

Curriculum vitae

Personal details

Name: Justice Anthony Thomas Aquinas Carmona, S.C.

Date of birth: 7 March 1953

Marital status: Married

Nationality: Citizen of Trinidad and Tobago

Education

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| 1973-1977 | Bachelors of Arts (Honours) English and Political Science, University of West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. |
| 1978-1981 | Bachelors of Laws (Honours) University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados. |
| 1981-1983 | Certificate of Legal Education Sir Hugh Wooding Law School, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. |
| 1986 | Certificate of Enrollment as an Attorney-at-Law (as a result of fusion of the legal profession). |
| 28 Nov-9 Dec 1988 | Certificate of Instruction on Overview of Investigative Techniques, International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP) under the auspices of the United States Department of Justice, Dominica. |
| 27 Nov-8Dec 1989 | Certificate of Instruction at Second Regional Seminar on Effective Countermeasures Against Drug Offences and Advancement of Criminal Justice Administration under the auspices of the United Nations Latin America Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders (ILANUD), San Jose, Costa Rica. |
| April 1990 | Certificate of Instruction at the Judicial Seminar conducted by the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.), Port of Spain, Trinidad. |
| 16-27 July 1990 | Certificate of Instruction at the Third Regional Seminar on Effective Counter Measures Against Drug Offences and Advancement of Criminal Justice Administration under the auspices of the United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders (ILANUD), San Jose, Costa Rica. |

- 2-4 March 1993 Certificate of Participation at Money Laundering Symposium under the auspices of the Ministry of National Security and the French Embassy (S.C.T.I.P), Port of Spain, Trinidad.
- 18-21 May 1993 Certificate of Participation in multi-national Training Seminar on the control of the Traffic of Precursors and Chemicals Substances under the aegis of CICAD, DEA, UNDCP, RCMP and Government of Trinidad and Tobago, Port of Spain, Trinidad.
- 22-26 Nov 1993 Certificate of Instruction at Regional Training Seminar on, inter alia, Drug Profit Confiscation, Practical Application of United Kingdom and Canada Money Laundering Drug Legislation, and its applicability to the Caribbean; Tracing and Forfeiture of Illicit Drug Money and Property coupled with actual case study, under auspices of the Faculty of Law, University of the West Indies, Barbados and United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), Kingston, Jamaica.
- 25 Apr-6 May 1994 Certificate of Instruction at Drug Law Enforcement Training Programme conducted by Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A) Miami Field Division in cooperation with the United States Department of Justice on International Narcotic matters incorporating subject matters as Trends in Narcotic Trafficking, Legal Issues in Surveillance, Interviews and Interrogation, Case Preparation, Drug Identification and Pharmacology, Port of Spain, Trinidad.
- 21 -25 Nov 1994 Certificate of Instruction at “follow up” Asset Forfeiture Training Workshop for regional prosecutors and investigators under the aegis of Faculty of Law, University of the West Indies, Barbados and the United Nations Drug Control Legal Training Programme, Port of Spain, Trinidad.
- 1993-1994 Course of study in Spanish at the *Andres Bello’s Institute*, Venezuelan Embassy, Port of Spain, Trinidad
- 31 Oct-3 Nov 1995 Certificate of Instruction at Multi-national Training Seminar on Money Laundering Crimes connected to Illicit Drug Trafficking and related offences, their investigation and case preparation under the auspices of the Government of France, Organization of American States and U.N.C.P, Forte de France, Martinique.

Work experience

- 2004-present High Court Judge, Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago.
- 2001-2004 Appeals Counsel, (Office of the Prosecutor) at International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugolsavia, Den Haag, Netherlands and International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Arusha and Tanzania.
- 2002 Conferred with the status of Senior Counsel – (Silk).
- August-September 1999 Acting Director of Public Prosecutions.

