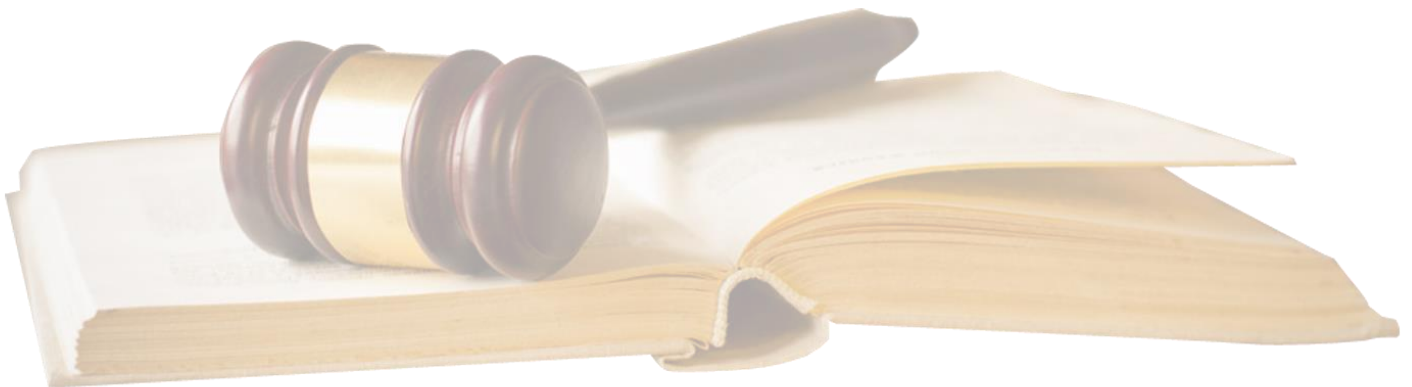




LAW YEAR 2022

SPEAKERS

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DAME JANICE M. PEREIRA, DBE, LLD

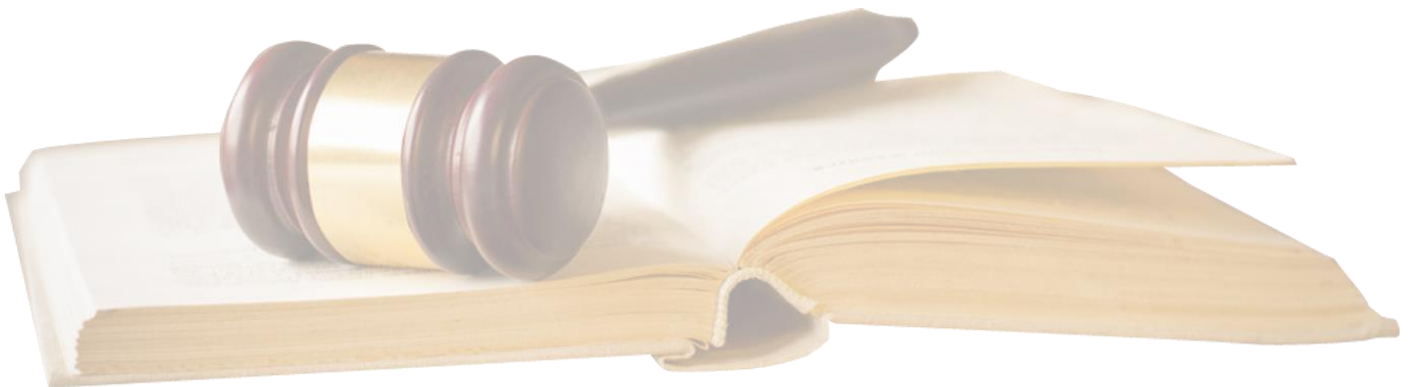


Dame Janice M. Pereira, DBE, LLD was sworn in as the first female Chief Justice of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court on 24th October, 2012. She joined the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court as a High Court Judge in 2003, serving the Territories of Anguilla and Montserrat, and was later elevated to the position of Justice of Appeal in 2009. In May 2013, she was awarded Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire by

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In March 2018, she was called to the Bench as an Honorary Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple.

