



Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Association of Women Judges

President's Report
2024-2025

ECAWJ

Formally launched on 5th March 2024

As a young organisation, we have the opportunity to chart our course and to impact the lives of women and girls in our Member States and Territories.

The support we can provide to each other is immeasurable and must not be diminished in any way.

I share with you some of our achievements since our last meeting in April 2024.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Increase in membership from 43 to 54
2. Appointment of first Patron, the Rt Hon. Dame Janice Pereira
3. Adoption of ECAWJ logo-January 2025
4. Attendance of two members at NAWJ Conference in San Diego, California from 17-19 October 2024.
5. Activities in most of the islands for International Women's Day 2025
6. Participation in IAWJ Conference
7. ECAWJ Newsletter
8. Creative Competition
9. Judicial Wellness

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

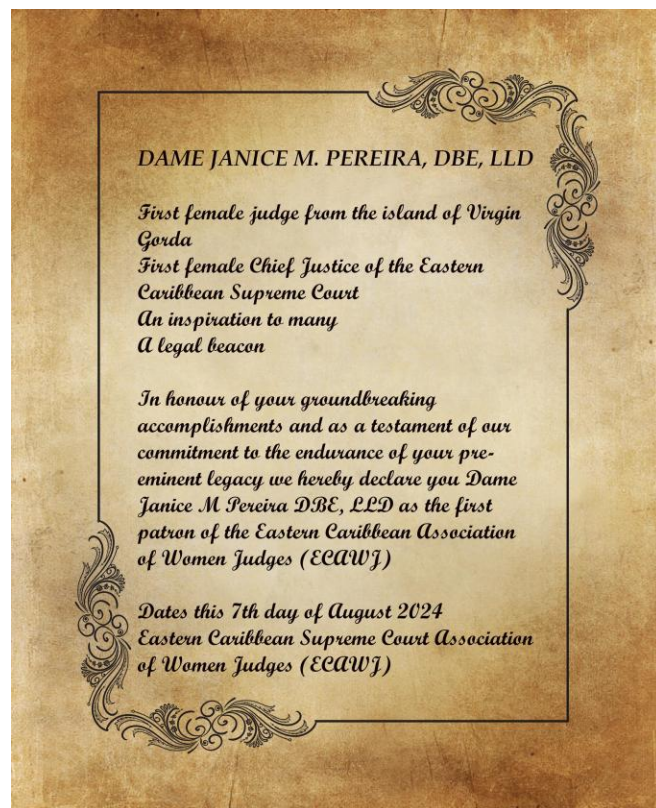
Membership now stands at 53-17 Judges, 20 Magistrates, 11 Registrars, 1 Master, 1 Tribunal member-Industrial Court, Antigua and 3 retired Judicial Officers

Over the period from April 2024 to present, we have lost four members who have moved on in their careers away from judicial office or who are no longer judicial officers within the ECSC

Appointment of Our First Patron

On the 7th August 2024, the Rt. Hon Dame Janice Pereira DEE LLD was declared as the first patron of the ECAWJ and formally recognised at a social gathering of the Annual Judicial, Conference in August 2024.

PHOTOS-RECOGNITION OF DAME JANICE AS FIRST PATRON



ADOPTION OF ECAWJ LOGO



The logo was designed by Joi Sandiford
of Saint Lucia free of charge and we
acknowledge her efforts

Two of our members, Justice Tamara Gill and Master Tamara Foster attended the National Association of Women Judges Conference in San Diego, California from 17-19 October 2024 sponsored by the US State Department.



ATTENDANCE OF TWO
MEMBERS AT NAWJ
CONFERENCE

ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025

Panel Discussion titled:

Hard Talk GBV (Gender Based Violence)–Beyond Physical hosted by Justice Nicola Byer

The Panel comprised:

Her Honour Magistrate Veronica Thomas

Mr Tyrone Buckmire, Director of the Legal Aid and Counselling Clinic, Grenada

Ms. Alicia Green, Director, Women in Need, BVI



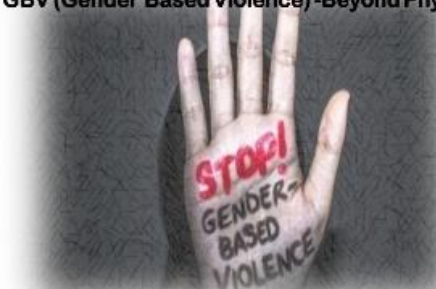
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ACTIVITIES 2025

