

# DO YOU KNOW...

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON THE CCJ!

- Do you know when the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice was signed?

*The Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice was signed on 14 February 2001.*

- Do you know how many CARICOM states signed the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice?

*The Agreement was signed by 12 states.*



- Do you know the names of these 12 state signatories to the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice?

*The signatory states to the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice are: Antigua & Barbuda; Barbados; Belize; Dominica; Grenada; Guyana; Jamaica; St. Kitts & Nevis; St. Lucia; St. Vincent & The Grenadines; Suriname; and Trinidad & Tobago.*

- Do you know when the Caribbean Court of Justice was inaugurated?

*The Caribbean Court of Justice was inaugurated on Saturday 16 April 2005.*



- Do you know which CARICOM state is the Seat of the Caribbean Court of Justice?

*Trinidad & Tobago is the Seat of the Caribbean Court of Justice.*

- Do you know that the CCJ is two courts in one?

*Yes. The CCJ has two jurisdictions: an Original Jurisdiction and an Appellate Jurisdiction.*



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- Do you know what the Original Jurisdiction of the Caribbean Court of Justice is?

*The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) was established by the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas. In its Original Jurisdiction, the CCJ is an international court and it is the ONLY court that has the authority to interpret the treaty and to settle disputes arising out of the operation of the CSME.*

- Do you know what effect the CCJ has on the CARICOM Single Market & Economy (CSME)?

*The CCJ will decide in a crucial way how the CSME functions. Only the CCJ and the CCJ alone has the compulsory and exclusive right to interpret the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, which set up the CSME.*

- Do you know what the Appellate Jurisdiction of the Caribbean Court of Justice is?

*In its Appellate Jurisdiction, the Caribbean Court of Justice hears appeals from lower courts in both civil and criminal matters from states which have replaced the Privy Council by the CCJ. In its Appellate Jurisdiction, the CCJ is the highest municipal court in the region.*

- Do you know how many CARICOM states are under the Appellate Jurisdiction of the CCJ?

*So far, Barbados and Guyana have acceded to the Appellate Jurisdiction.*

