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Appointment of Judges to the Grand Court – General Divisions

Her Excellency the Governor, Helen Kilpatrick, CB is pleased to announce the inclusion of Justice Marlene Carter, Mr. Roger Chapple, Justice Carlisle Greaves, Magistrate Kirsty-Ann Gunn, Justice Stephen Hellman and Justice Frank Williams on the Panel of Acting Grand Court Judges (the “Panel”).

During the first quarter of 2017, the Judicial and Legal Services Commission carried out an open recruitment process advertising the opportunity for inclusion on the Panel locally and overseas. The purpose of the Panel is to maintain a list of qualified and recommended persons who may be invited to sit from time to time as Acting Grand Court Judges.

Following a short-listing process, an interview panel interviewed eight persons; ultimately recommending the above named six candidates for inclusion. Her Excellency accepted the recommendations for appointment and the individuals will be sworn in on various dates as the need arises in the future.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Judicial and Legal Services Commission for their work during the recruitment process. I was pleased to be able to accept the recommendation to appoint six additional extremely qualified and experienced persons to the Panel” she continued.

Notes for Editors:

Prior to her elevation to the bench, **Justice Marlene Carter** spent twenty years at the bar, during which time she practiced in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

in Trinidad and Tobago; the Attorney General's Chambers in the Turks and Caicos Islands; and at both the public bar and the private bar in the Cayman Islands. In September 2013, Justice Carter was appointed as an acting puisne judge of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court ("ECSC") in the civil division of the court in St. Lucia. Following her appointment on a permanent basis in January 2014, Justice Carter was assigned to the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis as the resident high court judge for the St. Christopher Circuit of the ECSC, assuming oversight and responsibility for all civil and criminal matters. In addition to being the senior judge in the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis, Justice Carter has also served as the duty judge for the ECSC in Anguilla.

Mr. Roger Chapple was called to the English Bar in 1974; after 20 years in practice in London, he was appointed Assistant Judge Advocate General of Her Majesty's Forces. In 2004 he was appointed a Circuit Judge and a Senior Circuit Judge in 2007. He served as Resident Judge at Inner London Crown Court and as a Senior Judge in the Sovereign Base Areas, Cyprus from 2007 to 2016. Recently, he has carried out advisory work in the Bahamas and in China. He is a Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn, the Honorary Recorder of Southwark, a member of the Parole Board, and a trustee of the National Justice Museum.

Justice Carlisle Greaves currently serves as a Puisne Judge on a part-time basis in the Bermuda Judiciary. Before retiring in 2016 Justice Greaves presided as a full-time Puisne Judge also in Bermuda for over ten years. Justice Greaves also served in the capacity as an Assistant Justice for six months and a Magistrate and Senior Magistrate for six years in Bermuda. He also spent six years as a Magistrate in Barbados. Justice Greaves was called to the Bar in 1988. Justice Greaves has an extensive experience in the criminal division.

Magistrate Kirsty-Ann Gunn studied Law at the University of Westminster, graduating in 1997. She was called to the Bar in England and Wales in 1998 and practiced in the UK for 7 years. From 2006-2010 she served as a Crown Counsel in the Government Legal Department in the Cayman Islands and also as a Crown Counsel in Bermuda from 2010-2012. Since 2012 Magistrate Gunn has been sitting in all divisions of the Summary Court. She is also a trained mediator.

Justice Stephen Hellman currently serves as a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Bermuda, to which he was appointed in September 2012. Previously, he practised at the Chambers of Andrew Mitchell QC in London for 10 years, specialising in money laundering and the proceeds of crime. Before that, he practised offshore for 7 ½ years as a commercial litigator with Carey Langlois (now Carey Olsen) in Guernsey and Quin & Hampson (now Mourant Ozannes) in Cayman. He began his professional life as a tenant at the Chambers of Richard Ferguson QC in London, practising criminal and general common law, and was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1988.

Justice Frank Williams currently serves as a Judge of Appeal in Jamaica, a post he has held since March 2016. Prior to this post he served as a Puisne Judge in Jamaica for eight

years and a Resident Magistrate for three years. Justice Williams practiced privately before being appointed to the Bench. He is a trained mediator.

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