee") had an uneventful year. While this may seem unfortunate, this is actually good as no IT related issues cropped up. The Committee communicates informally to execute its mandate in providing IT-support to the Association and the Bar Council and maintaining and expanding the IT infrastructure of the Association.

- Zoom The Association's Zoom Licence was renewed and is still used by the Bar Council for its monthly meetings. Like last year, the Zoom Webinar feature was utilized for the Law Conference of Law Week 2023. The Law Conference was a seven (7) hour webinar that was executed by the Committee without any issues.
- Website The Association's website and hosting was also renewed and maintained by the Committee. There are over 150 (one hundred and fifty) uses of the Association's Website with access to unreported Guyanese cases, the Law Reports of British Guiana and a few volumes of the Bar Review. These have all been uploaded by the Committee and technical assistance to users of the website is provided by the Committee. A proper index and search system still needs to be implemented.

The exercise of creating and maintaining a searchable index that will be accessible by all members is an incredibly laborious task. A few members made submissions and some members on the Committee contributed by briefing cases. However by and large most members of the Association have not significantly contributed cases or briefs of cases to assist this exercise. Significant work is required to create the index. The Association and its members should consider pooling resources to hire staff to complete this task.

Members of the Committee also met with a number of Web designers with a view to overhauling the functionality of the website. The cost of doing so outweighed the benefits that would have been achieved at this time.

A consolidated, open and searchable database of cases is an important part to fostering an indigenous jurisprudence and promoting the rule of law. The Association and its members has a duty to the wider public to ensure that this is done.

- Social Media The Bar Association maintains a number of social media accounts, including on Facebook and Instagram, which keeps its members and the general public abreast with our various activities. The pages are regularly updated by a number of Admins. A YouTube page was recently created where videos of GBA events are uploaded.
- E-Filing The Committee represented the Association on two (2) projects being undertaken by the Committee, that is, the e-filing litigation systems being implemented for the filing of cases in the Court of Appeal and the High Court which will replace all physical filing. These systems are being built by CrimsonLogic out of Singapore for the Supreme Court of Judicature and are scheduled to be operationalized by the fourth quarter of 2023.

Members of the Committee and other members of the Bar participated in over forty (40) three (3) hour sessions which began in the 2022 and ran until March, 2023. We offered comments and in some instances acted as a counterweight to the Judiciary's input.

There will be a brief period of testing before the system is completely operationalized. We hope that the members of the Bar take full advantage of this opportunity to preview and test the system before it is rolled out.

Prepared by: Mr. Naresh Poonai, Attorney-at-Law

Dated: 21st May, 2023



iii. Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee of the Association was convened on the 14 June 2022 for the term 2022-2023. The Committee considered the following:

- Draft Recoding of Court Proceedings (Amendment) Bill
- Competition and Consumer Affairs Commission's Draft Rules of Procedure
- Criminal Law (Procedure) (Amendment) Bill 2022
- National Registration (Amendment) Bill 2022
- Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill 2022
- Draft Regulations made under the Representation of the People Act
- Court of Appeal (Amendment) Bill 2022
- Family Violence Bill 2022
- Electronic Case Management Bill 2023
- · Companies Act Cap 89:01 in the context of proposing suggestions for amendments
- Court of Appeal Act Cap 3:01 in the context of clarifying its jurisdiction in certain circumstances as well as harmonizing the procedures for appeals
- Data Protection Bill 2023

At the time of submission of this Report, all of the aforesaid matters arising before the Committee have been addressed and presented to the Association. The Committee still has under its review the following bills:

- Electronic Communication and Transactions Bill 2023
- Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2023; and
- Guyana Compliance Commission Bill 2023

The Committee is endeavouring to conclude and present the outstanding reports to the association by the statutory date for the annual general meeting.

Respectively Submitted.

Prepared by: Mr. Michael Munroe, Secretary, The Legislative Committee

Dated: 15th May, 2023

iv. Committee to Review the Rules for Remuneration of Attorneys-at-Law for Non-Contentious Business

This Committee was mandated to review the Rules for the Remuneration of Attorneys-at-Law for Non-Contentious Business ("the Rules"). The Rules have not been amended since publication in the Official Gazette of 5th July, 1985. It was proposed that the Committee consider the existing Rules, other areas of attorney fees that may be appropriate for regulation (if any), sources of information to update the Rules and propose consultations with legal sector stakeholders.

