

# **THE JAMAICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

## **JUST RIGHTS**

### **1. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Continuing Legal Education Seminar on Understanding Tax Types (3 Mandatory Credits) to be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. at the Mona Visitors' Lodge.**
- **The Annual Banquet will be held on Friday, July 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel.**
- **Annual membership fees 2013/2014 fell due on October 1, 2013. Payments may be made at the Bar office or at Bank of Nova Scotia, Scotia Centre account #819-14. E-mail or fax a copy of your deposit slip as proof of payment.**

### **2. DONATION**

The Council of the Jamaican Bar Association (JAMBAR) is pleased to advise that Jambar has donated new practitioner's textbooks to the Norman Manley Law School (NMLS) in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the NMLS.

The President and Vice President of JAMBAR attended the NMLS on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 and formally delivered the books to NMLS Principal, Ms. Carol Aina and Librarian, Mr. Byron Palmer.

Please see photos of the handover of the textbooks on page 2:



### **3. NEW LEGISLATION**

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

- Act No. 33/13 - “An Act to Amend the Pensions (Superannuation Funds and Retirement Schemes) Act to make clear provision for the payment of licence fees both upon the initial grant and upon the renewal of a licence, and to validate and confirm the collection of fees by the financial Service Commission, its officers and staff and other persons in support of those acts during the period commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2005, and ending on the date of commencement of this Act and indemnify the Commission, its officers, staff and other persons acting in its behalf in respect of actions taken bona fide in execution of their duties in relation to such collection; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”
- Act No. 34/14 – “An Act to Amend the Registration (Strata Titles) Act.”
- Act No. 35/13 – “An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act to include new fiscal incentives that are of general application and enhance existing fiscal incentives; to repeal certain enactments that grant fiscal incentives to specific sectors of the economy; and for connected matters.”
- Act No. 36/13 – “An Act to make provision for the designation of projects as approved large-scale projects or economic activities as approved pioneer industries to provide income tax relief in relation to projects and activities so designated; and for connected matters.”
- Act No. 37/13 – “An Act to make special provisions for the payment and collection of the Conch Levy payable under the Conch (Export Levy) Act in respect of the 2013 conch season; and for connected matters,”
- Act No. 38/13 – “An Act to provide for the creation and registration of security interests in personal property, and for connected matters.”
- Act No. 39/13 – “An Act to amend the Securities Act and to provide for consequential matters.”
- Act No. 40/13 – “An Act to amend the Companies Act to prescribe a single form for business registration; to make consequential amendments to other enactments; and for related matters.”

#### **4. BENEFITS TO JAMBAR MEMBERS**

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

- (a) access to a ***“suite of financial benefits”*** due to the JAMBAR’s agreement with the Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaica Limited. This includes 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 registration fees to attend JAMBAR’s Continuing Legal Education (“CLE”) seminars. This is particularly important now that there is mandatory Continuing Professional Development via the amendment to the Legal Profession Act;
- (c) discounted fees for membership at Spartan Health Club/Gym;
- (d) a free copy of the JAMBAR Journal which is published every quarter;
- (e) access to the legal material (*“mini library”*) at JAMBAR’s office;
- (f) discounted ticket cost for JAMBAR events, such as ***“Bar Beat”***; and
- (g) discounted prices for stationery or other supplies purchased at INC Limited, Liguanea Mall, St. Andrew (next to the post office).

The Council continues to make efforts to enhance and increase the benefits of membership to JAMBAR.

#### **5. OTHER SEMINARS**

Public Administration International (PAI) is offering a one week UK-based study programme on “Access to Civil Justice: Efficiency, affordability and fairness” from the 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in London, England. For further information visit their website at: [www.public-admin.co.uk](http://www.public-admin.co.uk)

#### **6. REPORTS/PUBLICATIONS**

- The JAMBAR Journal Volume 27 No. 1 is available for sale at JAMBAR’s office.
- Lexis Nexis books are available for sale at JAMBAR’s office at discounted prices.

**Please contact Miss Tapper/Wilmot at JAMBAR’s Office for further information.**

## 7. **JAMBAR's SUB-COMMITTEES**

Below is a table showing the various JAMBAR Sub-Committees and the names and email addresses for all Sub-Committee Chairpersons.

We encourage all members to contact the Chairperson of at least one sub-committee to enquire about joining and actively participating in its work.

<b>LIST OF COMMITTEES</b>	<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
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8. **JAMBAR's** offices are located at 78 Harbour Street, Kingston. The telephone numbers are 967-3394; 967-9034; 967-3783 (fax); Email: [jba@flowja.com](mailto:jba@flowja.com).  
Website: [www.jambar.org](http://www.jambar.org).

9. **PRESIDENT'S CONTACT INFORMATION:** Emails may also be sent to the President at [dcwalker@hmf.com.jm](mailto:dcwalker@hmf.com.jm)

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