

FACULTY OF LAW

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Dean



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OVERVIEW

In October 2021, Shazeeda Ali was promoted to the rank of Professor and continued her tenure as Dean of the Faculty of Law. Under her leadership, the Faculty sought to further enrich the students' learning experience, provide continuing legal education activities and to positively impact the wider society through numerous outreach initiatives.

ACCESS

Student Achievement

Ten students from the Master of Laws (LLM) programme have completed the degree, one of whom will graduate with distinction in the Public Law concentration. 178 students from the undergraduate programme have completed the LLB degree, 15 of whom were awarded with First Class Honours. During the 2021/2022 academic year, the Faculty continued to identify and implement strategies aimed at improving the students' experience. The 4th Annual Faculty Awards Ceremony for the recognition of outstanding students in academia and co-curricular activities was held virtually for the second time on November 8, 2021 with 103 students being recognized in the categories of Subject Awards, Year/Level Awards, Top LLM Student Award and Dean's List Award.

In June 2022, the Faculty had its first hybrid staging of its Eighth Annual Weekend Symposium on Law, Governance and Society under the theme 'Redefining Boundaries in the Context of Global Justice'. It featured panels dealing with Criminal Justice, Geographical Indications, Nuclear Law, Legal Professional Ethics and Indigenous Rights. The event was held online via Zoom and in-person at the Courtleigh Hotel from Saturday, June 25 to Sunday, June 26, 2022. The Keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Derrick McKoy, CD, QC, Attorney General of Jamaica and former Dean of the Faculty of Law. The Minister of Justice, the Honourable Delroy Chuck, delivered a virtual presentation during the panel on Criminal Justice. The symposium featured speakers from The USA, the UK, Barbados and Jamaica. On March 28, 2022, the Faculty hosted its third annual Career Forum 3.0 virtually, with the aim of increasing students' awareness about the various career paths available after completing the LLB degree. This took the form of a panel discussion with persons from several professions, where some of the

career options require the Legal Education Certificate (LEC) and others do not. The graduate arm of the Faculty continued to promote special admission to the LLM programme. This initiative has capitalized on the market demand of practitioners for one or two specialized courses. The Faculty has also been able to admit students, who were initially specially admitted, to the LLM programme after completing one or two courses as specially admitted students. There were 19 students enrolled as specially admitted students in each semester during 2021-2022.

ALIGNMENT

Research and Innovation

Members of the MonaLaw Family shared research output locally, regionally and internationally as outlined below:

Peer reviewed:

- Ali, S. "Micro-credit legislation for a macro-economic concern" (2022) 43 (7). *The Company Lawyer* (224).
- Biholar, R., 'Critical Inquiries of Gender-Based Violence in the Anglophone Caribbean: An Introduction' in Biholar, Ramona, and Dacia L. Leslie (eds) *Critical Caribbean Perspectives on Preventing Gender-based Violence* (Routledge, Taylor & Francis 2022).
- Biholar, R., 'Discriminatory Laws: The Normalisation of Sexual Violence in Anglophone Caribbean Sexual Violence Laws' in Biholar, Ramona, and Dacia L. Leslie (eds) *Critical Caribbean Perspectives on Preventing Gender-based Violence* (Routledge, Taylor & Francis 2022).
- Biholar, R., and Leslie, D. L. (eds) *Critical Caribbean Perspectives on Preventing Gender-based Violence* (Routledge, Taylor & Francis 2022).
- Elliott-Williams, G., Robinson, T., Adair Morgan, K., Foreman, J., Jackson-Miller, D., Myrie, T., 'Jamaica: Legal Response to Covid-19', in Jeff King and Octávio LM Ferraz et al (eds), *The Oxford Compendium of National Legal Responses to Covid-19* (OUP 2021). doi: 10.1093/law-occ19/e26.013.26
- Kodilyne, G., and Cortes, N., *Commonwealth Caribbean Tort Law* (6 ed, Routledge 2022).
- Robinson, T., 'New-old Law in the Postcolony: Regulating Sex in the Anglophone Caribbean', in Nancy Hirschmann, Deborah Thomas (eds), *Citizenship on the Edge: Sex/Race/Gender* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021) 68-96.
- Vasciannie, S., 'Deep Seabed Mining' in Alfonso Ascencio-Herrera and

Myron H. Nordquist (eds), *The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, Part XI Regime and the International Seabed Authority: A Twenty-Five Year Journey* (Brill 2022) 64-81 <https://brill.com/view/title/61679>

