THE JAMAICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

JUST RIGHTS

1. BENEFITS TO BAR MEMBERS

The following are some of the benefits available to paid-up members of the Bar:

- (a) access to a "*suite of financial benefits*" due to the Bar's agreement with the Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaica Limited. This will include members having potential access to billions of dollars at discounted interest rates or more favourable terms in relation to, inter alia, business start-up capital or loans; mortgages and motor vehicle facilities or loans;
- (b) discounted motor vehicle insurance premiums via ICWI, Spectrum Insurance Brokers and Guardian Insurance Brokers;
- (c) discounted costs to our Continuing Legal Education ("CLE") seminars this is particularly important now with the advent of mandatory Continuing Professional Development via the amendment to the Legal Profession Act;
- (d) discounted fees for membership at Spartan Health Club/gym;
- (e) a free copy of our new, improved JAMBAR Journal newsletter to be published every quarter;
- (f) access to the legal material ("mini library") at the Bar's office;
- (g) discounted ticket cost for Bar events, such as "Bar Beat"; and
- (h) discounted costs on stationery or other purchases at INC Limited, Liguanea Mall, St. Andrew (next to the post office).

2. <u>NEW LEGISLATION</u>

The Bar has received the following Bill from the House of Parliament (Gordon House):

• An Act to Provide for the protection of Jamaica's plant genetic resources for food and agriculture and for connected matters. (Act No. 1/13)

3. <u>SEMINARS</u>

- Continuing Legal Education Seminar on Ethical Consideration in the use of Technology in the Practice of Law will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at Norman Manley Law School at 9:30 AM.
- Save the date June 14 -16, 2013 Continuing Legal Education Seminar at the Sunset Jamaica Grande Hotel.
- The Madrid Bar Association will be hosting their annual Madrid meeting on April 25-27, 2013 in Madrid Spain.
- The Public Administration International (PAI) is having two UK-based study programmes in London; "Access to Civil Justice: efficiency, affordability and fairness" from October 7- 11, 2013 and Transforming Criminal Justice: From joined-up justice to multi-agency approaches" November 25 – 29, 2013 Apply on-line: www.public-admin.co.uk

4. <u>REPORTS/PUBLICATIONS</u>

Lexis Nexis books are available at the Bar's office for sale at discounted prices.

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