The award of Honorary Doctorate of Laws was bestowed upon Dame Janice by the University of the West Indies in October, 2018. One year later, Dame Janice was elected an Honorary Master of the Bench of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn.

To present our feature address this morning, our very own Dame Janice M. Pereira, Chief Justice.



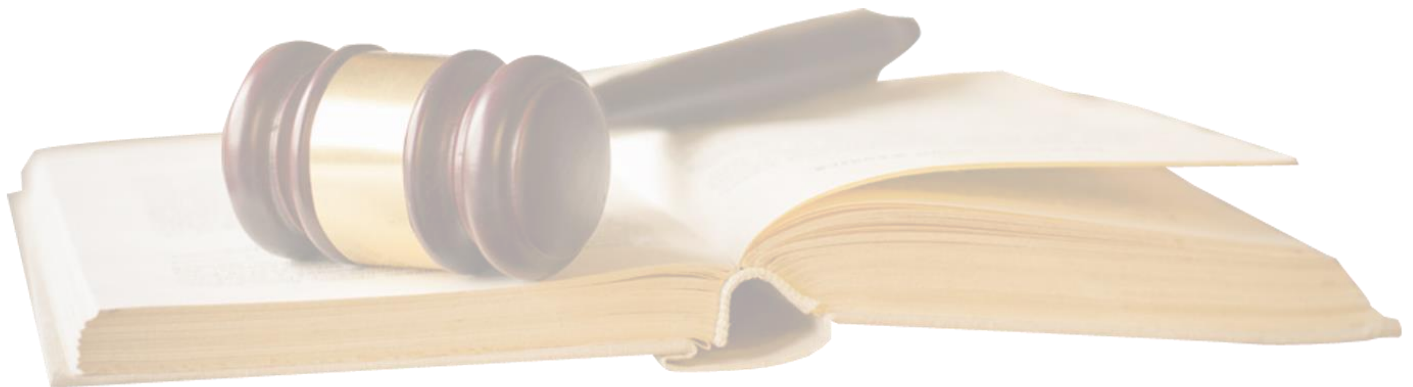
HON. DAWN J. SMITH



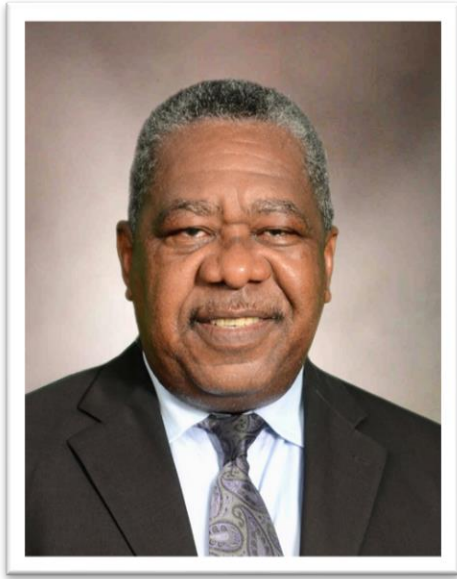
Hon. Dawn J. Smith is the Attorney General of the Virgin Islands. As Attorney General and among other functions and responsibilities, Dawn is the titular head of the Virgin Islands Bar, an ex officio member of the Cabinet of the Virgin Islands and a member of the House of Assembly (non-voting), the National Security Council and Prerogative of Mercy Committee.

Dawn was admitted to practice as a barrister in the Virgin Islands in 1997. In private practice, she specialised in commercial litigation before joining the BVI Financial Services Commission as General Counsel from 2013 to 2020. She also served as Director of the BVI London Office from 2006-2009 and Permanent Secretary in the Premier's Office from 2017 to 2019 in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

Dawn holds a Certificate of Legal Education from Norman Manley Law School in Kingston, Jamaica; Bachelor of Laws, Upper Second-Class Honours from the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados; and Bachelor of Liberal Arts, cum laude with Highest Honours in Sociology-Anthropology from Middlebury College, Vermont, USA. Her current professional credentials and memberships include the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Arbitral Women, the BVI Bar Association and the BVI Reading Council. She is also a Notary Public.