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| 1995 -1999 | Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions. |
| 1994 - 1995 | Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions. |
| 1989-1994 | Senior State Attorney. |
| 1983-1989 | State Counsel I, State Counsel II, State Counsel III. |
| 1983-1985 | Lecturer at San Fernando Technical Institute in Business Law – Trinidad, National Examiner in Business Law, Trinidad and Tobago. |
| 1981-1985 | Lecturer in the Department of Language and Linguistics and Senior Tutor in the Department of Government, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad. |
| 1977-1978 | Graduate Teacher II, Palo Seco Government Secondary School, Trinidad. |
| 1974-1975 | Teacher at St. Hughs High School and Merle Grove High School, Kingston, Jamaica. |
| 1972-1973 | Teacher at Fyzabad Anglican Secondary School, Trinidad. |

Features of work in professional capacity

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| 3 Jan 2001-2004 | As Appeals Counsel (Office of the Prosecutor), ICTY and ICTR, successfully prosecuted and prepared appeals on behalf of the Office of the Prosecutor concerning war criminals consisting of generals, camp commanders, soldiers and politicians convicted of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. Adduced fresh evidence on appeal from diverse international witnesses. |
| 1983-2001 | As State Attorney and Deputy Director of Public Prosecution, acted as a minister of justice at all times in the conduct of prosecutions; prosecuted in major and complex cases in the Magistrate's and Supreme Courts; prosecuted police and public officers when required; and defended police and public officers against cross-charges in the course of duty. Prosecuted in the Magistrate's Courts, High Court and Court of Appeal in Trinidad and Tobago from the inception of practice, but for 12 years appeared almost exclusively in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division). Appeared in the High Court and Court of Appeal in civil appeals when required. Assisted in criminal appeals to the Privy Council, London, England liaising and advising attorneys representing the State. |

Assisted in the administration and management of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and in the supervision of criminal litigation.

Supervised subordinate professional staff, advising, training and guiding them. Supervised approximately 30 State Attorneys in the Office of the DPP, i.e. Assistant Directors of Public Prosecution, Senior State Attorneys and State Attorneys.

Prepared, drafted and vetted indictments.

Prepared code of conduct for State prosecutions in the form of Prosecutorial Guidelines.

Advised the Director of Public Prosecutions on all complex legal issues, matters and cases.

Advised on nolle prosequi, discontinuance in criminal cases and general evidential sufficiency for prosecution.

Appeared on behalf of the State in extradition matters and contentious bail applications in the Court of Appeal. Recommended revision and amendments to existing laws.

Facilitated requests and assistance to and from regional and international bodies and organizations. Replied to legal submissions made to the Human Rights Committee under the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Advised the Office for Strategic Services (OSS), Organized Crime and Narcotic Unit (OCNU), Ministry of National Security departments in the fore of interdiction of drug trafficking and money laundering activities.

Representative of the Ministry of Legal Affairs at Cabinet-appointed Technical Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TACADA) and Chairman of Legal Sub-committee from 1988 to 1999. The Committee had the mandate of implementing the National Drug Strategy Master Plan 1995-1999 and onward.

Lectured to government lawyers during in-house training sessions.

Lectured to police officers, customs and public offices of all ranks at training seminars vis-à-vis the criminal law, methods of investigation, legal responsibilities and corresponding pitfalls and on the effective implementation of legislation new and old.

Advised the Police Department, when warranted, on the conduct of criminal investigations and recommended criminal charges accordingly. Reviewed police files to determine sufficiency of evidence and prevent any abuse of process.

Assisted as necessary on the civil side in litigation work and constitutional motions. Advised accordingly other Government Departments, e.g. Ministry of Works and Transport, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture inclusive of Forestry Divisions, Customs and Excise Department prosecuting at times on their behalf.

Member of Inter-ministerial Governmental Team reviewing /formulating legislation for the purpose of expediting the criminal justice system since 1992, whose mandate, inter alia, was putting the necessary legislative and administrative measures in place that led to the ratification of the 1988 Vienna United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances by Trinidad and Tobago.

Member of the Trinidad and Tobago/Venezuelan Mixed Commission on the Prevention Control and Suppression of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances - 1990 to 1999.

Member of Trinidad and Tobago Working Group on Regional Justice Protection Programme 1996 to present.

Represented the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions on the Legislative Review Committee (Cabinet appointed) formulating and vetting multifaceted pieces of legislation, i.e. Criminal Procedure (Criminal Procedure (Plea Agreement) Bill, Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill, Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, D.N.A. Bill, Indictable Offences (Preliminary Enquiry) Bill, Dangerous Drugs Bill, Proceeds of Crime Bill, The Central Authority and Counter-Drug Trafficking and Money Laundering Task Force Bill, Bail Act, Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Bill and all criminal related legislation.

