

CJ holds talks with Privy Council on regional access to justice

CHIEF JUSTICE Ronnie Boodoosingh met with senior members of the United Kingdom judiciary and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council during a recent visit to London, focusing on strengthening cooperation and improving access to justice for court users in the Caribbean.

In a news release issued via the Judiciary yesterday, it was noted that Boodoosingh attended the Opening of the Legal Year of England and Wales on October 1 as an international guest at the invitation of the President of the UK Supreme Court. The opening included a service at Westminster Abbey. During the visit, Boodoosingh met with the Registrar of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (JCPC), as well as the incoming President of the UK Supreme Court, Lord Briggs, and Deputy President Lord Sales.

The discussions focused on cooperation between the Privy Council and the judiciaries of Caribbean jurisdictions which retain the Privy Council as their final court of appeal. They also considered opportunities for greater engagement between Privy Council judges and local judiciaries, as well as matters of mutual interest and access to justice for court users in the Caribbean.

The leadership of the Privy Council reaffirmed its commitment to providing a high-quality service to people in the region, including Trinidad and Tobago. Discussions also examined ways in which that service could be further enhanced.