Unfortunately, the Committee did not meet and outside of individual reviews of pre-existing rules in the Caribbean, no progress was made in relation to the review. It is suggested that the committee be resuscitated in the next term with current and additional membership to accomplish the much-needed review.

Prepared by: Mr. Naresh Poonai, Attorney-at-Law

Dated: 21st May, 2023

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE/NOMINEES REPORTS



i. Council of Legal Education (Executive Council) – Mr. Robin Stoby, S.C./alternate Mr. Teni Housty

During the reporting period the Executive Committee of the Council of Legal Education (EXCO) utilised a blended methodology for the meetings held in Barbados in September, 2022 and in Grenada, February 2023. There were members physically present, while others joined virtually.

The EXCO meetings address the financial matters affecting the three Law Schools and member countries of the Council of Legal Education (Council). EXCO also reports to the general Council.

The representative of the Guyana Bar Association on EXCO is also a representative on the General Council.

From a financial perspective Guyana is not indebted to the Council. A previous credit balance in Guyana's favour, with the approval of the Chambers of the Attorney General, was applied to assist the cost of attending the Hugh Wooding Law School. for several deserving students. The enrollment of Guyanese students at the Eugene Dupuch Law School (EDLS) in the Bahamas has assisted in the finances of that Law School. At the request of the EDLS, and as representative of the Council, several of the students were hosted at a dinner at the Guyana Marriott Hotel. This dinner was held in the tradition of dining which forms part of the tutelage at the EDLS.

With the election of Ms. Liesel Weeks as Chairman of the Council in September, 2022, I was requested to serve on a number of sub-committees, including a compensation committee. This committee is presently addressing a long outstanding issue of the compensation payable to the Principals of the Law Schools.

The year 2023 marks fifty years since the formation of the Council of Legal Education, the Guyana bar should be prepared to support the Council in the year of celebrations. The opportunity to represent the Guyana Bar on the EXCO and the General Council has been appreciated.

Dated: 22nd May, 2023

ii. Council of Legal Education (General Council) - Mr. Kamal Ramkarran

No report submitted.

iii. Guyana Legal Aid Clinic - Mr. Teni Housty

It continues to be an honour and privilege to represent the Guyana Bar Association on the Board of the Guyana Legal Aid Clinic (Clinic). The contribution of the Clinic to the consistent provision of legal services to qualifying clients provides an important bridge in ensuring access to justice in Guyana. The Clinic is staffed by a full cadre of Attorneys-at-Law located in Berbice, Demerara and Essequibo. The Board of Directors of the Clinic continues to meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 3:30 pm. The meetings continue to be held virtually on the Zoom platform.

There are presently two committees at the board level, these are a legislative committee and a building committee. These committees have supported the future development of the Clinic. The Legislative committee has recently reviewed proposed legal aid legislation. In the case of the building committee, this committee has ensured the Clinic is strategically positioned to access finances for the construction of a new building to house the Clinic in Demerara.

The Clinic maintains good working engagements with the Ministry of Human Services and Social Security as well as the Chambers of the Attorney-General. These collaborations which provide both financial as well as human resources have enabled the Clinic to fulfil its mandate to the Guyanese society.

Dated: 22nd May, 2023



iv. Deeds & Commercial Registries Authority Governing Board – Mr. Donavon Rangiah

No report submitted.

Mr. Donavon Rangiah resigned as a Board Member during the term

v. Rules Committee - Ms. Jamela A. Ali, SC

On 23rd November 2018 – I was nominated as a representative of GBA to the Rules Committee and accepted by the Chancellor of the Judiciary. The members are Madam Chancellor Yonette Cummings, Madam Chief Justice Roxane George, SC, Mr. Justice of Appeal Rishi Persaud, Mr. Rafiq Khan, SC, the Registrar of Supreme Court, Mr. Nigel Hawke, Solicitor General, Attorney General's Chambers and Mrs. A. Dhurjon, Attorney at Law.