HON. SENATOR VINCENT F. BYRON, JR.



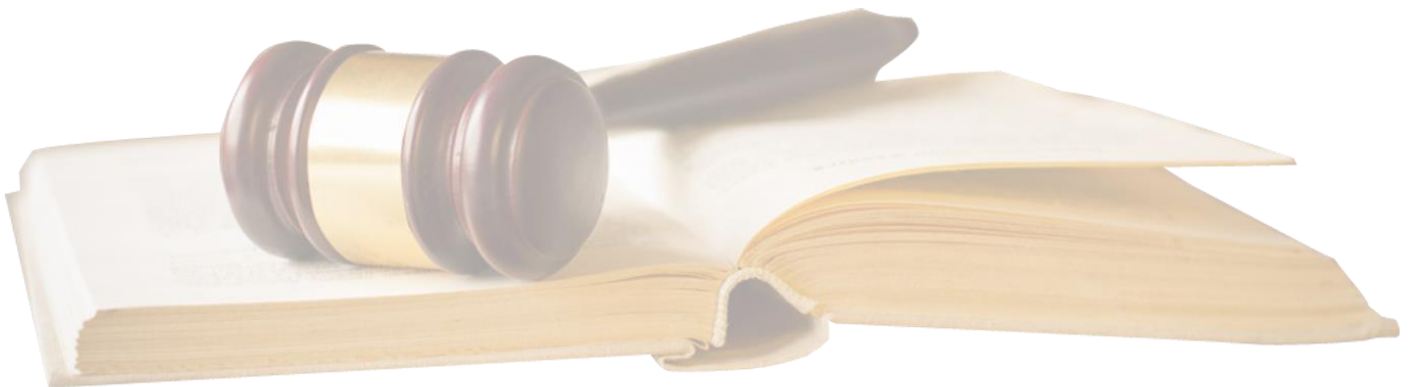
Hon. Senator Vincent F. Byron is the Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Legal Affairs and Communications, St. Kitts and Nevis

Early life and Education

Vincent F. Byron has been associated with the Firm for more than 20 years. A graduate of the University of the West Indies, he attained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History in 1976 and taught West Indian History and European

History at the Basseterre Senior High School for several years before pursuing postgraduate studies at the New York Institute of Technology where in 1989 he was conferred the degree of Master of Business Administration.

Shortly thereafter, Vincent returned to St. Kitts to work as a Management Consultant. Working out of the Chambers of Terence Byron, he eventually assumed duties as Office Manager of the Firm. These duties had been competently undertaken for the previous ten years by the late Vincent F. Byron, Sr., MBE, retired senior civil servant, who had provided invaluable support to the Firm. He also served as a radio and television sports commentator. He worked as a Bandleader of the Caribbean Heet Waves Musical Orchestra in St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla, St. Maarten, St. Eustatius and Montserrat from 1975 to 1982.



In addition, Vincent also worked in public administration as National Instructor of the Health Management Information System. He installed and maintained the primary healthcare database and trained public health personnel in computer use. He was Deputy Census Officer for the 1991 Population and Housing Census, in charge of day-to-day management and planning.

Vincent later embarked upon legal studies, gaining the Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Wolverhampton in 2003. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple in 2006. He then gained the Legal Education Certificate from the Norman Manley Law School in 2007. In August 2007, he was called to the Bar of St. Kitts and Nevis. Vincent is also a Notary Public.

Career

Vincent F. Byron, Jr., has appeared in several recent groundbreaking cases which have had significant ramifications for good governance and Constitutional rights in St. Kitts and Nevis, including the landmark cases of Shawn Richards and Others v St. Kitts and Nevis Constituency Boundaries Commission, and of Eugene Hamilton and Robert Charles v Joseph Edmeade. He frequently appears in constitutional and administrative law cases involving the rights of voters and other critical questions of democratic importance.

In March 2010, Vincent Byron became a Member of the National Assembly of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis when he was appointed a Senator by the Leader of the Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in the Federal Parliament. He was appointed by His Excellency the Governor-General as a Member of the Constituency Boundaries Commission in 2012.



