

# PROGRAMME

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

## **STUDENTS' FORUM**

College of The Bahamas/UWI LLB & EDLS Students

Speakers

Ms. Tracy Robinson (**Barbados**)

Dr. Leighton Jackson (**Jamaica**)

The Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Thorpe (**U.K.**)

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

## **JUDICIAL OFFICERS' FORUM**

### **Inter-active Workshop**

Moderator: Mme. Justice Nottage (Ret.)(**The Bahamas**)

Conductor: The Hon. Mme. Judge Nancy Flatters (**Canada**)

*Increasing Access to Justice: Judicial  
Dispute Resolution (JDR) Settlement  
Conferencing: Evolving and Changing  
Roles*

**12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.**

## **JOINT LUNCH**

Participants in Students' Forum and Judicial Officers' Forum

**6:30 p.m.**

## **OPENING CEREMONY, DISTINGUISHED LECTURE & COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

Procession of Flags, Children's Choir, Police Band

Welcome

Chairperson: Mrs. Tonya Bastian Galanis, Principal, EDLS

Remarks

Professor Lynn Wardle (**U.S.A.**)

Remarks

Mrs. Hazel Thompson-Ahye, Conference Convenor

Address to Open Conference

Senator The Hon. John Delaney, Q.C. Attorney General &  
Minister of Legal Affairs

Distinguished Lecture

The Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Thorpe (**U.K.**)

*The Development of International Family Law &  
Practice*

Vote of Thanks: Mme. Justice Nottage (Ret.)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011**

**7:30 – 8:30 a.m.**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION**

**8:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
Session 1**

**Opening Plenary Session**

Moderator: Mme. Justice Thompson (Ret.)  
**(The Bahamas)**

Greetings: Mrs. Ruth Bowe-Darville, President, The  
Bahamas Bar Association

\*Address: The Hon. Sir Michael Barnett, Chief Justice  
of The Bahamas

Keynote Address: Professor John Eekelaar **(U.K.)**  
*Family Justice: “Not of the Highest  
Importance”*

**Panel Discussion: Marriage**

Presenters:

Dr. William Doherty **(U.S.A.)**

*Preventing Unnecessary Divorce Through Legal  
Reform*

Professor Margaret Brinig **(U.S.A.)**

*Marriage and Other Mediating Institutions for the  
Benefit of Children*

Professor Roger Kay **(U.K.)**

*Radmacher: The Meaning of Life, The Universe and  
Everything*

**10:30 – 10:45 a.m.**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
Session 1A**

**Legal Consequences of Family Disintegration – Divorce, Child  
Custody and Property Division**

Moderator: The Hon. Mme. Justice Bain **(The Bahamas)**

Presenters:

Dr. Joseph Walker **(The Bahamas)**

*No Fault Divorce – Style Without Substance*

Professor Eva Ryrstedt **(Sweden)**

*Can We Make Do With Collaboration?*

Ms. Tracy Robinson **(Barbados)**

*Division of Relationship Property in the Caribbean:  
Negotiating “Equity” and “Commonsense  
Knowledge” of Caribbean Families*

The Hon. Mr. Justice Robin Mohammed **(Trinidad and  
Tobago)**

*The Law in Relation to Property Adjustment for  
Cohabitants*

**10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**  
**Session 1B**

**Legal Consequences – Disintegration of Families – Property Division on Divorce and Death**

Moderator: The Hon. Mme. Justice Remy (**Antigua and Barbuda**)

Presenters:

Professor McKen Carrington/Mr. Christopher Ogolla (**U.S.A.**)  
*Fame, Family Feuds, Intestate Succession and Vicissitudes of Transnational Probate*

Professor Dr. Olga Cvejic Jančić (**Serbia**)  
*Paternity and Inheritance Laws*

Mr. A. Dion Hanna Jr. (**The Bahamas**)  
*Land and Freedom: Family, Generation and Distributive Justice in a Bahamian Context*

**12:15 – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Session 2A**

**Social Consequences of Family Disintegration – Domestic Violence**

Moderator: The Hon. Mme. Justice Peterson (**Trinidad and Tobago**)

Presenters:

The Hon. Mme. Judge Nancy Flatters (**Canada**)  
*The Mountain and Beyond – Working Together on Domestic Violence – A Collaborative Approach*

Ms. Donna Boucaud (**Trinidad and Tobago**)  
*Family Violence Intervention Programmes of the Family Court of Trinidad and Tobago*

Dr. Marija Draškić (**Serbia**)  
*Family Law Protection from Domestic Violence: Serbian Response to the Legal Consequences of the Disintegration of Families*

Mrs. Lynette Seebaran Suite/Ms. Sydelle Johnson (**Trinidad and Tobago**)  
*Zero Tolerance Towards Domestic Violence: Strengthening Accountability and Changing Culture To End Violence Against Women*

**12:15 – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Session 2B**

**Issues of Children’s Rights and Juvenile Delinquency**

Moderator: Her Worship Mrs. Carolyn Voght-Evans (**The Bahamas**)

Presenters:

Ms. Janice George (**Trinidad and Tobago**)  
*The Possibility of Mediation as Problem Solver to Male Juvenile Delinquency in Trinidad and Tobago*

Professor Jane Adolphe (**U.S.A.**)

*Marriage and the Family, Rights of Parents and Children in International Law*

Mr. Kevaugh Mattis (**Trinidad and Tobago**)

