

JUST RIGHTS

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1. **BAR DINNER**: The Bar Association will be honouring Mr. Christopher Bovell, C. D., Mr. Howard Hamilton C. D. and Justice Mr. Algernon Smith, C.D., at the Annual Dinner.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION: The next CLE Seminar is scheduled for June 25, 2011 at the Faculty of Law Lecture Theatre – UWI Mona at 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The topics to be discussed are:

- The Role and Responsibility of Duty Counsel – Presenter Mr. Leroy Equiano
- Ethics Snapshot (TBD) – Presenter Ms. Audrey Welds
- Panel Discussion: The New Matrimonial Rules: Pitfalls and Problems with Documents – Presenters Mr. Charles Pennycooke & Miss Cornore Bennett Deputy Registrars-Family Division

2. **NEW LEGISLATION**: The Bar has received the following Bills from the Houses of Parliament (Gordon House):

- (a)** An Act to Amend the Deposit Insurance Act. (**Act No. 1/11**);
- (b)** An Act to amend the Minimum Wage Act. (**Act No. 2/11**);
- (c)** The Protected Disclosure Act 2011 (whistle blower legislation) (**Act No. 3/11**);
- (d)** An Act to Postpone the holding of a General Election under Parish Councils Act and for purposes connected therewith (**Act No. 5/11**);
- (e)** An Act to Amend the National Health Fund Act (**Act No. 6/11**)
- (f)** An Act to Amend provisions relating to penalties and monetary obligations in legislation relating to certain health and allied professions and services; and for connected matters. (**Act No. 7/11**);
- (g)** An Act to Amend the Terrorism Prevention Act. (**Act No. 8/11**);

- (h)** An Act to Amend the National Insurance Act; to validate and confirm the payment of certain benefits made in good faith by persons acting on behalf of the National Insurance Fund, and the collection of contributions done in good faith, and to indemnify certain persons in respect of those payments and contributions; and for connected matters. **(Act No. 9/11);**
- (i)** An Act to Establish a body to be known as the Jamaican International Financial Services Authority for the promotion and development of Jamaica as a centre for international financial services; and for related matters. **(Act No. 10/11);**
- (j)** An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act, and for connected purposes. **(Act No. 11/11)**

Copies of these may be obtained from the Bar office.

3. LEGAL NOTICES

The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Research (SALISES) at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus Presents 50/50 Conference: Law & Justice in the Post-Independence Era – Reflecting on the first fifty years, projecting beyond, February 2-3, 2012.

Further information can be obtained from the Bar office.

4. OVERSEAS PROGRAMMES/SEMINARS:

- JAMBAR has received notice from the American Bar Association (**ABA**) that the 134th Annual Meeting will be held in Toronto, Canada, from August 4-9, 2011. Further information can be obtained from the Bar office.
- The International Bar Association (**IBA**) and the College of Law will be offering LL.M in International Legal Practice, July 2011. Further information can be obtained from the Bar office.
- The Women Business Owners Jamaica is staging a **Free** Training & Mentorship Programme for Women Entrepreneurs.

Training is 3 hours per week for 12 weeks and Mentorship is for 9 months. Further information can be obtained from the Bar office.

- The World Jurist Association's 24th Biennial Congress on the Law of the World in Prague Czech Republic October 23-28, 2011. Further information can be obtained from the Bar office.

5. **JAMBAR CONTACT:** The Association's offices are located at 78 Harbour Street, Kingston. The telephone numbers are 967-3394; 967-9034; 967-3783 (fax); Email: jba@flowja.com. Website: www.jambar.org.

6. **PRESIDENT'S CONTACT INFORMATION:** Email may also be sent to the president at president@jambar.org.

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