Following the Team Unity victory in the 2015 General Election, Byron was appointed Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Legal Affairs and Communications on 22 February 2015.

Personal life

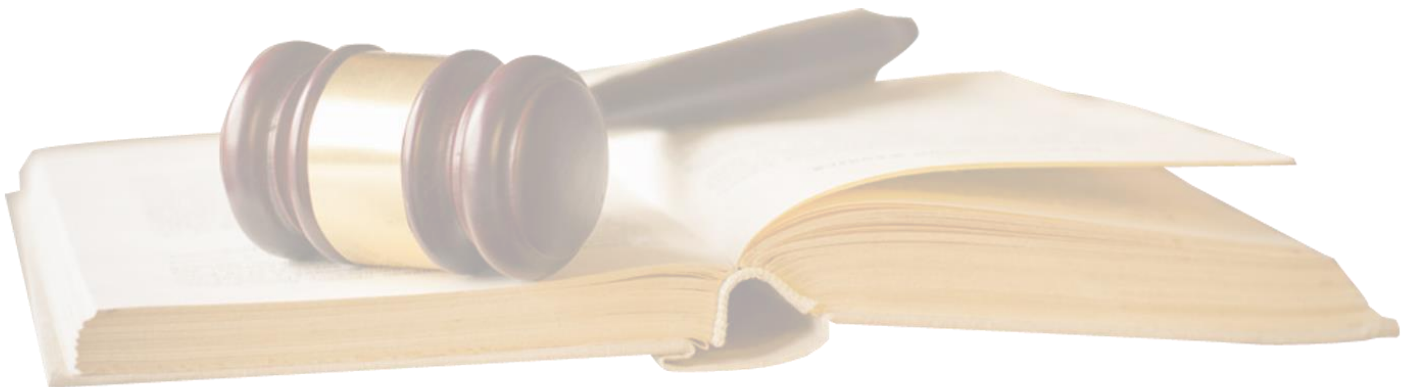
Byron is a well-known sports and music personality in St. Kitts and Nevis. He represented his country at the National level in both cricket and football between 1973 and 1982. He was voted the Sportsman of the Year while a student of the University of the West Indies at the Cave Hill Campus. He is a Founding Member of the St. Kitts Graduates Football Club of New York and was honored for his outstanding contributions to the Club and to football in St. Kitts & Nevis at the 8th Annual Gala and Awards Ceremony held in New York in 2012.



MR. DAARSREAN C. G. GREENE



Mr. Greene is currently the Learned Director of Public Prosecutions for the State of St. Lucia. He has held this position from October 2016. Prior to assuming this Office, he worked as Head of Chambers in the Law Firm of Daarsrean Greene and Company, where he specialised in criminal litigation encompassing both Prosecution and Defence. This period entailed provision of legal representation to hundreds of defendants, covering all areas of Criminal law before the Magistrates' Courts for both Judicial Districts of the State of Saint Lucia, the High Court of Justice and The Court of Appeal. These matters ranged from murder, attempted murder, drug trafficking offences, sexual offences, theft, causing death by dangerous driving and other offences against the person. His professional experience as a legal practitioner span over 20 years, having been admitted to the bar of the United Kingdom on November 25th, 1999 at the age of twenty-three. He was shortly thereafter admitted to the bar of Saint Lucia on 15th December 1999.