Advised the office of the Attorney General and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on International/Regional Conventions and Treaties.

Participation in criminal cases reported in the West Indian Law Reports

Ashby (Glen) v The State - 45 West Indian Law Reports (WIR) 360

Wanzar (Michael) v The State - 46 WIR 439

Gonzales (Franklyn) v The State - 47 WIR 355

Harrynarine Maharaj v The State - 47 WIR 416

Raffick Sahadath v The State - 47 WIR 399

Hollis Ramnath v The State - 47 WIR 419

Teesdale (Kenneth) v The State - 47 WIR 409

Williams (Hubert) v The State - 48 WIR 32

Bhola Nandlal v The State - 49 WIR 412

Lester (Kurt) v The State - 50 WIR 452

Murphy (James) v The State - 50 WIR 457

Phillip Chotolal and Others v The State - 52 WIR

Notable cases

- (a) First successful prosecution in the British Commonwealth of Senior Magistrate Patrick Jagessar for corruption: sentenced to a maximum punishment of two (2) years hard labour, affirmed by Court of Appeal and Privy Council
- (b) First successful prosecution at Court of Appeal in the West Indies of a Justice of the Peace for corruption, Farouk Ali: sentenced to maximum 10 years' hard labour.
- (c) *Felicia Constantine and Corporal Ronto Williams v The State*, Criminal Appeals Nos. 88 and 86 of 1997 (Trinidad and Tobago (unreported in West Indian Law Reports). Appeal successfully argued: found guilty of conspiracy to murder state witness after botched attempt at poisoning whilst under State protective custody and each sentenced to the maximum 10 years' hard labour.

The following cases represented at the time the only two successful appeals by the State in Trinidad and Tobago under the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1996, which gave the State the right of appeal in criminal matters. Represented the State on both occasions.

- (d) *The State v Garfield Timothy Joseph*, Cr. App 124 of 1997 (unreported): placed on a non-custodial bond after pleading guilty of unlawfully killing step daughter; sentenced to three years hard labour on appeal.
- (e) *The State v Anthony Amoroso Centeno*, Cr. Appeal No. 198 of 1997. Placed on a non-custodial bond after being found guilty of manslaughter; sentenced to three years' hard labour on appeal.

**Conferences/seminars attended
in professional capacity**

Trinidad and Tobago representative at the International Meeting of Experts in the Legal Development Project by CICAD under the Organization of American States, San Jose, Costa Rica, 6 May 1989.

Trinidad and Tobago delegate at the Regional Conference on the International Drug Convention and Drug Abuse, Port of Spain, Trinidad, 3 - 16 April 1989.

Trinidad and Tobago representative at the Regional Seminar on Effective Counter-measures against Drug Offences and Advancement of Criminal Justice Administration under the auspices of the United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (ILANUD), San Jose, Costa Rica, 27 November – 8 December 1989.

Paper presented: “Counter Measures (Present and Future) in Trinidad and Tobago – the role of law enforcement and demand reduction programme”.

Panellist at the National Consultation and International Teleconference on the Media/Private/Public Sector Cooperation for Drug Abuse Prevention, Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex, 22 May 1990.

Trinidad and Tobago representative at the Third Regional Seminar in Effective Counter-measure against Drug Offences and Advancement of Criminal Justice Administration under the auspices of the United Nations Latin American Institute for the prevention of Crime and Treatment of 16 - 27 July 1990.

Paper presented : “Regional and International Co-operation – the effective tools Against Drug Offences; The Advancement of the Criminal Justice Administration”.

Delegate and representative of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago at the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Havana, Cuba, 27 August - 7 September, 1990.

Delegate at the International Judicial Seminar conducted by United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration, Port of Spain, Trinidad, April, 1990.

Delegate and representative of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago at the Inter-Governmental Working Group on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice System Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria, 5 - 9 August 1991.

Delegate and representative of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago at the inter-governmental United Nations

Conference on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice System, Paris, France, 1992.

Representative of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago at the Caribbean Money Laundering Workshop, Kingston, Jamaica, 26 - 28 May 1992.