Zoom meetings including one hybrid were held. The focus was the review and amendment of Rules relating to the sale of property at execution sales. Execution sales were suspended as they allowed the property of judgment debtors to be sold at a price far below market value. This mischief occurred when the winning bidder with the highest offer price defaulted after the auction was concluded, failed to complete the sale and the second highest bidder was allowed to purchase the property in circumstances where the second bid was far lower than the winning bid, below the value of the property sold or below judgment sum. This has led to hardship to Judgment Debtors. Several sessions were held, recommendations made. Amendment Rules are presently being drafted by Ms. Dhurjon. The Committee also discussed recommendations of the Bar Council of GBA to the Civil Procedure Rules as well as from members of the Committee. It is expected that the focus will be on amending other CPR going forward. Dated: 18th May, 2023

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vi. Supreme Court Case Management System Business Committee – Mr. Keoma D. Griffith

The work of the Business Committee tasked with assessing and building out an electronic case management system for the magistrates' court continued during the period 2022–2023. Along with representatives of the Judiciary, Attorney General's Chambers, DPP's Chambers and Guyana Police Force, the Bar Association continued to provide assistance and support to the construction of the electronic system as well as review and consideration of the proposed legislation to assist in the transition to the fully digitized set up. Currently, the system is complete, and the committee is at the stage of demonstrations and training for judicial officers and staff of the magistracy. Similarly, the proposed legislation to assist in the transition is at the stage of being finalized by the Chambers of the Attorney General. It is expected that the system will be ready for use before the last quarter of 2023.

Dated: 21st May, 2023

vii. University of Guyana Council - Mr. Timothy Jonas, SC

No communication from Council over the past fiscal year.

viii. Juvenile Justice Committee – Mr. Keoma D. Griffith

The Juvenile Justice Committee statutorily tasked with overseeing the implementation of the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act 2018 continued its work for the period 2022 – 2023. During this period, the committee focused its work on establishing systems to ensure the safety and comfort of Juveniles under care of relevant authorities. The Committee had regular engagements with members of the Guyana Police Force to ensure they ranks and officers were familiar with the provisions of the act which seek to ensure the Rule of Law, Justice and Rights of Juveniles in contact with the law are upheld. As in the last term, the Committee continues to suffer from resources, both administrative and financial. It is hoped that these matters will soon be cured so that the committee may better archive its mandate as set out in the Act.

Dated: 21st May, 2023



ix. Allied Health Professionals Council Guyana – Ms. Ramona Rookhum

No communication from Council since nomination.

x. Pharmacy Council - Mr. Nigel Niles

Statutory Meetings of the Council are held on the second Wednesday of each month. During the period of May 2022 to April 2023, five (5) meetings were held. I attended three (3) of the five (5) meetings held. My absence at any meeting may have been as a result of work commitments.

Major Matters-

- Continuing Education The Council continues to conduct continuing education seminars twice per year for members of the profession. CE's held in 2022 focused on Kidney Disease in Type 2 Diabetes, Dental and Oral Health in children and elderly and pulmonary disorders and diseases.
- Internship Training Thirty-two (32) interns completed this training and received certification to practice as Pharmacy Interns.
- White Coat Ceremony A ceremony was held in October 2022 for the graduates of the Pharmacy Degree programme at the University of Guyana. This is their ceremonial admission to the profession where they were presented with their Pharmacy Practitioners' Certificate to practice pharmacy in Guyana.
- Elections A new Council will be elected in June 2023.
- Draft Regulations Pharmacy Practitioners Act 2003. The draft regulations are still under review by the Council for submission to the Minister.

Dated: 19th May, 2023

xi. Guyana-Cuba Trade Facilitation Council of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCI) – Ms. Vidushi Persaud-McKinnon

The Council was established in 2018 to foster trade and relations between Guyana and Cuba.

The Council comprises of the Chair, Mr. Gavin Ramsoondar, GCCl's nominee; Mr. Richard Rambarran, Vice-Chairman, also GCCl's nominee. With the Bar Association, other entities such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, GO-Invest, Guyana Tourism Authority and the Ministry of Tourism, Industry & Commerce, all have representatives on the Council.

