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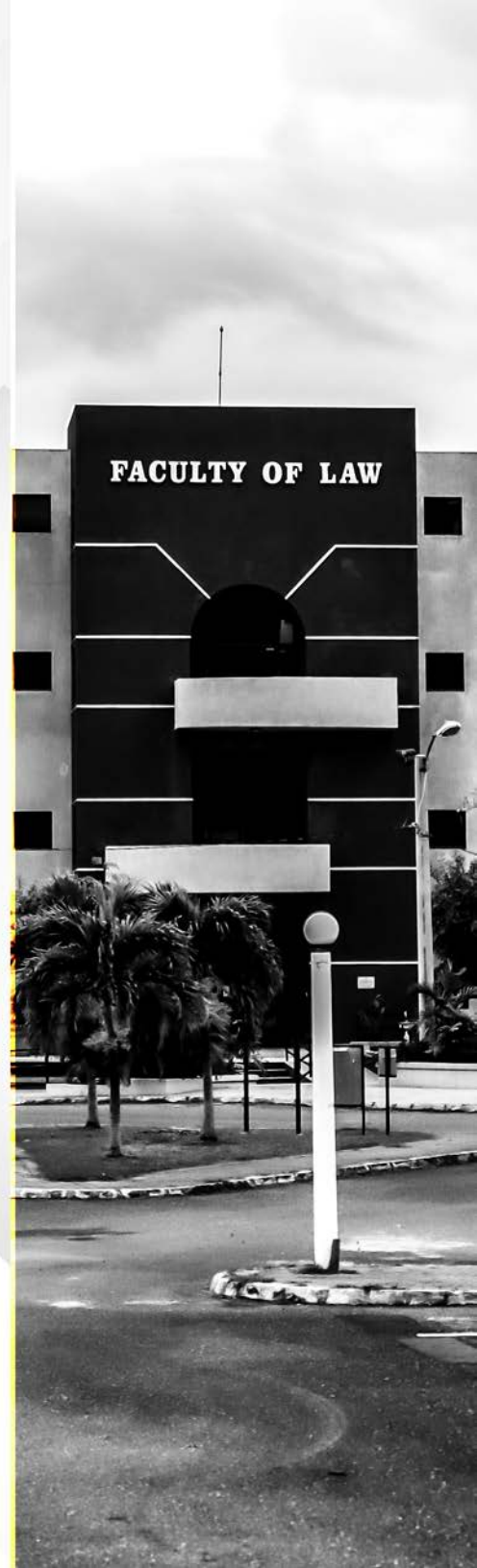
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DEAN'S OVERVIEW

Dr. Shazeeda Ali continued in the second year of her tenure as Dean of the Faculty of Law and, under her leadership, the Faculty sought to further enrich the students' experience, provide continuing legal education activities and to impact the wider society through numerous outreach initiatives.

ACCESS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Nine students from the Master of Laws (LLM) programme will graduate, one of whom completed with distinction in the Corporate and Commercial Law concentration. 174 undergraduate students from undergraduate programme have completed the LLB degree, 18 of whom were awarded with First Class Honours. During the 2020/2021 academic year, the Faculty continued to identify and implement strategies aimed at improving the students' experience. The 3rd Annual Faculty Awards Ceremony for the recognition of outstanding students in academia and co-curricular activities was held virtually for the first time on November 9, 2020 with 90 students being recognized in the categories of Subject Awards, Year/Level Awards, Top LLM Student Award and Dean's List Award. The Faculty had its first virtual hosting of its Sixth Annual Weekend Symposium on Law, Governance and Society under the theme 'Celebrating and Surviving – UWI Law 50 and Beyond' from November 21-22, 2020. The event, which is normally hosted in June, was pushed back due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the first virtual staging, the symposium featured speakers from Canada, The USA, the UK, the Netherlands, Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica. The presenters included members of academia, the judiciary and others in the legal fraternity. The keynote speaker was the Hon. Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders, President of the Caribbean Court of Justice. On March 22, 2021, the Faculty hosted its second annual Career Forum 2.0 virtually, which was geared towards increasing students' awareness about the various career paths available after completing the LLB degree. This took the form of a panel discussion with persons from various professions, some of the career options require the Legal Education Certificate (LEC) and others do not. The Faculty also celebrated its 50th anniversary and hosted a virtual reception in honour of the first graduates as part of the activities for the staging of the 7th Annual Symposium on Law, Governance and Society. This was held from June 25-27, 2021 under the theme Celebrating and Surviving: UWI Law 50 and beyond... The topics that were explored were Legal Profession and Judicial Ethics, the Law of the Sea, Sports Law and Tourism and the Law.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Members of the MonaLaw Family made various presentations to share research output locally, regionally and internationally as outlined below:

PRESENTATIONS

Ali, S., Guest Speaker, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Webinar Series "Staying one step ahead: an exploration of financial criminals and financial crimes", July 25, 2021;

Vasciannie, S., Panel Presentation to the Organization of American States on "Legal Challenges Faced by Caribbean States in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic", July 7, 2020;

Vasciannie, S., Panel Presentation to the International Law Association (Caribbean Branch) on "Caribbean Approaches to International Law", November 25, 2020;

Vasciannie, S., Panel Chair, Law of the Sea Panel at the 7th Annual Symposium of the Faculty of Law, UWI, June 2021;

Vasciannie, S., Member, Interviewing Panel for the Government of Jamaica's Inaugural Marcus Garvey Scholarships (July 14, 22, 23, 27, 28, 2021: Chaired by Governor-General);

PUBLICATIONS

Ali, S., 'Celebrating 50 Years of Law at The UWI', The Sunday Observer (Kingston), May 23, 2021 p.13

Ali, S., 'Criminal minds: profiling architects of financial crimes' (2021) Journal of Financial Crime.