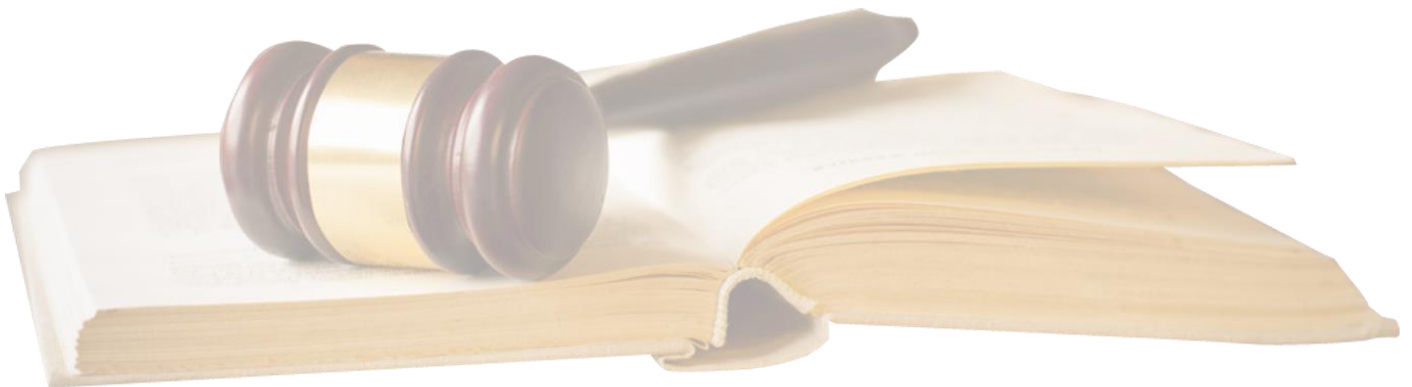


MR. TEDDY ST. LOUIS



Mr. Teddy R. St. Louis is presently acting Chief Magistrate of Grenada, Carriacou, and Petite Martinique. A past student of Grenada Boys Secondary School and Institute for Further Education (IFE). He holds a Bachelor of Science (Chemistry major) from Barry University, an LLB from the University of West Indies (Cavehill campus), and a LEC from Hugh Wooding Law School (Trinidad and Tobago) in 1995.

He has been in private practice for 17 years, from 1995 to 2012 when he became a magistrate. He became acting Chief Magistrate in September of 2019, where he has served up to the present day. He has also served 6 years on the UNFCCC Kyoto Protocol Compliance Committee with his strong chemistry background. He manages his family's nutmeg, and cocoa estate is a married father of 3 and an avid cricketer



SIR CLARE K. ROBERTS, KCN, QC,



Sir Clare Roberts is a former Attorney General of Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands and Montserrat. He was the Chief Parliamentary Counsel and Solicitor General of Antigua and Barbuda. Sir Clare was also an Independent Senator in the Senate of Antigua and Barbuda. He has acted as High Court Judge in Anguilla, Nevis, Grenada, and St Vincent. He is a Queen's Counsel since 2007.

He is the founding partner of Roberts & Co, Attorneys at Law, which he founded in Antigua and Barbuda in 1986 and is also founder of Human Rights for All, a non-profit organization which aims to promote and defend human rights in the region.

Sir Clare was a member of the Inter American Commission on Human Rights for 8 years and had the distinction of leading the Commission as its President. At the Commission, Sir Clare was the first Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and Against Racial Discrimination and Racism in this Hemisphere. Sir Clare has spearheaded the fight by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights against racial discrimination in the hemisphere. He has studied and reported on the situation of Afro-descendants in Brazil, Columbia, the Caribbean including Cuba, the United States and Canada.

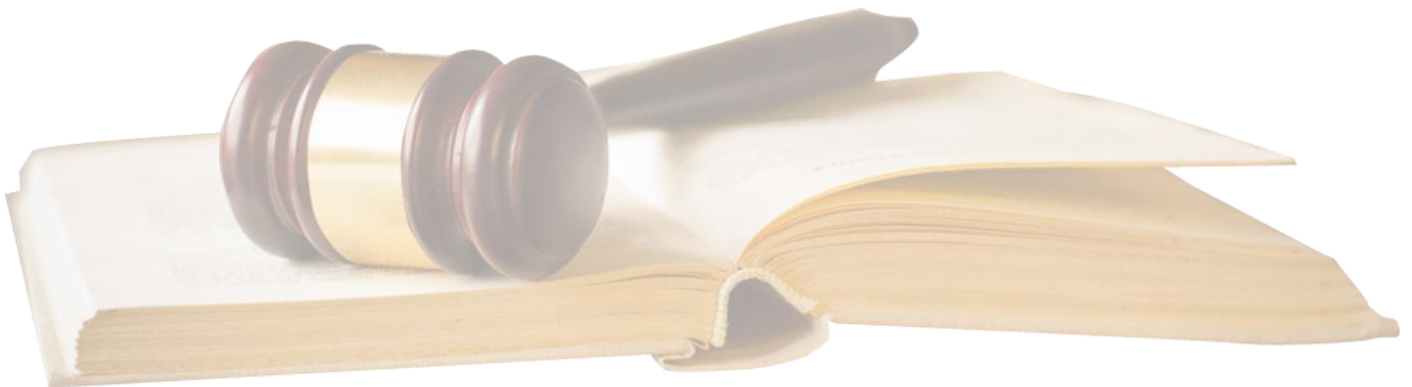
In 2021 Sir Clare was one of the Commissioners on the International Commission of Inquiry on Systemic Racist Police Violence against People of African Descent in the United States. The Commission published its report March 2021.