Regrettably, no meetings were held during the reporting period. GCCI's AGM was recently held and they are to address the dormancy at the EMC level to advise shortly if this one of three such councils will continue.

Dated: 12th May, 2023

xii. Guyana-India Trade Facilitation Council of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCI) – Mr. Moenudin McDoom, Jnr.

No report submitted.

xiii. Guyana-Canada Trade Facilitation Council of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry – Mr. Sanjeev Datadin

No report submitted.

xiv. Spotlight Initiative Gender Technical Working Group – Ms. Onassis Granville

No report submitted.



xv. National Task Force for the Prevention of Sexual Violence – Mr. K. A. Juman-Yassin, SC

This task force was set up by the subsisting Minister of Human Services & Social Security, the Hon. Vindhya Persaud, MP.

The meetings were held via Zoom and members were asked to submit their thoughts and proposals as to the problems and what could be done to prevent sexual violence. I submitted a Report, set out below.

Unfortunately, some members did not submit their Report and meetings when set were called off due to other engagements of the Minister. The Minister is still soliciting suggestions and Reports from members who did not submit.

The Minister was able to have an Advisor appointed to the Task Force, Dr. Cora Husbands. The last meeting was held on the 3rd May, 2023 and some of the members who attended that meeting were – The Hon. Mr. M. A. Nandlall, SC, MP, Attorney General & Minister of Legal Affairs, the Hon. Ms. Pauline Sukhai, MP, Minister of Amerindian Affairs and the Hon. Mr. Robeson Benn, Minister of Home Affairs.

The Hon. Attorney General indicated at the meeting that his office was currently reviewing the current legislation and the Magistrate's will now be given jurisdiction in the matter of whether an alleged abuser should be granted bail or not. This moves the proceedings to the Criminal/Quasi-Criminal Jurisdiction.

He also indicated that there will be amendments to the Sexual Offences Act and these amendments should be out later this year, for the relevant bodies to review.

I indicated at the meeting, my concern as regards the question of bail. There were contributions from other members and the meeting was adjourned to a date to be fixed by the Minister.

Dated: 18th May, 2023

SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL TASK FORCE FOR THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

There are several areas where sexual violence is committed by both male and females. There are several factors which are the basis of this repugnant behavior and some of them can be classified as follows –

- (1) Psychological.
- (2) Religious
- (3) Social/Environmental
- (4) Positions of Power
- (5) Trust

There are laws in Guyana are quite severe upon a conviction of a sexual offence but unfortunately ninety per cent of the offences are not reported. It is my view that among the steps to be taken in this battle would be –

- (1) Awareness
- (2) Education
- (3) Aggressive prosecutions
- (4) Counseling.

All of the above are interconnected to some extent but can be separately headed.

AWARENESS

It may seem silly but unfortunately there may be instances whereby the victim may not recognize or be aware that a sexual offence is being committed. This happens in touching, fondling, kissing and other superficial action which falls short of sex or undressing. The victim because it is a family member or friend of the family accepts what is being done and pays no regard. It is important that each child from primary school be educated or spoken to on this aspect so that she/he becomes aware of what is unacceptable.



EDUCATION

It is my view that from the primary school, a child should be instructed as to what constitutes a sexual offence and what is unacceptable. The Ministry of Education will have to tailor what the appropriate instructions should be as if not properly done then many parents may become offended. On the other hand children at a young age become aware of sex and it would be an asset if they can be safely guided and not rely on uninformed data.

I believe that the statistics may reflect that the majority of sexual offences are committed in the family circle, in the hinterland and in the villages. A more aggressive approach should be taken in these areas and if possible other persons should visit and speak to the all the residents especially the young. It is important for them to get the message what is wrong and can cause a criminal prosecution.

The adults should know that the young persons are being informed and thus this may cause a second thought if anyone may think of doing anything improper.

AGGRESSIVE PROSECUTIONS

The Guyana Police Force with the help of some Government Ministries and other organizations have been conducting lectures/courses and instructions to the Police Force so that it can be more approachable and friendly to victims who report offences and are in the course of prosecutions.

The Courts have become aware of the reluctance of victims to testify and to do so with the accused and other members of the public being present.

