

Statement of qualifications

Personal

Date of birth: 24 June 1937
Nationality: Citizen of Trinidad and Tobago
Marital status: Married

Qualifications

1961 Admitted as Barrister-at-Law, Lincoln's Inn
1962 Admitted as Barrister-at-Law, Trinidad and Tobago

Professional experience

1962 - 1965 Private practice in the fields of civil and criminal law

1965 - 1979 State Counsel, Attorney General's Chambers - appeared in criminal and civil matters in the High Court, Industrial Court, Court of Appeal and the Privy Council

1979 - 1980 Treasury Solicitor (Acting) - Ministry of Finance

1980 - 1982 Solicitor General - supervised all civil litigation in Attorney General's Chambers; advised on matters touching and concerning the State

1981 Appointed Senior Counsel

1983 - 1993 Puisne Judge - exercised jurisdiction in criminal and civil courts including matrimonial and constitutional matters

1993 - 2002 Judge of the Court of Appeal - jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters including Industrial Court and Tax Appeal Board

2001 - 2002 Acted as Chief Justice on two occasions

2003 Appointed as a member of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission and Integrity Commission

2004 Appointed as Chairman of the Law Reform Commission

2006 Member of National Committee established to develop, monitor and promote counter money-laundering and terrorist financing

Other training

- 1972 Awarded a United Nations fellowship to observe the legal aid systems in the United States and Canada and made recommendations for the establishment of a legal aid system for Trinidad and Tobago
- 2002 Alternative Dispute Resolution - Certificate in Family Law and Divorce - Advance Mediation Skills
- 2004/2005 Certificate in Basic and Advance Course in Alternative Dispute Resolution

Decorations/honours

- 2003 Chaconia Gold Medal
- 2002 Hall of Fame, St. Joseph's Convent, Port of Spain