Sir Clare has commented extensively on human rights issues in the press in Antigua and further afield. His blog is called **Afro Descendants Unite**.

In 2006 Sir Clare was knighted for his work in human rights, and his service to the legal profession and youth.

Sir Clare, a 6th-degree Karate Black Belt, founded and runs a programme called Karate Plus! which seeks to mold the minds and bodies of young people.



MS. JEAN M DYER, MCIARB



Ms. Jean M Dyer, MCIArb has a keen interest in Continuing Legal Education and has served as the Coordinator of the OECS Bar Association's Annual Regional Law Conference from 2013 to date. She also served as the Treasurer of the OECS Bar Association from in or about 2012 to October 2020. Jean served as the President of the Anguilla Bar Association from 2014 to 2108 and is a former President of the Anguilla Financial

Services Association. On 3 October 2020 Jean was elected President of the OECS Bar Association for the next two years 2020-2022. Jean is only the second female president of the Association since its formation in 1989.

Jean is a graduate of the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, and Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad & Tobago where she obtained a Bachelor of Laws Degree (with Honours) and Legal Education Certificate respectively. Jean pursued further legal studies in commercial law at the University of Cambridge and was awarded the Master of Law Degree in 2001. Jean's legal career started in 2003 as a Crown Counsel in the Attorney General's Chambers in Montserrat. Jean relocated to Anguilla in 2006 and joined the former leading law firm Keithley Lake & Associates. In January 2018, Jean established her own practice, JM Dyer & Co.



MS. RENÉ M. BAPTISTE



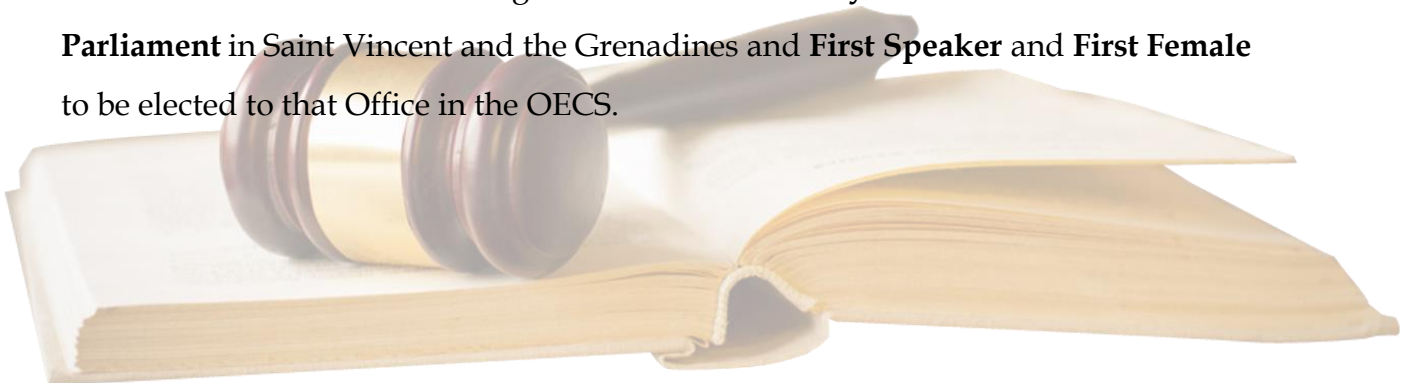
Ms. Rene M. Baptiste is a Legal Practitioner of the Bar of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with 45 years of Call (22 October, 2021). She is an alumna of UWI Faculty of Law, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados (1974) and Hugh Wooding Law School, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago (1976).