Delegate at the Regional Seminar on Training and Judicial Co-operation Against Drugs for French Speaking and English Speaking Justice Officials of the Caribbean Region, under the aegis of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (U.N.D.C.P) Forte-de-France, Martinique, 15 - 17 December 1992.

Delegate at Symposium on Money Laundering under the aegis of the Ministry of National Security of Trinidad and Tobago and the French Embassy, Port of Spain, Trinidad, 2 - 4 March 1983.

Lecturer at Human Rights Programme for public officials in Trinidad and Tobago under the aegis of the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs, Port of Spain, Trinidad, 19 - 20 April 1993.

Lecturer/Facilitator at the International Training Seminar for the control of Precursors and Chemicals Substances under the aegis of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) Port of Spain, Trinidad, 18 - 21 May 1993.

Paper presented: "Legislation and Legal/Administrative Procedures for the control of precursors and essential chemicals."

Delegate at Money Laundering Workshop addressing, inter alia, Criminal Justice Programme, Confiscate/Forfeiture Laws, Mutual Assistance, Port of Spain, Trinidad, 3 - 5 May 1994.

Delegate/Representative of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago at the Caribbean Financial Task Force (CFATF) Ministerial Meeting, Port of Spain, Trinidad, 24 - 25 May 1995.

Representative/Delegate of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago at meetings of the United Nations:

Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court (Second session) United Nations, New York, 12-30 August 1996.

Representative/Delegate of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago at meetings of the United Nations Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court (Sessions), United Nations, New York, 11-21 February 1997.

Delegate/Representative of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago at a Regional workshop on mechanisms for the development of an International Criminal Court, co-sponsored by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and Parliamentarians for Global Actions (P.G.A), Port of Spain, Trinidad, 14 -15 May 1998.

Delegate/Representative of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago at the Third meeting of the Working Group on the Regional Justice Protection Programme, Port of Spain, Trinidad, 26 - 27 January 1999 .

Observer on behalf of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago Government at the Regional Magistrate's Conference under the aegis of the University of the West Indies and UNDCP, Port of Spain, Trinidad, 24-29 January, 1999.

Delegate/Representative of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago at the Inter-Governmental Regional Caribbean Conference for the Signature and Ratification of the International Criminal Court Statute, under the aegis of No Peace Without Justice (NPWJ) and the Ministry of the Attorney General, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 15-17 March 1999.

Representative/Presenter of Trinidad and Tobago at the Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference/Meeting on the International Criminal Court 3-7 May 1999, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Other professional contact

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Presenter/Lecturer on "Establishing and consolidating Drug Treatment Courts in the Caribbean: a team effort", Montego Bay, Jamaica.

1983-1999

Guest lecturer at monthly meeting of the South Medical Association of doctors. Paper presented: "The Legal Responsibilities of a Medical Practitioner".

Guest lecturer at St. Dominic's Children's Home, Belmont: "On Crime, the Child and Society", Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Feature Address speaker at graduation ceremonies in the following Schools: Fyzabad Anglican Secondary School, Palo Seco Secondary School, Princess Town Senior Comprehensive School, Antsey Memorial Girls Primary School, San Fernando, Palo Seco Government School, Fyzabad Presbyterian School, Woodland Hindu School, Rousillac Hindu Primary School, Erin Government Primary School.

Lecturer at Peers Counsellors Training Course offered by The National Institute of Higher Education, research, Science and Technology (NIHERST) on, inter alia, drug legislation, demand/reduction and law enforcement", Eric Williams Medical Complex, Trinidad.

Lecturer at Training Seminar for Principals of Secondary Schools in South Trinidad, Couva, Trinidad.

Legal adviser and former member of the Trinidad and Tobago Mental Retardation Board, Trinidad.

Member of the St. Patrick's Anglican School Board, Trinidad, West Indies.

Lecturer at Training seminar for staff nurses stationed at San Fernando General Hospital, San Fernando Technical Institute, Trinidad. Paper presented: "Tortious/Criminal Liability – The Nurse at the Hospital".

17 -19 June 2004

Delegate at the Caribbean Anti-Money Laundering Programme's Anti-Money Laundering Workshop for Judges, St. Lucia.