



# FACULTY OF LAW

## Mona

Year ending July 31, 2019



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**DEAN**

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# Dean's Overview

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## WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

**D**r. Shazeeda Ali began her tenure as Acting Dean of the Faculty of Law at Mona as the then Dean, Dr Leighton Jackson proceeded on sabbatical leave for the 2018-2019 academic year. Under her leadership, the Faculty continued to enrich the students' experience, provide continuing legal education activities and to impact the wider society through numerous outreach initiatives.

The Faculty graduated its second batch of students from the Master of Laws (LLM) programme. Three students completed the requirements for the LLM, two of whom completed with distinction. The Faculty also graduated 142 undergraduate students, 8 of whom were awarded the LLB with First Class Honours.

The Faculty prepared five teams to participate in international and regional mooted competitions. This initiative was introduced under the leadership of the first Dean of the Faculty (Dr Derrick McKoy) and has continued. This opportunity allows for greater exposure and development of the team members and wider recognition for the University.

The Faculty hosted its Fifth Annual Weekend Symposium on Law, Governance and Society under the theme "The Triple "R" Strategy: Rights, Remedies and Reputation" from June 28–30, 2019 at the Meliá Braco Village, Trelawny. The symposium featured speakers from Ecuador, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica. The presenters included a Faculty of Law postgraduate student, members of academia, the judiciary and others in the legal fraternity. The keynote speaker was Ms. Paula Llewellyn, Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Jamaica.

February 21–22, 2019, the Faculty jointly hosted a conference under the theme "Challenging Fundamentalisms? Ideology, Public Policy, Law and Gender Equality". Partnered institutions were Oxford Human Rights Hub, Oxford University, United Kingdom; Getulio Vargas Foundation School of Law, Sao Paulo, Brazil; School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa and Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia.

Ms Tenesha Myrie, MonaLaw Lecturer, successfully organized a public lecture on

“Brexit, Trade and Workers’ Rights” on February 21, 2019. The lecture was delivered by Professor Sandra Fredman from Oxford University.

On December 10, 2018, the MonaLaw Human Rights Symposium was organized jointly by the human rights teachers at the Faculty (Dr. Ramona Biholar, Ms. Gabrielle Elliott Williams, Ms. Tenesha Myrie and Ms. Tracy Robinson) to mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Independent Jamaica Council for Human Rights, and the near 100th anniversary of the Declaration on the Rights of Negro Peoples in collaboration with the Jamaica Human Rights Network comprised of approximately 10 human rights organizations and individuals.

Approximately 150 students from high schools in Kingston, St. Catherine and St. Thomas attended the event which included the participation of the MonaLaw Human Rights teachers and experts from the fields of Law, History, Political Sciences, Geography and Education, including the President of the CCJ, Adrian Saunders; Garvey Scholar, Professor Rupert Lewis; former member of the CEDAW Committee, Professor Barbara Bailey; Criminologist and SALISES Fellow, Dr Corin Bailey; Senior Researcher at the Danish Institute for Human Rights, Dr. Steven Jensen; and Executive Director for Jamaicans for Justice, Rodje Malcolm.

An initiative by the Cave Hill Campus has led to an MOU between the UWI and The University of Leuphana, Germany. This MOU will provide for a double LLM degree being offered by the 2 institutions so that students will spend approximately 1 year at each University and earn 2 LLM degrees. Cave Hill Campus undertook the initiative to receive the necessary approvals but the programme will be offered and delivered at all 3 UWI Campuses.

In March 2019, as part of teaching in the Faculty’s core public law courses, Constitutional Law and Commonwealth Caribbean Human Rights Law, the MonaLaw Debate on Savings Law Clauses was held on the motion: “Be it resolved the approach of the Caribbean Court of Justice to general savings law clauses in Caribbean constitutions is not interpretation but divination.” This event was distinguished by its high quality, the many levels of student participation in its organisation and delivery and the participation of almost all teachers in the two courses as organisers or judges.

On March 26, 2019 the Faculty hosted a Career Forum geared towards increasing students’ awareness about the various career paths available after the LLB degree. This was done in the form of a panel discussion with persons from various professions, some of which required the Legal Education Certificate (LEC) and others that did not.

The Faculty continued to work closely with the executive body of the Mona Law Society (Law Faculty students’ association) to effect changes in the best interest of the

students and to ensure the best opportunity is created to produce a well-rounded graduate. From this partnership, a mentorship programme was re-energized; funds were raised for a needy students fund through various initiatives such as an OpenEar Concert, the hosting of a drama production by Mr and Ms Law 2018 and other activities.

