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RJLSC WELCOMES TWO NEW COMMISSIONERS AT A PIVOTAL MOMENT FOR REGIONAL JUDICIAL DEVELOPMENT

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. The Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission (RJLSC/Commission), in accordance with its responsibilities under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, has filled its complement of Commissioners with the swearing in of two distinguished professionals, Ms. Elleson M. Fraenk, of Suriname and Mr. Anthony A. Olton, JP, of Barbados. The oath of office was administered on 11 March 2026, marking an important moment in the RJLSC’s ongoing work to support excellence in judicial governance across the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Ms. Fraenk and Mr. Olton join the Commission at a time when regional judicial institutions continue to evolve to meet the demands of modern governance. Their appointments reflect the CARICOM’s commitment to ensuring that experienced individuals whose professional insight and regional awareness strengthen the administration of justice within the region.

Ms. Elleson M. Fraenk joins the RJLSC as a respected Attorney at Law and an influential voice within Suriname’s legal and governance landscape. As Founder and Director of Vision Legalis Advocaten N.V., she has established a practice that spans corporate law, intellectual property, and labour law, while also serving as an Attorney Trainer at the Centrum voor Democratie en Rechtspleging. Her distinguished career includes service at Schurman Advocaten and active participation in regional and international legal networks. Ms. Fraenk is currently the President of the Suriname Bar Association and serves as Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Sweden in Suriname.

Ms. Fraenk’s experience within Suriname’s civil law tradition, combined with her regional and international exposure, positions her to contribute meaningfully to the Commission’s work at a moment when judicial integration within CARICOM stands at an important crossroads.

Mr. Anthony A. Olton, JP, brings to the Commission nearly three decades of experience in leadership, organisational development, and governance. As the Principal Consultant of The Potter Centre, which he established in 1998, and Founder and Chair of the Caribbean Institute for Social and Emotional Learning, Mr. Olton has shaped leadership approaches across public and private

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sectors in Barbados and the wider region. Mr. Olton currently serves as Chair of the Administrative, General and Professional Service Commission of Barbados, is a member of the Judicial and Legal Services Commission of Barbados, sits on the Commissions Board of the Barbados Defence Force, and is Deputy Chair of the Barbados Accreditation Council.

Mr. Anthony Olton and Ms. Elleson Fraenk replaced former Commissioners Dr Damien Dublin and Mrs Jacqueline Samuels-Brown, CD, KC, NP, whose terms had recently ended. The RJLSC warmly welcomes Mr. Olton and Ms. Fraenk and looks forward to the expertise, insight, and regional perspective they will bring to the Commission’s mandate.

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Caption: Ms. Elleson Fraenk of Suriname was sworn in as an RJLSC Commissioner in March 2026 by the Chairman of the Commission, the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson.

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