*The Nature of Legal Reform in Light of the Disintegration of the Family Structure and the Resultant Pathologies of Youth Crime and Delinquency in Trinidad and Tobago*

**1:30- 2:45 p.m.**

**LUNCH**

Chairperson: Hazel Thompson-Ahye, EDLS

Speaker: The Hon. Justice Rodney K. Burr, A.M. (**Australia**)  
*The Importance of The Family Court in the Delivery of Justice: The Australian Experience*

**2:45- 4:15p.m.**  
**Session 3A**

**Social Consequences of Family Disintegration – Children in the Middle**

Moderator: Mrs. Cheryl Bazard (**The Bahamas**)

Presenters:

Ms. Anna Maria Mora (**Trinidad and Tobago**)

*Community as Family: A Redefinition*

Ms. Joy Dillon (**Trinidad and Tobago**)

*It Takes a Village to Raise a Child: An Insight into the Fluidity of Contemporary Caribbean Family Life and its Impact on Protecting the Rights of the Child*

Dr. Martha Hayes Sampson (**U. K.**)

*In Re A Child: Relocation*

Professor Dr. Gordana Kovaček Stanić (**Serbia**)

*International Child Abduction*

**2:45 – 4:15 p.m.**  
**Session 3B**

**Saving Families; Children, Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART), Adoption**

Moderator: The Hon. Mme. Justice George (**Guyana**)

Presenters:

Professor Lynn D. Wardle (**U.S.A.**)

*Children's Rights to their Parents: A Better World for the Next Generation?*

Professor Mark Strasser (**U.S.A.**)

*Child Welfare and the Promotion of Marriage*

Dr. Douglas A Abbott (**U.S.A.**)

*Children in Diverse Family Forms: Is there an Optimal Environment for Child Development?*

**4:15 – 4:30 p.m.**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**4:30 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Session 4A**

**Reconstitution of Families – Paternity and Adoption Issues**

Moderator: Professor Sanford Katz (U.S.A.)

Presenters:

Dr. Leighton Jackson (Jamaica)

*Science Over Sense and Matter Over Mind?  
Destabilizing Caribbean Family Relationships with  
DNA*

Professor Shani Mahiri King (U.S.A.)

*Haitian Monohumanism: Haiti in the Aftermath of  
the 2010 Earthquake: A Case Study of Inter-  
Country Adoption Practices*

Professor David R. Papke (U.S.A.)

*Race and Contemporary Adoption Law in the  
United States*

Professor Cynthia Hawkins DeBose (U.S.A.)

*US Trans-Racial and African American Adoption:  
Findings from the 2007 DHHS National Survey of  
Adoptive Parents (NSAP)*

**4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Session 4B**

**Reconstitution of Families – Children, ART & Adoption**

Moderator: Dr. Evaneth McPhee (The Bahamas)

Presenters:

Professor Robert Destro (U.S.A.)

*The Rights of Children and the  
Ethical Obligations of Professionals*

Professor Walter R. Schumm (U.S.A.)

*Two Lesbian Parents are Better than a Mom and  
Dad? Really? Logical and Methodical Flaws in  
Recent “No Harm” Studies Affirming the  
Superiority of Lesbian Parenthood*

Professor George W. Dent (U.S.A.)

*“No Difference” Claims and the Deprivation of  
Parental Bonds*

Ms. Tatiana Tolstoy Kongstad (Sweden)

*Contemporary Parenthood*

**8:00 p.m.**

**CONFERENCE BANQUET**

Speaker: Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Thorpe (U.K.)

*London’s Influence on Big Money Cases on Other  
Common Law Jurisdiction*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2011**

**7:30 – 9:00 a.m.**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Session 5**

**Plenary Session  
Family Issues**

Moderator: The Hon. Mr. Justice William Chandler (**Barbados**)

Presenters:

Mme. Justice Nottage (Ret.) (**The Bahamas**)

*Marriage: Family Law's Fractured Lens*

Dr. Maria Gomes (**Trinidad and Tobago and U.S.A.**)

*Living On The Edge: Families Fractured by the  
1996 U.S. Immigration Reform Act*

Hon. Anthony D. J. Gafoor (**Trinidad and Tobago**)

*The Evolving Treatment of the Family for Tax and  
Other Related Economic and Financial Purposes in  
the Commonwealth Caribbean with Reference to  
Trinidad and Tobago*

Dr. Diane Douglas (**Trinidad and Tobago**)

*Co-Parenting Intervention for Separated and  
Divorced Families of the Family Court of Trinidad  
and Tobago*

Ms. Gina Morley (**The Bahamas**)

*The Legal Disabilities of Bahamian Women and the  
Concomitant Effect on Illegitimate Children*

**11:00 – 11:15a.m.**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**11:15a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**EVALUATION AND CLOSING**

Moderator: Mrs. Hazel Thompson-Ahye, EDLS

Speaker: Hon. Mrs. Loretta Butler-Turner, Minister of Social  
Development (**The Bahamas**)

**Session 6**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

**LUNCH**

**1:30 p.m.**

**DEPARTURES/TOURS**

**6:30 p.m.**

**COCKTAIL RECEPTION:** Royal Bahamas Defence Force  
Headquarters, Coral Harbour.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2011**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Day Tour to Paradise Island**