Tracy Robinson, Senior Lecturer in the Faculty, received the 2019 Prominent Women in International Law Award from the American Society of International Law (ASIL). This Award honors those who have advanced women, gender, and women's rights in international law.

A book published by Dr Shazeeda Ali, *The Ethical Lawyer: A Caribbean Perspective* was featured as a part of the UWI 70th Anniversary Celebration of Books, October 2018.

The Faculty of Law Project – UWI Rights Advocacy Project (URAP) – was successful in the case of *McEwan v Attorney General of Guyana* before Guyana's highest court of appeal, CCJ on November 12, 2018, concluding nearly a decade of strategic litigation work initiated by U-RAP with civil society in Guyana, on the constitutionality of a post-slavery vagrancy law that was used to criminalize transgender persons. In response to the ruling, the Prime Minister of Guyana said the government would respect this important decision and the Minister of Social Protection and Social Cohesion said the ruling, "is one step forward in an appreciation of the fact that society has differences." URAP is administered by colleagues across the three Campuses. The lead administrator at MonaLaw is Tracy Robinson.

In May 2019, URAP was invited by the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court to conduct judicial training to the judiciary of that region on issues of equality and inclusion. More than 70 judicial officers participated. Subsequent to the training session, URAP through MonaLaw, published a booklet "*Securing Equality for all in the Administration of Justice*". This is being used as a guide by the judiciary in the Eastern Caribbean and Guyana.

The Faculty hosted the following distinguished visitors during the 2018–2019 academic year: Mr B. St. Michael Hylton OJ, QC; Mr Dave Garcia, General Counsel, National Commercial Bank (NCB); Hon. Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders, President of the Caribbean Court of Justice; Professor Danielle Holley-Walker, Dean of Howard Law School, Assistant Professor Sha-Shana Crichton, Howard Law School, Mr Reginald McGahee, Associate Dean for Admissions, Howard Law School and others.

## PAPERS PRESENTED

- Ali, S., "Credit Unions: Common Bond and Common AML Risk", Jamaica Police Co-operative Credit Union Limited, AML Training Workshop, Kingston, JAMAICA, November 7, 2018.

- **Ali, S.**, “To Cheat or Not to Cheat: 2018 Edition” Jamaican Bar Association Weekend Conference, Rose Hall, JAMAICA, November 16, 2018 (encore presentation January 2019).
- **Ali, S.**, “POCA and the Free Movement of Money” Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) Academy for Law/General Legal Council 5th Biennial Conference on the Future of Legal Practice in the Caribbean: Catalyst for Regional Success? Kingston, JAMAICA, December 13, 2018.
- **Biholar, R.**, “Demanding Accountability: reparations for slavery and the right to development nexus” Paper presented at the Caribbean Studies Association (CSA) 44th Annual Conference ‘The Caribbean in times of Tempest. Ethnicities, Territorial Resistances and Epistemic Poetics’, Santa Marta, Colombia, June 3–7, 2019.
- **Biholar, R.**, “Exploring the transformative potential of culture: social and cultural transformation for gender equality”. Paper presented at the International Conference ‘Challenging Fundamentalisms? Ideology, Public Policy, Law and Gender Equality’ organized by Oxford Human Rights Hub, Oxford University, MonaLaw the University of the West Indies, Getulio Vargas Foundation School of Law, Brazil, School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand and Universidad de Los Andes, and hosted by Faculty of Law, UWI Mona, Jamaica, February 20–21, 2019.
- **Biholar, R.**, ‘Exploring Gender: From CEDAW to Beijing & SDGs’ Presentation at UNWOMEN & OHCHR Workshop on CEDAW, Beijing+25 and National Action Plan, Roseau, Dominica, April 15–16, 2019.
- **Biholar, R.**, ‘It all started from data...: Data Collection under CEDAW and Beijing +25’, Presentation at UNWOMEN & OHCHR Workshop on CEDAW, Beijing+25 and National Action Plan, Roseau, Dominica, April 15–16, 2019.
- **Biholar, R.**, ‘The gender dimension of discrimination’, Presentation at UN OHCHR and Antigua & Barbuda Directorate of Gender Affairs Workshop on “The Application of CEDAW in Antigua & Barbuda”, Antigua & Barbuda, September 3–7, 2018.
- **Biholar, R.**, ‘Women’s Rights are Human Rights’, Presentation at UN OHCHR and Antigua & Barbuda Directorate of Gender Affairs Workshop on “The Application of CEDAW in Antigua & Barbuda”, Antigua & Barbuda, September 3–7, 2018.
- **Biholar, R.**, ‘CEDAW Procedural Matters’, Presentation at UN OHCHR and Antigua & Barbuda Directorate of Gender Affairs Workshop on “The Application of CEDAW in Antigua & Barbuda”, Antigua & Barbuda, September 3–7, 2018.
- **Biholar, R.**, ‘The principles of non-discrimination and equality under international human rights treaties’, Presentation at UN OHCHR International Human Rights