Peer reviewed book:

- Robinson, T., A. Bulkan, A. Saunders, *Fundamentals of Caribbean Constitutional Law* 2ed. (London: Sweet and Maxwell 2021) (624 pages)

Non peer reviewed Articles:

- Bulkan, A., Elliott-Williams, G., Robinson, T., 'Public Law in Private Employment: Vaccination Policies reach the Courts of Jamaica' *Lex-Atlas Covid-19 Blog* 25 February 2022 (1,500 words).
- Robinson, T., 'Orientación de la universalidad: el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos y el Caribe anglófono' in (2021) 23 *Aportes: Revista de la Fundación para el Debido Proceso* 13-15 (3 pages).

Conference Papers, Specially Invited Lectures and other Non-Peer Reviewed Presentations and Publications

- Ali, S., "Celebrating the Magis" Keynote/Guest Speaker, *Campion College Magis Awards Ceremony*, Kingston, Jamaica, March 17, 2022 (19 slides)
- Ali, S., "The Evolution of Justice: Feudal Justice vs. Jamaican Justice" Presenter, *Campion College Second Form History*, Kingston, Jamaica, March 24, 2022 (22 slides)
- Ali, S., "High-Stakes: Understanding Roles, Responsibilities and Vulnerabilities in AML/CFT Compliance" Presenter, *Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Commission Directors Training Seminar*, Kingston, Jamaica, September 30, 2021 (85 slides)
- Ali, S., "Good Charities: Beware Bad Money" Presenter *Diaspora Auxillium Charity Webinar*, Toronto, CANADA, September 19, 2021 (18 slides)
- Bulkan, A., Elliott-Williams, G., Robinson, T., 'Public Law in Private Employment: Vaccination Policies reach the Courts of Jamaica' *Lex-Atlas Covid-19 Blog* 25 February 2022.
- Robinson, T., 'What is a Family in the inter-American human rights system' *Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Cambridge University, Friday Lecture Series*, 5 November 2021. (15 pages).
- Robinson, T., 'A Trace of Law: State Building and Criminalisation of Bug-

gery in Jamaica', presented at the American Historical Association Annual Conference, 25 February 2022, online panel (10 pages).

- Robinson, T., 'Constitutional Reform: Lessons from Jamaica and its Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms 2011', Barbados Bar Association Panel Discussion on Constitutional Reform in Barbados: Lessons from the Commonwealth, 3 March 2022 (8 pages).
- Robinson, T., 'The Fledgling Caribbean Court of Justice and a Divided Guyana' (coauthored by Bulkan and Robinson) Seminario en Latinoamérica de Teoría Constitucional y Política SELA Conference, 11 June 2022, Chile (12,000 words).
- Vasciannie, S., 'Bim out Front', *Jamaica Observer*, (16 December 2021)
- Vasciannie, S., 'Law and the Maroon State' *Jamaica Observer* (9 January 2022)
- Vasciannie, S., 'Reviewing Maroon arguments' *Jamaica Observer* (16 January 2022)
- Vasciannie, S., 'Reparation for Enslavement' *Jamaica Observer* (27 March 2022)
- Vasciannie, S., 'Do We Even Know why we Should Become a Republic, *Jamaica Observer* (31 March 2022)

AGILITY

Regional and International Collaboration

a. Collaboration with Georgetown University's O'Neill Institute

Collaborations were established, through the Office of the Deputy Dean, Graduate Studies and Research, with the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University Law Centre and the Faculty of Law at Cave Hill and St. Augustine. The Institute's discussions with MonaLaw were supported by the Office of Global Affairs, and a memorandum of understanding was established between the Institute and The UWI to work together on legal scholarship, capacity building and technical assistance related to food law.

b. Nuclear Law Programme. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), an agency of the United Nations, hosted its first International Conference on Nuclear Law from April 25 to 29, 2022, in Vienna, Austria. The IAEA invited The UWI to be one of five universities selected globally to introduce a Nuclear Law certificate programme. At the ceremony, Dr. Natalie Corthésy, Associate Dean, Outreach and Continuing Legal Education, signed the partnership agreement on behalf of The UWI with the IAEA. Dr. Corthésy and Legal Counsel for The UWI Hospital, Dr. Peter Glegg, represented the

University at the Conference. It is anticipated that the Nuclear Law programme will be offered jointly by the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Medical Sciences and the Faculty of Science and Technology, Mona.