

FACULTY OF LAW Mona

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DEAN**

Dean's Overview

During the academic year 2022–2023, the Faculty sought to further enrich the students' learning experience, provided continuing legal education and support for the legal profession and otherwise positively impacted the wider society through numerous outreach and other initiatives.

ACCESS

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Faculty has continued to identify and implement strategies aimed at improving the students' experience. Related activities have included: the 5th Annual Faculty Awards Ceremony for the recognition of outstanding students in academia and co-curricular activities which was held in person on 14 November 2022, after being held virtually for two (2) years due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Then, fifty-six (56) students were specially recognised based on their performance in the 2022–23 academic year. In addition, One hundred and fourteen (114) trophies were issued in the categories of Subject Awards, Year/Level Awards, Top LLB and LLM Student Awards and Dean's List Awards.

On 30 March 2023, the Faculty hosted its Fourth Annual Career Forum 4.0, with the aim of increasing students' awareness about 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 presented required the Legal Education Certificate (LEC) and others do not.

The graduate arm of the Faculty continued to promote special admission to the LLM programme. This initiative has capitalized on the market demand of practitioners for one or two specialized courses. A bonus of this initiative is that some students transitioned from the Special Admission programme to full enrollment in the LLM programme.

ALIGNMENT

RESEARCH

Faculty at MonaLaw shared research output locally, regionally and internationally during the last academic year.

Journal Articles

- Ramona Biholar, “Reparations for Chattel Slavery: A Call From the ‘Periphery’ to Decolonise International (Human Rights) Law” (2022) *Nordic Journal of Human Rights* 40(1), 64–95
- Waite, Neto, ‘Concert Promotion as a Trade in Services in CARICOM: Revisiting the CCJ’s Decision in the Cabral Douglas Case’ (2021) *Social and Economic Studies* 70: 3 & 4: 158–175
- Ali, S. “Micro-credit legislation for a macro-economic concern” (2022) 43 (7). *The Company Lawyer* (224).

Book Chapters

- Natalie Corthésy, Bonadio, E. (2022). Implications of Artificial Intelligence in Action – A Jamaican Perspective. *European Intellectual Property Review*

AGILITY

OUTREACH/ REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Alignment and Agility is considered including by reference to impact on the local and regional public that we serve.

Geographical Indications Master Class

On 12 January 2023, the Faculty hosted an online master class aimed at introducing prospective students to Geographical Indications in the Global Market, a graduate course offered by UWI Mona. The session was conducted by Dr Natalie Corthésy and Dr Enrico Bonadio, the latter being a visiting researcher from City University London.

IAEA “Nuclear Law Basics” Short Course held January 16–18, 2023

The Faculty in collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Head of Legal, Peri Lynne Johnson, along with her team members Jonathan Herbach

and Anthony Wetherall, conducted a comprehensive 3-day training session on nuclear law and its components. The sessions took place both in-person at MonaLaw's Executive Seminar Room and online via Zoom each day.

The course was attended by approximately eighty (80) persons daily, each of whom was awarded a certificate of participation by the IAEA. The attendees ranged from UWI Staff; UWI students from the Faculties of Law, Science and Technology, Social Sciences and Medical Sciences; members of the Jamaica Defence Force and a representative from the Korean Embassy. The University of the West Indies' staff and students attended without charge, while all other participants were required to pay an administrative fee.

Nine (9) Continuing Legal Professional Development (CLPD) credits were awarded to the attorneys who attended the training.

Meetings with IAEA Delegation and UWI Nuclear Law Stakeholders – 19 Jan 2023

The team from IAEA convened a meeting with eight (8) stakeholders from UWI to discuss the potential and future plans of the established partnership. The goal was to improve education and professional development in the domain of international and national nuclear law through the UWI graduate program.

Linklaters Law Firm (UK) and MonaLaw Collaboration – March 2023

The Faculty successfully shortlisted five (5) MonaLaw students for interviews with Linklaters Law Firm for their internship programme. The Firm selected three (3) students: Akil Williams, Aundrene Cameron, and Damario Patterson as successful candidates. The students provided remote research assistance for 8–10 hours weekly, spanning a period of 3 weeks.

Dr. Natalie Corthésy, Associate Dean of Outreach and Continuing Legal Education along with the Head of Linklaters Caribbean Group, evaluated the interns at the end of the period.

Partnership with City University, London

The Faculty partnered with City University London on a research project on “Protecting Jamaican Geographical Indications (GIs) in the European Union and the United Kingdom.” The research project, was guided by co-investigators Drs. Natalie Corthésy (MonaLaw), Enrico Bonadio and Marc Mimler, (City).

The academic research paper titled “Maximizing the benefits of origin products in an emerging economy – The impact of GI protection in Jamaica” was collaboratively prepared by the co-investigators and the research team. The research paper was published in the fifth issue of the European Intellectual Property Report 2023.

MonaLaw Public Lecture on Human Rights Law and Business

Dr. Ramona Biholar, the former Associate Dean of Outreach and CLE, worked in collaboration with the Outreach and CLE Office to organize a highly successful lecture on the intersection of Human Rights Law and Business on 9 March 2023. The lecture delved into the matter of 'Corporate Criminality in the Caribbean'. The hybrid lecture included participants from diverse locations, locally and internationally. Mr Jeremy Taylor, the Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions was also in attendance.

9th Annual Mona Law Symposium on Law, Governance and Society

The Faculty hosted its 9th Annual Symposium on Law, Governance and Society, 24–25 June 2023 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel and online, under the theme 'Vision 2030: Towards Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions.' The keynote speaker was Mr. Bruce Golding, the Former Prime Minister of Jamaica. The areas of concentration were: Jamaica... Towards a Republic; Emerging Copyright Issues; Global Health; Financial Crime; AML/CFT Obligations and International Financial Services.

The symposium was attended by participants and presenters from local and several overseas territories. Over 100 delegates were present both online and in person on both days.

Pro Bono Legal Support Services provided to the Government of Jamaica

Dr. Christopher Malcolm provided pro-bono legal support service to the Minister of Justice, the Hon. Mr. Delroy Chuck, to assist in the development of a better established framework for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in Jamaica. This was followed by support previously provided, which culminated in the implementation of the Arbitration Act of 2017, which repealed and replaced the Arbitration Act, of 1900. The work with Minister Chuck has been with a view to securing the implementation of a Mediation Act for Jamaica. Dr Malcolm also served in a pro bono capacity as a Member of the State of Emergency Review Tribunal for the Parish of Trelawny.

OUTREACH TO THE CARIBBEAN:

Dr. Christopher Malcolm provided support for a new programme designed by Justice Winston Anderson and implemented at the University of Guyana, where he served as a Visiting Professor in Arbitration and ADR.

He also served as a Senior Technical Team Member under the IMPACT Justice Programme, which drafted what has become the CARICOM Model Law for Arbitration. It is currently being reviewed for implementation in Trinidad and Tobago,

Guyana and St Lucia. It is anticipated that all Caribbean countries still with old model Arbitration legislation will implement the CARICOM model law soon.

In Belize, he worked with local partners to establish Street Law, Belize as a branch of Street Law Caribbean, which he established for service to the region. During 2021/2022, Street Law Belize continued its work with integral support from Dr. Malcolm in a number of high schools. The impact of the Street Law curriculum has been implemented and has been increasing in Belize and elsewhere across the region under a syllabus designed by Dr. Malcolm. He continues to provide ongoing training and support for teachers of Street Law in Belize, and the programme has been endorsed by the Ministry of Education in Belize.