As such there are special procedures where the victim, when giving evidence can be more comfortable, relaxed and do not have the strangers present. The victim does not have to be in court and can give their evidence away from the court room by way of video. However more has to be done by the police when initial reports are made so as not to shy away the victim or try to settle the matter.

COUNSELLING

As stated above it is imperative that apart from education there should be counseling when required by persons who are competent to do so. Needless to state this should be done in an atmosphere which is private. There should be resources available whereby assistance can be given when necessary, as if not, word will get around that the process is a waste of time.

Sexual Offence Act 2010

This Act expanded the offences for sexual offences and offered a wide range of protection to all potential victims. Among the range of offences are the following –

- (1) Rape includes causing the victim to engage in sexual penetration with a third person.
- (2) Sexual Assault is where the accused touches another person in a sexual way or causes the victim to touch the accused in a sexual way or causes the victim to touch a third party in a sexual way.
- (3) There is no defense in having sex with a child under the age of sixteen years of age.
- (4) Causing a child to watch a sexual act.
- (5) Meeting a child after sexual grooming.
- (6) Sexual activity with a child by abusing a position of trust. A person of trust is widely covered and includes where the accused looks after a person including under a court order, or where the victim is in a hospital or care home or where the victim is at an educational institution or orphanage etc.
- (7) Where the accused person obtains sexual activity with a person who has a mental disorder by inducement, threat or deception.
- (8) Voyeurism becomes an offence.
- (9) Administering a substance with the intention to commit a sexual offence.

I would in conclusion state that what is needed is the beginning of the conversation on this issue and this should commence in all quarters and ultimately the dialogue will be a national one.

Submitted by: Mr. K.A. Juman-Yassin, SC



AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2022

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MSC-06/2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GUYANA BAR ASSOCIATION

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Guyana Bar Association as at April 30, 2022, its financial performance, its changes in equity and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) for Small and Medium Sized Entities (SMEs).

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Guyana Bar Association which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at April 30, 2022, the statement of Income and expenditure, the statement of changes in equity and statement of cashflows, for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies as set out in page 8 to 10.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

The Association reported the amount of One Million, Six Hundred Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$1,602,780) in note 4 of the financial statement as trade receivables. Included in this amount, we were unable to adequately verify the accuracy of Nine Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Dollars (\$976,000) from the previous year balance due to the absence of sufficient records. Additionally we were unable to determine whether there are bad debts due to the lack of documentation to verify subsequent collection.

We are unable to determine whether the Cash in Hand Balance as shown in note 5 of the Financial Statements, reflects a true and fair balance due to lack of supporting documentation and controls with regards to the cash movements of the Association during the year.

We are unable to authenticate the amount of Two Hundred Eighty Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$286,975) shown in note 8 of the Financial Statements as Trade Payables due to the lack of supporting source documentation.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Guyana Bar Association. in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for

Professional Accountants together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) for Small and Medium Sized Entities (SMEs), the rules of the bar association, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due
 to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit
 evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not
 detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from
 error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the
 override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Maurice Solomon & Co. Chartered Accountants

February 16, 2023

GUYANA BAR ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 APRIL 2022

| | Note | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|------|-----------|-----------|
| ASSETS | | G\$ | G\$ |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Office Furniture and Equipment | 3 | 1,528,526 | 1,061,036 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Receivables & Prepayments | 4 | 1,602,780 | 1,165,780 |
| Cash and Bank | 5 | 1,480,299 | 2,122,915 |
| | | 3,083,079 | 3,288,695 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 4,611,605 | 4,349,731 |
| | | | |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | | |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES ACCUMULATED FUND | | 3,362,715 | 3,259,508 |
| | | 3,362,715 | 3,259,508 |
| ACCUMULATED FUND | 8 | | |
| ACCUMULATED FUND CURRENT LIABILITIES | 8 | 821,223 | 621,223 |
| ACCUMULATED FUND CURRENT LIABILITIES Payables | 8 | | |