- Reporting Standards and Mechanisms Workshop for the Rastafari community and CSOs, Alhambra Inn, Kingston, Jamaica, October 29–30, 2018.
- **Biholar, R.**, ‘Rastafari Rights under the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights’, Presentation at UN OHCHR International Human Rights Reporting Standards and Mechanisms Workshop for the Rastafari community and CSOs, Alhambra Inn, Kingston, Jamaica, October 29–30, 2018.
  - **Brown-Blake, C.**, “Language and Access to Justice”. Paper presented at the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Judicial Conference, One Day Session, “Equality for All in the Administration of Justice: With a Special Focus on the Impact of Discrimination, Vulnerability and Social Exclusion on Access to Justice”, May 28, 2019, St. Kitts and Nevis.
  - **Cameron, R.**, ‘*Children’s Rights: Consent to Medical Treatment*,’ Public Lecture, Jamaica Consulate, Miami, Fla, USA, July 17, 2019.
  - **Cameron, R.**, ‘*Children to Be Seen and Not Heard: A Thing of the Past?*’ East Jamaica Conference, Lucea, Jamaica, October 26–28, 2018.
  - **Cameron, R.**, ‘*A Response to the Hague Convention on Maintenance and Child Support*,’ Hague Conference on Private International Law, Caribbean Meeting on Child Protection, Kingston, Jamaica, October 18–19, 2018.
  - **Cameron, R.**, ‘*Response to the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption*,’ Hague Conference on Private International Law, Caribbean Meeting on Child Protection, Kingston, Jamaica, October 18–19, 2018.
  - **Corthésy, N.**, “Brand New IP: ‘Country Name Designation’ – From France with Love” The International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, USA. August 2019.
  - **Corthésy, N.**, “# Country Names Matter”, The UWI Mona, Faculty of Law 5th Annual Weekend Symposium on Law, Governance and Society, Jamaica, June 29, 2019.
  - **Corthésy, N.**, “IP Protection of Country Names – No Man’s Land, No Man’s Brand”, WIPO, Geneva, Switzerland, First Intellectual Property Researchers Conference Europe The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in collaboration with the School of Law of the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the University of Geneva (UNIGE), June 2019.
  - **Daley McClure, D.**, “Role of Intellectual Property Protection in Jamaica’s transformation; From Crown Colony to Middle-Age Independent”, Legal History and Empires: Perspectives from the Colonized Conference, Faculty of Law | Cave Hill Campus Barbados, UWI, July 13, 2018.