Panel Discussion:

A panel discussion was held to commemorate International Women's Day and International Day of Women Judges, focusing on gender-based violence beyond physical abuse. The panelists, including judges and representatives from women's organizations, discussed various aspects of domestic violence, including emotional and financial abuse, court procedures, and support services for victims. The meeting emphasized the importance of recognizing non-physical forms of abuse, providing comprehensive support to survivors and their families, and implementing community education and collaboration to address domestic violence effectively.



The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Association of
Women Judges (ECAWJ)
invites you to
A Panel Discussion:
HARD TALK
GBV (Gender Based Violence) -Beyond Physical



**In commemoration of International Women's Day
and International Day of Women Judges**
Join us on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
on the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court's YouTube Channel

Moderated by:
Her Ladyship, the Hon. Justice Nicola Byer,
Judge of the Family Division, Antigua and Barbuda

Panelists include:
Mr. Tyrone Buckmire, Director, Legal Aid & Counseling
Clinic, Grenade
Ms. Alicia Green, Director, Women in Need, BV
Her Honour Veronica Thomas, Magistrate, Family Division,
Antigua & Barbuda

Join us on the ECSC YouTube Channel to view the
discussion.
You can find the link to the live stream on the Court's website
Click here: <https://www.eccourts.org/live>

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Staff of Magistrates Court, Land Registry and High Court Registries

Ladies from the Magistrate Court, the Land Registry and High Court Registries to were invited wear purple, green or white in honour of International Women's Day as they stood ready to march into action!

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Interview with Justice Nicola Byer – <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/15uRXkLzKV/>

Presentation on IWD by Judges, books were presented to young ladies; a 20 min presentation at Antigua Girls High;



ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



Visit to Sunshine Home for girls, a home for girls at risk where some of the judges and magistrates had an intimate talk and presented them with gifts.

Picture with House Mother of Sunshine Home for Girls

TERRITORY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Food drive-distributions made to women in need



SAINT LUCIA

Church service



Social Dinner



SAINT LUCIA



Wellness Talk, Inspirational Talk by Justice Taylor-Alexander and presentation of tokens to female staff of the 3 divisions of the High Court



High Court Judicial
Officers appreciating
our female staff!





THE GRENADA BAR ASSOCIATION

International Women's Day

The Spice Isle Way

ALL ARE INVITED!

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Mr. Richard Duncan OBE,
B.Sc, M.A., FCGA, Acc. Dir

Expectations in the Business Sector

Mr. Tyrone Buckmire

Domestic Violence

Justice Paula Gilford
Justice Agnes Actie

Appropriate Court Dress

Mrs. Lady Anande
Trotman - Joseph

Ethics in the Legal Profession

SALUTING WOMEN OF THE LAW

SATURDAY

15

Quarantine Point
11 A.M.

ATTORNEYS
EARN
CONTINUING
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
CREDITS

fun
&
games

JOIN THE
CELEBRATION!

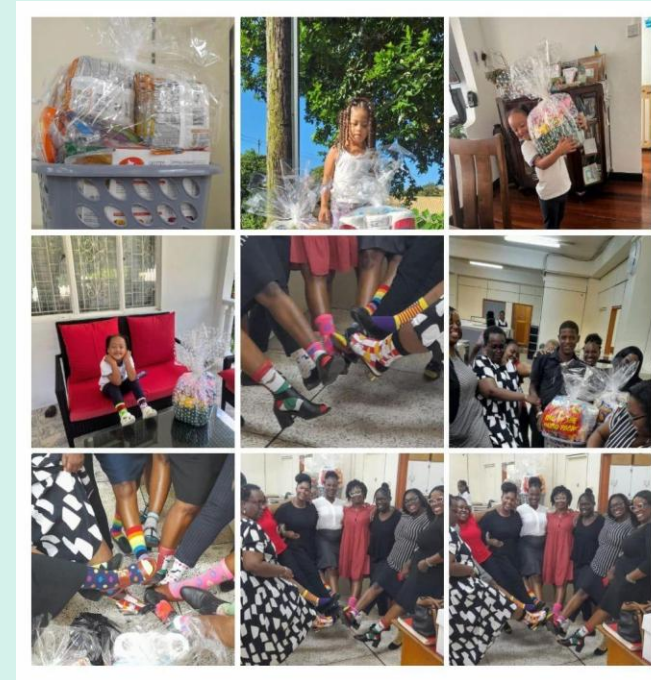
- SAMPLE DISHES FROM ACROSS THE CARIBBEAN
- NETWORK WITH BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS
- EARN CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDITS
- PLAY GAMES
- SOCIALIZE