Miss. Baptiste has had a distinguished career beginning as the Head of the Foundation of the Offshore Financial Services Sector in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in 1976 where she served until she opened her Solo Law Practice in 1986 and practiced in International Business, Banking, Family Law, Probate, Shipping and Company Law, Trademarks and went to Privy Council in London.

Upon being elected to the Vincentian Parliament in 2001, she took a Leave of Absence from the Firm.

She was appointed Minister of Tourism and Culture 2001 up to 2005; elected in 2005 and headed the Ministry of Urban Development, Culture, Labour, and Electoral Matters until 2010.

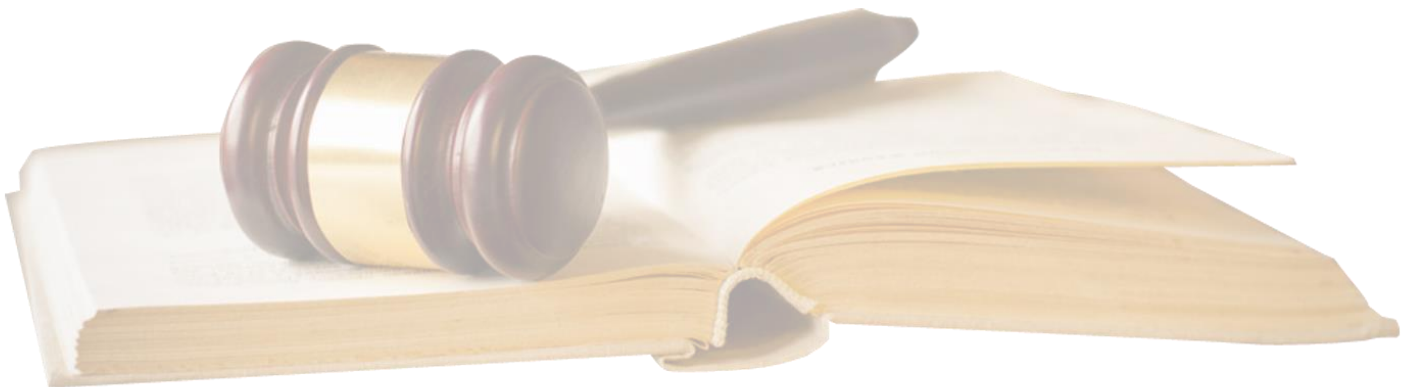
She demitted elected office and returned to her Firm in 2011, which she had expanded. In 2012 she was elected as Speaker of the OECS Assembly/ Parliament. She holds the distinction of being **The First Female Lawyer** to be elected to **Parliament** in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and **First Speaker** and **First Female** to be elected to that Office in the OECS.



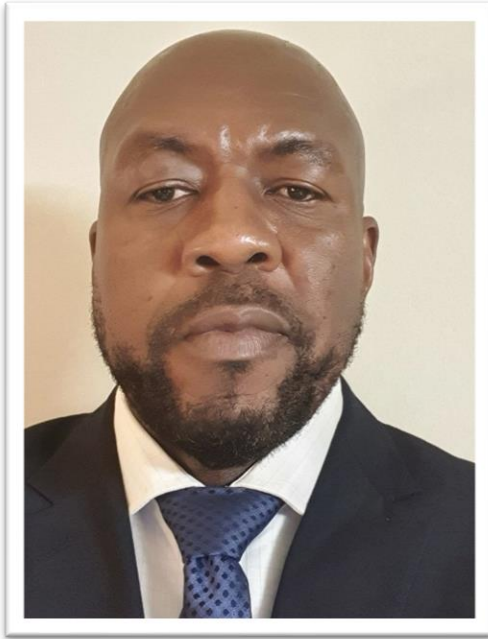
Miss. Baptiste is a member of the OECS Bar Association, OCCBA, Commonwealth Lawyers Association, as well as an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

She heads a three-member Firm that includes Michaela Ambrose, Mikhail Charles and Dr. Jason Haynes.

