

THE JAMAICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

JUST RIGHTS

1. NEW LEGISLATION

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

- An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (**Act No. 6/12**)
- An Act to Provide the establishment of a National parenting Support Commission and for connected matters (**Act No. 7/12**)

2. NOTICES

- Mr. Howard Hamilton Q.C., C.D., J.P. will be having a book signing for his recently published book "***Born To Defend***" on Saturday, December 15 (3 pm – 5 pm) at Sovereign Centre, Liguanea, St. Andrew.
- The Caribbean Bar Conference will be held in Cape Town, South Africa April 2013.

The following group packages are being offered by Quest Travel:

Delegate & Spouse (guest (non delegate)) sharing double occupancy
US\$18780.

Delegate (double occupancy/sharing with another Delegate) US\$9000.

All rates revert after 27th November 2012

Delegate and Spouse US\$US21450

Delegate sharing with another delegate US\$10450

Guest sharing with another guest US\$11000 Single Occupancy and Business
Class Quotes Available

Contact Dr. Margaret Green for details

E-mail questtravelgreen@gmail.com

Phone 9956865

- Congratulations to Miss Carol Aina on being the first female Principal of the Norman Manley Law School
- We would like to thank all the members and other participants of the recently held seminar at the Ritz Carlton Hotel (November 9-11, 2012).

We appreciate your support in making it the most successful in the Bar's history.

- The Governor General has assented to the amended Legal Professional Act (highlighting Continuing Legal Professional Development and "protection of client property")
- The "Calling" ceremonies were held on December 5th and 6th, respectively and approximately 145 (new) lawyers were admitted to the Bar.

The President encouraged the new lawyers to "live as simply as possible, to serve clients and the profession with honesty and commitment and restore the luster to the legal profession"

- The new practising fees effective January 2013 are as follows:

Attorneys less than 5 years	\$10,000.00
Attorneys 5-15	\$20,000.00
Attorneys 15 years and over	\$30,000.00
Retired Attorneys	\$10,000.00
Attorneys called to the Bar after September 1,	\$ 5,000.00

3. REPORTS/PUBLICATIONS

- Lexis Nexis books are available at the Bar's office for sale at discounted prices.
- The Office of the Contractor-General – Twenty-Fifth Annual Report

Please contact Miss Tapper/Wilmot for further information.

- 4. 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.

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

6. "The President and members of the Bar Council wish for all the members of the Bar, their family and friends a Holy, safe and splendid Christmas and a magnificent 2013."

Ian Wilkinson
President
The Jamaican Bar Association
December 2012