WEAR
PURPLE
OR



GRENADA-IWD THE SPICE ISLE WAY

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



The High Court Registry staff celebrated International Downes Syndrome Day as part of the IWD activities. They rocked their socks and presented gift baskets to two Downes Syndrome princesses.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Virtual Step Challenge - 7 days
12 members participated and in the
end Chief Registrar, Michelle John-
Theobalds emerged the winner.



PARTICIPATION IN IAWJ CONFERENCE 2025

Justice Agnes Actie joined the group - Caribbean Strong to the International Association of Women Judges Conference held in Cape Town, South Africa from 9-12 April 2025. By all accounts, she represented ECAWJ well.





IAWJ CONFERENCE 2025-SOUTH AFRICA

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LADY JUSTICE

The Bench & Beyond



See these and more inside:

- International Day for Judicial Well-being
- Hard Talk: Gender-Based Violence – Beyond the Physical
- The 17th IAWJ Biennial Conference
- The Judicial Approach to Admissions and Denials in a Defence
- Interview with **Dame Janice Pereira**
- Overview Of The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Association of Women Judges (ECAWJ)

ECAWJ NEWSLETTER

In May 2025, we launched the first issue of the ECAWJ Newsletter-Lady Justice-The Bench and Beyond.

A big thank you to the Editor, Justice Cybelle Cenac-Dantes, and the hardworking members of the Newsletter Committee -Justices Ann-Marie Smith, Nicola Byer, Magistrates, Veronica Thomas and Ngaio Emanuel, Master Tamara Foster and Registrar Chanelle Petty-Barrett for their hard work and dedication to the task.

We thank all the contributors who helped to make this first issue a resounding success.

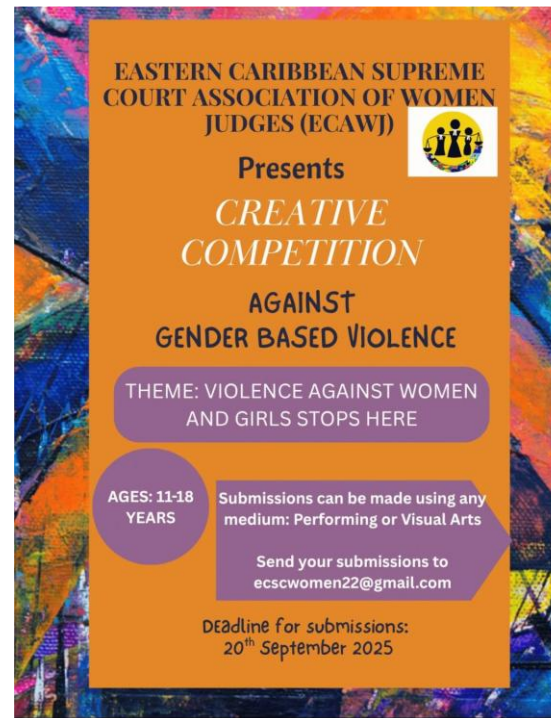
JUDICIAL WELLNESS



The President of ECAWJ collaborated with the President of CAWJ to produce a video as part of CAJO's observance of the first ever International Day of Judicial Wellness on 25th July 2025.

CREATIVE COMPETITION

Three submissions received
Two from Saint Lucia and one from
St. Vincent and the Grenadines



TO ALL ECAWJ
MEMBERS

*Thank
you!*