Her Firm is the Collaborating Firm of Andersen Global in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Biswajit Sarkar of India.



MR. ORIS SULLIVAN



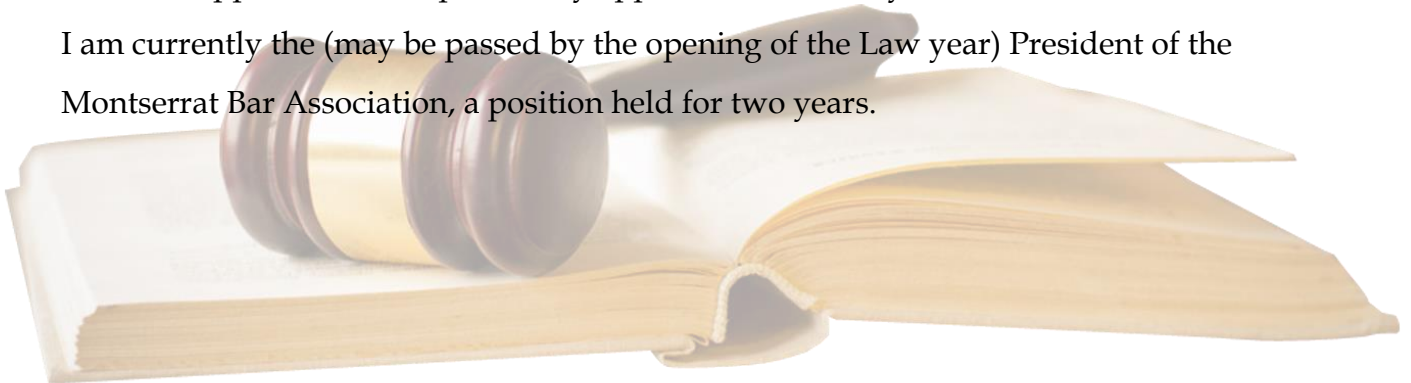
Mr. Oris Sullivan is currently the Director of Public Prosecution. I have been in practice since I was called to the Bar in England and Wales as a member of the Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn. In 2004, I returned to Montserrat and was admitted to the Montserrat Bar, called as a Barrister and solicitor, and practices in all of the courts of Montserrat.

In 2006, I joined the Attorney General's Chambers in Montserrat, having returned from the United Kingdom. In the UK, I practiced for a short time out of Rochester Chambers in Birmingham. In 2011, there was a separation of the Attorney General's Chambers and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution which came about as a matter of Constitutional Review. From then, I became Senior Crown Counsel at the Office of the DPP.

Fast Forward to 2013 when I took up the appointment of DPP(acting), a role which was confirmed in 2015.

By way of academic qualification, I hold an LLB from Birmingham City University and a Master's Degree in Human Rights with Politics from the University of Malta. I have appeared before all the courts on Montserrat, from the magistrate court to the Court of Appeal and have previously appeared in the Privy Council.

I am currently the (may be passed by the opening of the Law year) President of the Montserrat Bar Association, a position held for two years.



MRS. NOELIZE N. KNIGHT DIDIER



Mrs. Noelize Knight-Didier is presently a partner at the firm of Harris, Harris & Didier in Roseau, Dominica, and has so been since July, 2013. She was called to the Bar of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, Commonwealth of Dominica in October 2003, and to the Barbados Bar in July, 2019.

Mrs Knight Didier is also a trained and certified arbitrator and mediator. She has been a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators since 2015, and on the roster of mediators for the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court from October, 2019.

She has served on various positions on the executive of the Dominica Bar Association over the years. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the President's Charities Foundation Inc., served as a Commissioner on the Dominica Independent Regulatory Commission from 2009 to 2012. She is a former member of the Interdenominational Committee on Crime & Violence and, also, Business and Professional Women International, Dominica Branch.

Ms. Knight Didier is married and the mother of three, the latter being her other full-time job!

