



## **Communiqué on the OECS Bar Association's 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial General Meeting held virtually on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020**

The OECS Bar Association Inc. (OECS Bar Association) convened its 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial General Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Thaddeus M. Antione. The Meeting was conducted virtually due to the restrictions in place as a result of COVID-19 pandemic and was attended by representatives of the various Constituent Bar Associations and Individual Members.

The main focus of the Meeting was:

- The President's Report
- The Treasurer's Report
- Election of Officers for 2020-2022

### **(A) The President's Report:**

HIGHLIGHTED the efforts to get Legal Profession legislation enacted in each jurisdiction of the constituent Bars and to update others. There was expression of a desire that the Jurist project model legislation be used, with a few modifications to get each constituent bars to adopt harmonized updated Legal Professional Act.

NOTED the continuing success of the Annual Region Law Conference, including the current year where it was held virtually and thanked the host Bar Associations and the Law Conference Committee for their dedication and event coordination. Gratitude was also expressed for the immense encouragement and support of the Honourable Chief Justice, Her Ladyship Dame Janice Pereira as well as partnership and sponsorship of various institutions.

CALLED UPON Bars to actively engage or continue with Publications, Radio and Television programmes with a view to educating the Public on issues of human rights, justice and the rule of law which are essential for a well ordered society.

EXPRESSED concern for the physical and mental health of members and emphasize the importance of a good state of health to their success at the Bar.

URGED Constituent Bars to make every effort to have a support system and programmes for members to access in order to increase personal and professional satisfaction and improvement in the quality of their lives.

**(B) The Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Jean M. Dyer, Treasurer, presented the Report and discussed the Key Financial Highlights.

**(C) Election of Officers for 2020-2022**

The following Officers were elected to serve for the period 2020-2022:

- President - Ms. Jean M. Dyer
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Ms. Yvette Wallace
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Mr. Delano Bart, QC
- Secretary – Ms. Dahlia Joseph Rowe
- Treasurer – Mr. Duane Daniel

Various members expressed their appreciation for the service given by Immediate Past President Mr. Thaddeus M. Antoine over the last 4 years and to his predecessor, Mr. Ruggles Ferguson, for his guidance to the Executive Committee, ongoing commitment and dedication to the OECS Bar Association.

## **ABOUT THE OECS BAR ASSOCIATION**

The OECS Bar Association, which was formed in 1989, is an umbrella organization of legal practitioners and representative Bar Associations all functioning within and under the jurisdiction of the EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT, a superior Court of record of the Eastern Caribbean (Antigua and Barbuda, Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, and St Vincent and the Grenadines, together with the Territories of Anguilla and the Virgin Islands (BVI)).

The primary aims and objectives of the Association are:

- To promote the improvement of the administration of justice.
- To support the independence of the Judiciary and to maintain cordial relate among members of the Bar and between the Bar and the Bench.
- To encourage good relations and understanding between the Bar and the Public.
- To deal with all matters affecting the legal profession and to take such action thereon as may be deemed expedient so as to promote, preserve, and protect its Interests and the interests of its members.

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