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- **Elliott-Williams, G.**, ‘One Court, Two Jurisdictions: A Comparative Assessment of the Caribbean Court of Justice’s Functioning Across Both Jurisdictions’, Law and Society Association Conference, Washington D.C., May 2019.
  - **Elliott-Williams, G.**, ‘Defamation Law as the Enforcement of Morals’, MonaLaw 5th Annual Symposium on Law, Governance and Society, June 2019.
  - **Elliott-Williams, G.**, ‘One Court, Two Jurisdictions: A Comparative Assessment of the Caribbean Court of Justice’s Approach to Human Rights When it is an Appellate Court and When it is an International Tribunal’, MonaLaw Faculty Workshop Series, July 2019.
  - **Goffe, M.**, ‘The Right to Spiritual and Cultural Damages to Redress Injustice to Indigenous Peoples’, 11th Annual International Charles Town Maroon Conference and Festival, Charles Town, Portland, Jamaica, June 2019.
  - **Ffolkes-Goldson, S.**, “Governance of Public Sector Bodies”, North Eastern Regional Health Authority Annual Conference, July 2019.
  - **Ffolkes-Goldson, S.**, “Duties of Directors in Mergers and Acquisitions : Conflicts of Interest”, Faculty of Law 5th Annual Symposium on Law, Governance and Society, Melia Braco Village, Jamaica, June 2019.
  - **Ffolkes-Goldson, S.**, “Corporate Governance Code of Ethics and Whistleblowing Policy”, Jamaica Broilers Group, March 2019.
  - **Ffolkes-Goldson, S.**, “Strengthening Governance in Public Sector Companies: Beyond Petrojam”, Faculty of Law, Mona, Research Days 2019 Signature Event, February 2019.
  - **Ffolkes-Goldson, S.**, “Governance of Public Sector Companies and Agencies”, Jamaica Mortgage Bank, November 2018.
  - **Ffolkes-Goldson, S.**, “Barbados Stock Exchange Corporate Governance Recommendations”, Barbados Stock Exchange Corporate Governance and Accountability Conference, Bridgetown, Barbados, September 2018.
  - **Ffolkes-Goldson, S.**, “Corporate Ethics”, Mayberry Investments Ltd., August 2018.
  - **Malcolm, C.**, “Banking on Ganja: Implications for the Banking Sector”, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic”, Caribbean Association of Banks, Annual Meeting and Conference, November 17, 2018.
  - **Malcolm, C.**, “De-risking to a Fault: After Oblivion then What?” Caribbean Regional Compliance Association, Annual Meeting and Conference, George Town, Cayman Islands, November 17, 2018.
  - **Malcolm, C.**, “Implications of the Jamaican Arbitration Act 2017 for the Engineering Profession”, Jamaica Institute of Engineers’ 40th Anniversary

Conference – Engineering our Future through Celebrating Our Heritage, Knutsford Court Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica, September 16–22, 2018.

- **Malcolm, C.**, “The Development Journey Continues...Securing Sustainability in a Services Reliant Economy: Opportunities, Dispute Management, and Improvement in Gross Domestic Product”, Jamaica International Arbitration Centre, 2nd Annual Arbitration Week (2019), Kingston, Jamaica, June 23–29, 2019.
- **Malcolm, C.**, “Banking on Ganja: The Compliance Conundrum” 4th Edition, CEO & Director Forum of the Caribbean Association of Banks, Hyatt Regency, Miami, USA, June 7–8, 2019.
- **Myrie, T.**, “Abortion and Constitutional Reform in Jamaica”, MonaLaw Series 2018 Paper 2, November 2018.
- **Robinson, T.**, “Commentary on “Court-centered Strategies of Advocacy” (Lidia Casas, “Chile’s ‘win-win’ abortion law (for its opponents)”, Isabel Jaramillo, “Aggressive certiorari grants for structural interventions in Colombian abortion cases” Rocío Villanueva, “Violence against women, legal reasoning, and corruption”). *Seminario en Latinoamérica de Teoría Constitucional y Política* (SELA Conference” 2019, “Gender and Equality”, Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 6–9, 2019.
- **Robinson, T.**, “Loving Law: Criminalization and Decriminalization of Same-sex Sex in the Anglophone Caribbean”, Annual Law and Society Association Conference, Washington DC, May 30, 2019.
- **Robinson, T.**, Bulkan, A., “Equality and Social Inclusion”, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Judicial Conference, One Day Session, “Equality for All in the Administration of Justice: With a Special Focus on the Impact of Discrimination, Vulnerability and Social Exclusion on Access to Justice”, St. Kitts and Nevis, May 28, 2019.
- **Robinson, T.**, “Mass marriages in Jamaica and academic folk knowledge in the 1950s”, Paper presented at Small Axe Symposium, “The Jamaican Fifties”, University of Pennsylvania, April 4–6, 2019.
- **Robinson, T.**, “Unwritten constitutional norms and supranational courts in the Caribbean”, University of Ottawa, Durham University Symposium, “Unwritten Constitutional Norms and Principles: Contemporary Perspectives”, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, Ottawa Canada, March 22, 2019.
- **Robinson, T.**, “Understanding Gender Diversity & Inclusiveness in Law: Looking Beyond the Numbers”, Women in Law Conference, Kingston Jamaica, March 8, 2019.
- **Robinson, T.**, “Gender Protocols for the Judiciary – What are they and why do we need them?”, The Bahamas Judicial Education Conference 2019, British Colonial Hilton Hotel, Nassau Bahamas, January 8, 2019.