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STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

| | Note | 2022 G\$ | 2021 G\$ |
|--------------------------|------|-------------|-------------|
| INCOME | 6 | 8,061,460 | 3,343,898 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Administrative Expenses | 7 | (7,958,253) | (2,201,561) |
| | | | |
| NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | | 103,207 | 1,142,337 |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

| | Retained Earnings | Total |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| | G\$ | G\$ |
| Year ended 30 April 2022 | | |
| As beginning of year | 3,259,508 | 3,259,508 |
| Profit for the year | 103,207 | 103,207 |
| As at end of year | 3,362,715 | 3,362,715 |
| | | |
| Year ended 30 April 2021 | | |
| As beginning of year | 2,117,171 | 2,117,171 |
| Profit for the year | 1,142,337 | 1,142,337 |
| As at end of year | 3,259,508 | 3,259,508 |

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| ODED A TING A CITY WITHIG | G\$ | G\$ |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Profit before Taxation | 103,207 | 1,142,337 |
| Adjusted for: | | |
| Depreciation | 63,709 | 41,412 |
| Operating profit before Working Capital Changes | 166,916 | 1,183,749 |
| (Increase) in Receivables | (437,000) | (173,780) |
| (Decrease)/Increase in Trade Payables | 200,000 | (43,669) |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Income | (41,333) | 55,000 |
| Cash absorbed from Operations: | (278,333) | (162,449) |
| Net Cash Inflow / (Outflow) - Operating Activities | (111,417) | 1,021,300 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Acquisition of Non - Current Assets | (531,199) | |
| Net Cash (Outflow) - Investing Activities | (531,199) | - |
| NET MOVEMENT IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | (642,616) | 1,021,300 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | 2,122,915 | 1,101,615 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS AT END OF YEAR | 1,480,299 | 2,122,915 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS COMPRISE OF: | | |
| Cash at Bank | 1,480,299 | 1,892,713 |
| Cash in Hand | _ | 230,202 |
| | 1,480,299 | 2,122,915 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 APRIL 2022

1. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Association represents the interest of Attorneys at Law engaged in private practice and provides Civil Society Support on Rule of Law and related issues.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies are:

(a) Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium- sized entities (IFRS for SME), and have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Office Furniture and Equipment

Office Furniture and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided on a reducing balance basis at rates calculated to reduce the assets to their residual values at the end of their estimated useful lives.

Current rates of depreciation are:

Office Furniture and Equipment 10
Computer 50%

10 - 15% per annum 50% per annum

(c) Income

Revenue from rendering of services is based on when the performance obligation is fulfilled.

(d) Deferred Income

Deferred income is recognised when payment is received in advance for services that has not been fulfilled.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 APRIL 2022

3. MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

| | OFFICE FURNITURE & | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| COST | GS | G\$ |
| As at beginning of the year | 1,401,823 | 1,401,823 |
| Additions | 531,199 | 531,199 |
| Disposals | | - |
| As at end of the year | 1,933,022 | 1,933,022 |
| DEPRECIATION | | |
| As at beginning of the year | 340,787 | 340,787 |
| Charges for the year | 63,709 | 63,709 |
| Wriiten Back on Disposals | - | - |
| As at end of the year | 404,496 | 404,496 |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | |
| As at end of the year | 1,528,526 | 1,528,526 |
| As at beginning of the year | 1,061,036 | 1,061,036 |
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| 4. RECEIVABLES | G\$ | G\$ |
| Accounts Receivables | 1,602,780 | 1,165,780 |
| | | 1,103,780 |
| 5. CASH & BANK | | |
| Special Purpose A/C/ CBGL | 1,249,830 | 1,048,830 |
| Guyana Bank for Trade & Industry | 183,587 | 843,883 |
| MMG | 46,882 | 38,120 |
| Cash in Hand | | 192,082 |
| | 1,480,299 | 2,122,915 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 APRIL 2022

