



# COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION

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## PRESS RELEASE

The Council of Legal Education is pleased to announce the appointment of new Principals at its three Law Schools with effect from August 1 2008.

### Trinidad & Tobago

Ms Miriam Samaru was appointed Principal of the Hugh Wooding Law School.

Miriam Samaru is a national of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. She is a graduate of the University of the West Indies (1980) and the Hugh Wooding Law School (1982). She was called to the Bar in Trinidad and Tobago in 1982 and in Saint Lucia in 1996. She has worked as an advocate in Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands and Saint Lucia. She held the post of Solicitor General of Saint Lucia until she joined the Council of Legal Education at the Eugene Dupuch Law School in Nassau. In 2001, she was appointed Principal of that Law School.

She holds a Master of Laws in Maritime Law and Law of the Sea. She has served on the following boards: Adoption Board of Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority, Saint Lucia Civil Aviation Authority and Saint Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority. She is a member of the Council of Legal Education, the Board of the Faculty of Law, the International Bar Association, the Commonwealth Lawyers Association and the Society for Advanced Legal Studies, University of London. She is a charter member of Central Pilot Club of Nassau.

She is married to Peter Alonzo.

### The Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Mrs Tonya Bastian Galanis was appointed Principal of the Eugene Dupuch Law School.

Tonya Bastian Galanis was called to The Bahamas Bar in 1985 and has been a full-time tutor with the Eugene Dupuch Law School since its inception in 1998. She began her legal career in the Office of The Attorney General in The Bahamas where she practiced for more than twelve years before joining The Eugene Dupuch Law School.

Mrs. Galanis is a graduate of St. John's College and The College of The Bahamas. In 1980 she obtained a Bachelor of Laws degree (Hons) from the University of The West Indies. She attended the Norman Manley Law School in Jamaica and was awarded the Certificate in Legal Education from the Council of Legal Education. Mrs Galanis also earned post-graduate diplomas in legislative drafting from The Royal Institute of Public Administration in London, England and the University of Ottawa, Ontario Canada in 1993. More recently, during a year-long sabbatical, Mrs Galanis has undergone studies with the University of the West Indies leading to a Master of Laws degree in corporate commercial law.

Mrs. Galanis is a member of The Bahamas Bar Association and is also involved in numerous civic organisations, including the Zonta Club of Nassau, where she served as President from 2004 -2006. She has also served on The Bahamas National Revenue Task Force, The Financial Advisory Services Board, Caricom Intergovernmental Task Force and The Securities Commission of The Bahamas.

She is married to Philip Galanis and has one daughter, Zoë.

## Jamaica

Professor Stephen Vasciannie was appointed Principal of the Norman Manley Law School.

He holds First Class Honours degrees from the Universities of the West Indies, Oxford and Cambridge. Professor Vasciannie, who worked as a Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge from 1987 to 1988, was called to the New York Bar in 1990, and to the Jamaican Bar in 1996. He worked part-time as a Deputy Solicitor-General in Jamaica for the four years leading up to 2008.

Professor Vasciannie is a Professor of International Law and taught at the University of the West Indies, Mona since 1994. He is a member of the United Nations International Law Commission, the main advisory body for the United Nations on legal matters. He has also served on the Inter-American Juridical Committee (the main legal advisory body of the Organization of American States), and has been the President of the Caribbean Conference on Maritime Delimitation since 2005.

He has written books on Human Rights, the Law of the Sea and International Investment Law, and has published widely in law journals, including the British Yearbook of International Law, the Cambridge Law Journal, the West Indian Law Journal, and the Foreign Investment Law Journal.

He is married to Lisa, and has two sons, Sean and Dominic.