- **Robinson, T., Bulkan, A.,** “Modern Vagrants, LGBTQI Lives, and Strategic Litigation in the Caribbean”, New College Initiatives Fund, Women and Gender Studies, Caribbean Studies and Sexual Diversity Studies, University of Toronto, December 4, 2018.
- **Robinson, T., Bulkan, A.,** “Making Sense of Anglo-Caribbean Constitutions: Law, Rights and (In) Justice:”, Presentation at the Bookstore, *At a Different Booklist* as part of the Series, Toronto, Canada, “In the Diaspora: Caribbean Groundings”, December 3, 2018.
- **Robinson, T.,** “Safety, Security and Human Rights: Modern Vagrancy in the Anglo-Caribbean”, The 15th International Conference on Urban Health, “Managing Urbanisation for Health: A Priority for All Nations”, Plenary Session 5, “Safety, Security and Justice”, Kampala, Uganda, 26–30 November 2018.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

- **Ali, S.,** “Security and Justice: Global Priorities or Universal Dreams? (2018) *Journal of Law, Governance and Society* (editorial, Volume 3, iv-vi).
- **Biholar, R.,** (2018), Imagining Caribbean Development: the Right to Development and the Reparations Nexus, In Carol C. Ngang, Serges D. Kanga and Vusi Gumede (Eds.) *Perspectives on the Right to Development*, Pretoria University Law Press (PULP), 314–345.
- **Brown-Blake, C.,** “Judges as Language Referees for Caribbean English Vernacular Speakers.” *New Frontiers in Forensic Linguistics: Themes and Perspectives in Language and Law in Africa and beyond* (2019): 149.
- **Daley McClure, D.,** “Jamaica Chapter on Copyright” published in *Copyright throughout the World*, Ed. By Silke Von Lewinski, (2008–2018) Thomson Reuters, 2018, Vol. 2 Chapter 21 s 21:1–21:56.
- **Robinson, T., Matthews, J.,** “Modern Vagrancy in the Anglophone Caribbean” (2019) 4(1) *Caribbean Journal of Criminology* 123–154.
- **Robinson, T.,** “Caring Work” (2017) 42(3) *Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies* (Special Issue: Gender, Sexuality and Feminism in the Caribbean: Transdisciplinary Engagements) (2019) 59–79.

### Manual

**Ali, S., Chambers, C., Hay, C., Johnstone, A., McLeary, S.,** (2019) FID, CFATF and REDTRAC Financial Investigation Training and Accreditation Programme (FITAP) Course Manual (192 pages)

**Other**

- **Brown-Blake, C.**, “Language and Access to Justice” in J Matthews, J Amoah (eds), *Securing Equality for All in the Administration of Justice: Proceedings of the Caribbean Judicial Dialogue* (Faculty of Law The UWI Mona, 2019) 109–120.
- **Daley McClure, D.**, “International Opposition Guide, Comparative Practice and Procedures – Jamaica”, International Trademark Association (updated September 2019) <https://www.inta.org/Oppositions/Pages/IOG.aspx>
- **Daley McClure, D.**, “Role of Intellectual Property Protection in Jamaica’s transformation; From Crown Colony to Middle-Age Independent” published by Mondaq (January 2019) <http://www.mondaq.com/x/773830/Trademark/Role+Of+Intellectual+Property+Protection+In+Jamaicas+Transformation+From+Crown+Colony+To+MiddleAge+Independent>
- **Myrie, T.**, “Making the Case Against an HIV-specific Criminal Law in Jamaica: Legal Assessment of the Effectiveness of HIV Criminalisation Laws – From High to Low-income Countries”. Position Paper for the National Family Planning Board, Ministry of Health and Wellness, 2019.

**INCOME GENERATION**

Faculty of Law The UWI Rights Advocacy Project (U-RAP) is an outreach project of the Faculty of Law The UWI established prior to the creation of faculties on three campuses. It currently includes the participation of six lecturers on the Mona, Cave Hill and St. Augustine Campuses and is coordinated by Arif Bulkan and Tracy Robinson who are also co-founders of U-RAP, and administered at MonaLaw. U-RAP’s mission is to promote human rights and social justice in the Caribbean by undertaking and participating in strategic litigation, socio-legal research and legal education in collaboration with Caribbean lawyers, scholars and civil society organisations and by working with students of the Faculties of Law.

U-RAP received a grant of \$150,000USD from Open Society Foundation for a two year period, from February 2018–February 2020, to undertake strategic litigation, conduct sociolegal research and public legal education.