Ali, S., 'Fighting financial crime: failure is not an option' (2020) 27 Journal of Financial Crime 1-23.

Corthésy, Natalie GS "Brand new IP: 'country name designation' – from France with love", Chapter 16 in The Future of Intellectual Property ATRIP Intellectual Property series, edited by Daniel J. Gervais, Edward Elgar Publishing Cheltenham, Glos, GL50 2JA UK, 2021, 291 (24 pages).

Corthésy, Natalie GS 'Country name designation and international IP protection of national competitive identities', *Oxford Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice*, 2021, Vol 16, 357-367 (10 Pages).

Elliott-Williams, G., 'Who Belongs?: The Caribbean Court of Justice Reveals Caribbean Identity's Inclusive Potentiality.' (2020) 69 *Social and Economic Studies* 73-213.

Malcolm, C., 'Preparing for Harvest in a Perfect Storm: Dispute Management in a Time of Crisis' (2020) 30 *The Commonwealth Lawyer* 11-14.

Robinson, T., 'A Trace of Law: State Building and the Criminalization of Buggery in Jamaica' in Dagmar Herzog, Chelsea Schields (eds), *The Routledge Companion to Sexuality and Colonialism* (New York: Routledge, 2021) 305-315 (11 pages).

Robinson, T., 'Mass Weddings in Jamaica and Academic Folk Knowledge', (2020) 63 *Small Axe* (Special issue on The Jamaican 1950s) 65-80 (16 pages).

Robinson, T., 'Sticky Colonial Criminal Laws' (2020) 75 *University of Miami Law Review Caveat* 49-57 (9 pages).

Vasciannie, S. Foreword to Fitzroy J. Henry (ed.), 'University Student Life and Learning: Challenges for Change' (2020), pp. vii-x (UTech, Ja Press);

Vasciannie, S. 'Introductory Note to the Advisory Opinion of the Caribbean Court of Justice in Response to a Request from the Caribbean Community', *International Legal Materials*, Vol. 59, pp. 708-710 (published by the American Society of International Law) (2020);

Vasciannie, S. 'The Appellate Jurisdiction of the Caribbean Court of Justice' in Albert, O'Brien and Wheatle, "The Oxford Handbook of Caribbean Constitutions" (2020), pp. 503-528 (Oxford University Press);

Vasciannie, S. 'Caribbean Essays on Law and Policy', 260 pages, UTech, Ja Press (2020);

Sheckleford, A., Winner of the IDPL Prize for best article for, 'Biometric identification systems in the Commonwealth and the right to privacy' (2019) 9 *International Data Privacy Law* 95.

AGILITY

AI and IP in the Cultural and Creative Industries in Jamaica (May 2021 – ongoing)

Research England has allocated City, University of London (“City”) funding as part of its Global Challenges Research Fund (“GCRF”) and consequently City have approved the award of a maximum of £10,500 to the University of the West Indies (“UWI”), for the project titled Creative Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property In The Caribbean: Exploring Challenges and Opportunities.

The research will make the point that Jamaican IP laws, especially patent and copyright laws, can be modified to accommodate creativity enabled by AI. It will recommend modifications of such laws aimed at making the Jamaican IP legal system attractive to investors and talents in the field of music, art and literature (amongst others). The project will therefore have an impact on the creative, technological and business landscape of Jamaica.

The impact of the proposed research will be amplified by the involvement of CebAI, the National Centre for Creativity enabled by AI based at City, and funded by Research England. Professor Neil Maiden, Director of CebAI, will join the project as Co-Investigator.

CebAI’s purpose is knowledge exchange, exploiting the knowledge generated by City’s research. To deliver this knowledge effectively to different sectors, CebAI will begin to establish new business ecosystems in selected sectors. One of these sectors can be the creative industries, which can exploit the planned research results. In each ecosystem, CebAI will collaborate with business partners and clients in the sector to encourage different forms of knowledge exchange that exploits AI and creativity.

The research team includes:

- Dr Enrico Bonadio (Principal Investigator, Reader in IP law at The City Law School, City University of London)
- Professor Neil Maiden (Co-Investigator, Professor of Digital Creativity, Director of CebAI, Business School, City University of London)
- Dr Gunjan Mansingh (Co-Investigator, Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Computing at The University of the West Indies as well as Member of the Jamaican Com-

puter Society Council and Member of the National ICT Advisory Council)

- Dr Natalie Corthésy (Co-Investigator, Lecturer in IP Law and Associate Dean at the Faculty of Law at The University of the West Indies)
- Dr Ray Hitchins (Co-Investigator, musician and lecturer in music at the University of the West Indies and Entertainment and Coordinator for the Music and Performance Studies Programme at the UWI Institute of Caribbean Studies).

