

INDUSTRIAL COURT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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MEDIA RELEASE NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED AT THE INDUSTRIAL COURT



(front row, from left) HH Mrs. Indra Rampersad-Suite, HH Mrs. Deborah Thomas-Felix, President of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago, HH Ms. Wendy Ali. (*back row, from left*) HH Mr. Nizam Khan, HH Ms. Elizabeth Solomon, HH Mrs. Angela Hamel-Smith and HH Mr. Vincent Cabrera *Port of Spain*: Six (6) Members have been appointed to the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago.

The new Members recently received their instruments of appointment from the President of the Industrial Court, Her Honour Mrs. Deborah Thomas-Felix who welcomed them to the Court. They were also greeted by the Chairman of the Essential Services Division, His Honour Mr. Lawrence Achong who was reappointed as Chairman and the Court's executive. The new Members of the Court are:

- Her Honour Ms. Wendy Ali who is an attorney-at-law, brings to the Court twenty-five (25) years of corporate law and senior management experience. Prior to joining the Court she was the Chief Executive Officer at the North West Regional Health Authority. She has served on the executive of several state bodies including the National Insurance Property Development Company Limited (NIPDEC) and the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago (NIBTT). Her Honour Ms. Ali will preside as judge in the Essential Services Division.
- Her Honour Mrs. Indra Rampersad-Suite is an attorney-at-law and a chartered accountant. She has served as State Counsel II in the Ministry of Finance, Inland Revenue Division since 2012 and has held several leadership positions over her twenty-four (24) year career at the Ministry. Her Honour Mrs. Rampersad-Suite will preside as a judge in the General Services Division.
- Her Honour Mrs. Angela Hamel-Smith has over thirty-five (35) years experience in the field of human resources and industrial relations. She was the Group Manager, Human Resource at Massy Limited for twenty (20) years and was also a member of the Industrial Relations Committee of the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce. She served on several boards including the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission, the Statutory Authority Service Commission and the Government Human Resources Services Company. Her Honour Mrs. Hamel Smith will preside as a judge in the General Services Division.
- Her Honour Ms. Elizabeth Solomon is a certified mediator and an attorney-at-law. She brings a wealth of experience in mediation and negotiations through her advisory and management work with international and regional organisations. Prior to joining the Industrial Court she served as the Executive Director at the Dispute Resolution Centre. She is a member of the board of the Mediation Board of Trinidad and Tobago, a Trinidad and Tobago representative for the Network of Women Mediators Across the Commonwealth and a member of the Unyoke Foundation for South Africa Peace Mediators Network. Her Honour Mrs. Solomon will preside as a judge in the General Services Division.
- **His Honour Mr. Vincent Cabrera** has over forty-three (43) years experience in industrial relations. Prior to his appointment as a member of the Court, he served as President of

the Banking Insurance and General Workers Union, a position he has held for thirty-four (34) years, Labour Representative of the National Tripartite Advisory Council (NTAC), Labour Representative of the Industrial Relations Advisory Committee, Labour Representative of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) 144 Tripartite Committee and General Secretary of the National Trade Union Centre of Trinidad and Tobago. He is an adjunct lecturer at the Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies. His Honour Mr. Cabrera will preside as a judge in the General Services Division.

 His Honour Mr. Nizam Khan, is an attorney-at-law, who served as a Magistrate in the Magistracy/ Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago, has been reappointed to serve for another term.

The Industrial Court congratulates all new members on their appointment.

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