Through CVC, U-RAP received sub-grants from the Robert Carr Network Fund (\$105,456.64 USD) and the Global Fund (\$198,675.00 USD) for a range of activities and outputs, including training of lawyers and judges, support for pro bono litigation and legal and environmental assessments, and legal literacy manuals. These grants covered the period 2016-2019.

Rental of space in the Faculty Building to external entities continued to bring in a revenue.

**PUBLIC SERVICE****Shazeeda Ali**

- Appointed Member, National Anti-Money Laundering Committee, Jamaica (December 2018)
- Appointed Member, Chief Justice's Committee on the Criteria for the Appointment of Judges (July 2019)

**Ramona Biholar**

- Chair and Co-coordinator of the preparatory CEDAW Mock Session for government officials, including the Directorate of Gender Affairs, supported by United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Antigua & Barbuda. This Mock Session was critical for Antigua & Barbuda Government's preparation for and performance during the State Report review by the United Nations CEDAW Committee at its 72nd session, February 18-March 8, 2019. This review examined the status of girls and women human rights in Antigua & Barbuda between the period 2011–2018 (September 7, 2018)

**Andre Coore**

- Fellow, United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme 2019, United Nations and Hague Academy of International Law (July 1, 2019–August 9, 2019)

**Gabrielle Elliott-Williams**

- Member, Independent Schools Committee, Ministry of Education, Jamaica- (June 2015–present)
- Member, Caribono Core Group – Caribono is a network of human rights advocates dedicated to facilitating access to justice and legal services for members of vulnerable communities (March 2019–present)
- Competition Coordinator and Local Organizing Committee Member, The Caribbean Zonal Volleyball Association (CAZOVA) U-18 and U-19 Championships (July 2019)

**Marcus Goffe**

- Advisor, Cockpit Country Coalition, 2019
- Member, Organising Committee, 11th Annual International Charles Town Maroon Conference and Festival, Charles Town, Portland, Jamaica, June 2019

**Suzanne Ffolkes-Goldson**

- Member, Ministry of Finance and Planning Implementation Oversight Committee to Monitor Implementation of Strategic Priorities of the Corporate Governance Framework for Public Bodies (2014–present)

- Member, Private Sector Organization of Jamaica – Corporate Governance Committee and Chair of the Corporate Governance Code Sub-Committee (2004–2019).

### **Christopher Malcolm**

- Coordinator and Facilitator, Street Law Caribbean Train the Trainer programme in support of the implementation of Street Law in Belizean Secondary Schools, Cayo, San Ignacio, Belize (August 20–24, 2018).
- Facilitator, Court-connected Arbitration Training for the Supreme Court of Belize, The UWI Open Campus and Jamaica International Arbitration Centre, Belize City, Belize (July 15–20, 2019).

### **Tracy Robinson**

- External Advisor, Governing Council (2017-); Member, Panel Executive Committee (May–November 2019), International Planned Parenthood Federation.
- Commissioner, Independent Review of Equity and Health inequalities in the Americas (2016–2019).
- Member, Advisory Board, University Network for Human Rights (2019–present)
- Board Director, Synergia-Initiatives for Human Rights (2018–present).

## **STUDENTS**

During the 2018/2019 academic year, the Faculty continued to identify and implement strategies aimed at improving the students' experience. These initiatives included hosting an Inaugural Faculty Awards Ceremony for the recognition of outstanding students in academia and co-curricular activities. The event was held on November 12, 2018 with 46 students being recognized in the categories of Subject Awards, Year/Level Awards, Top LLM Student Award and Dean's List Award. Special awards were sponsored by Myers, Fletcher & Gordon Attorneys-at-Law and the Jamaican Bar Association. These awards included the Maurice Robinson Prize for Intellectual Property Law, The Noel Levy Prize for Revenue Law, Defying the Odds Award and Most Rounded Student Award. As we embarked on this new initiative, the Mona Law Society students association was invited to play an integral role in the planning process for the inaugural ceremony. The Law Society was also provided an opportunity to issue awards from the Society at the ceremony.

Six current and former MonaLaw students served as Fellows and Research Assistants to U-RAP during 2018/2019. U-RAP Fellowships and research assistantships are aimed at providing a high-quality experience that will develop the academic and professional interest of law students in human rights law and practice and develop their capacity to undertake human rights legal work and the interdisciplinary skills to undertake wider human rights work.