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Appointment of Magistrate of the Summary Court

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Franz Manderson, is pleased to announce the appointment of His Honour, Mr Duane Murray, as a Magistrate of the Summary Court of the Cayman Islands.

The Judicial and Legal Services Commission (JLSC) conducted an open recruitment process in early 2026 advertising the position both locally and internationally. Following a rigorous shortlisting process, an interview panel evaluated 10 candidates, before ultimately recommending Mr Murray for the role. Her Excellency the Governor, Jane Owen, subsequently accepted the JLSC's recommendation.

"I am pleased to appoint His Honour, Mr Murray, to the Summary Court and to welcome him to the Cayman Islands," said His Excellency, Mr Manderson. "His well-rounded experience from Trinidad & Tobago is a welcome addition to the already highly regarded Cayman Islands' judiciary."

Chief Justice Ramsay-Hale also welcomed the appointment, stating, "I am delighted to welcome His Honour Mr Murray to the Cayman Islands Judiciary. With eight years of experience as a Magistrate in Trinidad and Tobago, Mr Murray brings considerable judicial experience and maturity to his new role and is well placed to transition seamlessly into the work of the Summary Court. His appointment will further strengthen the Magistracy, and I am confident that he will make a valuable contribution to the administration of justice in the Cayman Islands."

His Honour, Mr Murray was officially sworn in on Tuesday, 30 June 2026.

Caption for Photo:

His Honour, Mr Duane Murray (centre), with Chief Magistrate, Her Honour, Mrs Angelyn Hernandez (left) and Acting Governor, Mr Franz Manderson (right), at Mr Murray's swearing-in ceremony on 30 June 2026.

Notes for Editors:

Mr Murray hails from Trinidad & Tobago, where he was a Magistrate and District Court Judge for eight years. Before being appointed to the Bench, Mr Murray worked in Trinidad & Tobago as a Senior Legal Officer for the Ministry of Works and Transport; a Legal Officer for the Ministry of Justice; State Counsel for the Solicitor General's Department; a Legal Officer for the Ministry of Works and Transport; and a Police Sergeant/Legal Officer for the Police Service. Mr Murray graduated from the University of London, UK with a Bachelor of Laws in 2004. He has participated in numerous professional training courses including anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism, domestic violence and gender sensitivity training, digital evidence sensitization, competition and public procurement, and judicial practice, procedures and writing. He was called to the Bar in Trinidad & Tobago in 2007.

