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At the Annual General Meeting of the Jamaican Bar Association ("Jambar") held on March 5, 2016, Sherry Ann McGregor was elected as the new president and succeeded Donovan Walker, who did not seek re-election having served as president for two consecutive terms. Stuart Stimpson was elected as the new vice-president of Jambar.

After her election, the new President said of Immediate Past President Walker, "you raised the bar" and led in an "inspired, inclusive and energetic manner". She said, "Your vision for the bar was carefully thought out, clearly articulated and purposefully achieved."

In commenting on the future of Jambar, McGregor said, "As this new administration assumes office, many faces around the Bar Council table have changed; but we are fortunate that those changes are positive in that we enjoy a mixture of experience and youth, which is a true reflection of our membership. Within that structure, I hope that we will be able to harness and harvest the skills to

- ensure the independence of judges and attorneys-at-law
- be a "watchdog" and fight for the maintenance and strengthening of the rule of law and human rights
- work with all stakeholders towards proper legal reform and the improvement of our legal, justice and court systems
- offer services to those in need or requiring our aid and protection
- ensure our attorneys receive continuing legal education in keeping with the requirements for mandatory continuing legal professional development; and
- promote the integrity and good name of the legal profession in Jamaica."

She went on to recommit the new Bar Council to "work to remain the voice of the profession . . . the strong support of the public and the guardians of justice."



Sherry Ann McGregor

A practicing Attorney-at-Law since 1999, Sherry Ann McGregor is a partner in one of the largest firms in the island, Nunes Scholefield DeLeon & Co. She specialises in the areas of civil litigation and mediation, with special emphasis on family, commercial, insurance, personal injury and contentious probate proceedings. She served as Vice-President of the Jamaican Bar Association and presently serves as their representative on the board of the Dispute Resolution Foundation.

Sherry Ann is a director of JN General Insurance Company Limited and the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee of the Kingston School of Nursing. She also served as chairperson of the Legal & Ethical Sub-committee of the National AIDS Committee and as a member of Board of Management of Wolmer's High School for Girls. She is a well-known and prolific columnist for the Gleaner's Flair Magazine, writing the widely read column "Laws of Eve".

She is married to Paul Tai and they have one son.



Stuart I. Stimpson

Admitted to practice in Jamaica in 2003, Stuart is a Partner at Hart Muirhead Fatta and is primarily a civil and commercial litigator. His other areas of practice include: industrial relations; and real estate conveyancing.

He is a Council member and former Treasurer of Jambar. He serves on the Finance & Accounting Committee of the General Legal Council and on the Legal and Regulatory Committee of the Early Childhood Commission. Stuart has also served as an Associate Tutor at the Norman Manley Law School and as Chairman of the Wolmer's Preparatory School.

He is married to Kerry-Ann and they have two daughters.

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