| | | | 2022 | 2021 |
|----|-------------------------------|----|-------------|------------|
| 6. | INCOME | | G\$ | G\$ |
| | Subscription | | 700 222 | |
| | Subscriptions prior year | | 798,333 | 826,000 |
| | Tickets | | 576,000 | 90,000 |
| | Income Bar Journal | | 3,016,500 | 349,880 |
| | Other . | | 135,000 | 6,000 |
| | -Donations | | 1,173,000 | 343,800 |
| | -Events/Seminars | | 208,000 | 836,820 |
| | -Sale of Shirts/Caps/ID Cards | | 2,154,627 | 891,397 |
| | | | 8,061,460 | 3,343,898 |
| 7. | ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES | | = 3,001,100 | 0,040,070 |
| | Wages and Salaries | | 532,525 | 500,000 |
| | Advertising | | 27,360 | 21,944 |
| | Cleaning | | 50,000 | 8,000 |
| | Legal & Professional Fees | | 390,601 | 104,229 |
| | Electricity | | 59,795 | 50,677 |
| | International Bar Association | | 33,600 | 44,250 |
| | Office Expenses | | 386,595 | 267,527 |
| | Telephone and Internet | | 152,863 | 126,800 |
| | Repairs and Maintenance | | 1,000 | 56,380 |
| | Stationery & Postage | | 49,936 | 7,740 |
| | Depreciation | | 63,709 | 41,412 |
| | Travelling/Transportation | | 83,735 | 33,900 |
| | OCCBA Dues | | | 567,059 |
| | MMG Service cost | | | 3,720 |
| | Printing | | 189,607 | 19,600 |
| | Special Events | | 5,137,996 | 254,924 |
| | Other Expense | | - | 82,200 |
| | Entertainment & Meals | | 23,394 | 82,200 |
| | Freight Expense | | 21,800 | |
| | Bank Charges | | 21,450 | 11,200 |
| | Donations | | 623,425 | 11,200 |
| | Printing Tickets | | 90,862 | |
| | Rent Or Lease Exp | | 18,000 | |
| | | | 7,958,253 | 2,201,561 |
| 8. | PAYABLES | | | _,_ 0,,001 |
| | Trade Payables | | 286,975 | 286,975 |
| | Stale Dated Cheque | | 384,248 | 334,248 |
| | Accruals | | 150,000 | 334,240 |
| | | | 821,223 | 621,223 |
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On 6th October, 2022, President of The Bar Association of Guyana, Ms. Pauline Chase and Chair of the Bar Council of England and Wales, Mr. Mark Fenhalls, KC executed a MOU in London, England, which will foster closer ties between the associations particularly in the areas of training and development.



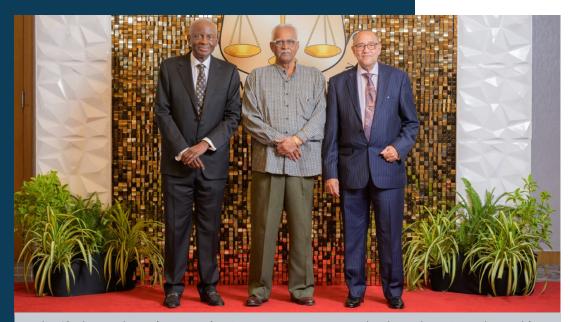
Members of the Bar protest the arrest of Attorney-at-Law Tamieka Clarke by ranks of the Special Organised Crime Unit (SOCU) in the exercise of her professional duty.



Mr. Ralph Ramkarran, SC addressing the most recent graduates of the Council of Legal Education programme at the association's "Practice at the Bar – An Orientation for Newly Admitted Attorneys-at-Law" held on 27th October, 2022.



The Bar Council hosted Mr. John McKendrick, KC, Vice-Chair of the International Committee of The Bar Council of England & Wales, for Lunch at the historic Cara Lodge, Ballet Room on 30th October, 2022.



At the 42nd Annual Bar Dinner, Justice C.R. Ramson, OR, SC; Mr. Claude Denbow, SC and Mr. Robin Stoby, SC were honoured in recognition of 50 years since their admission to the Bar.



In collaboration with the Eugene Dupuch Law School, the Bar Association hosted a Student-at-Law Dinner for the Guyana resident students, on 29th December, 2022.



Finish Line of the association's 2nd annual Walk-a-thon held on 23rd April, 2023 to kick off Law Week 2023



The Hon. Justice Winston Anderson, JCCJ delivering the Feature Address at the Symposium held on 28th April, 2023 as part of the association's Law Week 2023 activities.



The Hon. Chief Justice (ag.), Madam Roxane George-Wiltshire being presented with a token in appreciation of the support of the Bench for the association's Law Week.