



In celebration of International Day of Women Judges

10th March 2025

Today we celebrate International Day of Women Judges. This is a day to celebrate you, the phenomenal woman who is a judge. Today is a day to recognise your achievements, your contributions and your resilience as you navigate this judicial sphere. Today is an opportunity to reflect, to acknowledge and to inspire.

As female judges, we have a unique place in the judiciary. We are called to be so many things to so many people, wife, partner, mother, counsellor, chef, sister and much more and to balance this with our roles as arbiters in the court room.

The theme for International Day of Women Judges is “Women in Justice, women for justice”, a call to promote the full and equal participation of women at all levels of the judiciary, to celebrate the progress that has been made and raise awareness about the challenges ahead. As we are reminded by the United Nations, “Women’s representation in the judiciary is key to ensuring that courts represent their citizens, address their concerns and hand down sound judgments. By their mere presence, women judges enhance the legitimacy of courts, sending a powerful signal that they are open and accessible to those who seek recourse to justice.”

Today we pay tribute to our forerunners such as Hon. Madam Justice Suzie d’Auvergne and Hon. Dame Monica Joseph of blessed memory, two of our women judges who blazed the judicial trail for us. They stood out as the only women judges in a sea of male colleagues and they made us proud. May we continue the legacy of those who have gone before us as we honour and recognise the great role that they played in women’s advancement in the Eastern Caribbean.

As I close, I remind you today that your challenges are shared by many and that they are only stepping stones. I encourage you to hold each other up in challenging moments and to keep celebrating the achievements of our members. I encourage you to be beacons of change in your respective societies and to continue to shine bright in your roles as judges.

I salute you my sisters and may God continue to bless you as you continue to contribute to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.