

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Educational History:

1991	Barrister and Solicitor of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
1990	Barrister of the Honourable Society of Middle Temple, London, England
1989 – 1990	Council of Legal Education, London, England Professional Bar Examinations
1983 - 1986	Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford, Oxford, England B.A. (Hons) - Law, M.A.– Law
1979 – 1983	Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada Ph.D in Economics Special Fields – Monetary Theory & Policy and Econometrics Ph.D Dissertation – “Inflation” A Case of Study of Eastern Caribbean Area”
1978 – 1979	Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada M.A. in Economics Areas of Study – Macro Economic Theory,

- Monetary Theory,
Econometrics, and Trade
Theory
- M.A. Thesis - “The Role of the East
Caribbean Currency
Authority”
- 1975 – 1978 St Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia,
Canada
Bachelor of Commerce (with distinction)
Major - Economics
Minor - Business Administration
- 1969 – 1975 St. Joseph’s Academy, St John’s, Antigua,
General Certificate of Education (G.C.E.)
Ordinary Level – Nine (9) subjects

Awards, Scholarships & Achievements

- 1995 International Bar Association Scholar
1991. Admitted to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Eastern
Caribbean Supreme Court
1990. Member of The Honourable Society of Middle Temple, London,
England
- Admitted to practice as a Barrister in England and Wales
- 1978 – 1982 Dalhousie University Graduate Fellowship Award – four (4) times
Recipient
- Dalhousie University Teaching Assistantship
- Dalhousie University Research Development Fund – recipient of
awards for the purpose of pursuing Ph.D and M.A. theses
- 1975 – 1978 St. Mary’s University Achievement Scholarship – two (2) times
recipient

1975 – 1978 St. Mary’s University Dean’s List – three (3) consecutive years

Work Experience

2014 Head of Chambers, Cort & Cort, Attorneys-at-Law, Antigua

2009 – 2014 Minister of National Security & Labour, Government of Antigua and Barbuda (with responsibility for national security, law enforcement including the police and military, prisons, immigration, visas, citizenship and passports, and all labour matters including granting of work permits)

2004 – 2009 Minister of Finance & the Economy, Government of Antigua and Barbuda (with responsibility for Finance, the Government’s Treasury, Inland Revenue Department, Customs Department, Investment & the Antigua and Barbuda Investment Authority, and Trade including matters related to the World Trade Organization)

2001 – 2004 Cort & Cort, Attorneys-at-Law, Antigua

1999 – 2001 Attorney-General and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Government of Antigua and Barbuda (Chief Legal Adviser to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda with responsibility for the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, law and order, the Courts, the Registrars, and the Police)

1991 – 1999 Cort & Associates, Attorneys-at- Law, Antigua

1987 – 1991 Economic Adviser, Ministry of Economic Development, Industry & Tourism, Government of Antigua and Barbuda

1986 - 1987 Osmond Gaunt & Rose, Solicitors, London, England

1978 - 1982 Department of Economics, Dalhousie University
Teaching Assistantship – duties included tutoring, marking of papers and lecturing in economics

Other Achievements & Activities

- Member of The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus Council (August 2020 – present)

- Member of The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus Audit Committee (August 2020 – present)
- Member of The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus Finance & General Purposes Committee (August 2020 – present)
- Deputy Chairman of the Antigua and Barbuda Economic Recovery Committee (established by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda in response to the socio-economic challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic)
- Member of the Bar Council of England and Wales
- Member of the International Bar Association
- Past Chairman of the Eastern Caribbean Monetary Council
- Past Chairman of the Caribbean Council of Ministers responsible for National Security & Law Enforcement (CONSLE)
- Past Chairman of the Regional Security System (RSS)
- Leader of Government Business in the House of Representatives (2004 – 2009)
- Leader of Government Business in the Senate (2009 – 2014)
- Headed many delegations representing the Government of Antigua and Barbuda at numerous meetings nationally, regionally and internationally on justice and legal affairs, anti-money laundering and financial services, law and order, national security, defence, immigration, labour relations, trade, investment, tourism, finance, debt management and economic development matters
- Established the National Minimum Wage Committee in Antigua and Barbuda
- Established the Pension Reform Commission in Antigua and Barbuda

- Spearheaded Electoral Reform, Tax Reform and Immigration Reform in Antigua and Barbuda
- Enacted comprehensive Interactive Gaming and Interactive Wagering Regulations in Antigua and Barbuda in 2007, while Minister of Finance with responsibility for the Financial Services Regulatory Commission and the Directorate of Gaming
- Assisted with the drafting of the Digital Assets Business Act 2020 of Antigua and Barbuda