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### **Mr. Justice Barrow Joins the CCJ Bench**

After assumption ceremonies in his native Belize, the Honourable Mr Justice Barrow has assumed office at the headquarters of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ). President of the Caribbean Court of Justice, the Right Honourable Sir Dennis Byron, welcomed the newest judge to the CCJ bench. "I have no doubt that Mr Justice Barrow will serve the citizens of the Caribbean with fervour and with the wisdom, strength of character and sense of fairness that has characterised his distinguished career. We are grateful to have him on the bench of the CCJ and as a part of the leadership team at the Court."

Mr. Justice Barrow has had judicial appointments across the region, served on the International Labour Organisation's Committee of Experts and has had a career in private practice for over 4 decades. He is a graduate of the University of the West Indies, with a Bachelor of Laws, and received a Legal Education Certificate from the Norman Manley Law School. In 2007, Mr. Justice Barrow was selected by the Bar Association of Belize for its prestigious Custos Justitiae Award for excellence in the practice of law. He was also awarded the insignia for Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his distinguished service to Belize and the field of law in 2012.

The CCJ judge stated "it is a great honour to sit with a group of Judges whose erudition, reasoned judgments and service to the region I have admired. I also pay tribute to Mr. Justice Rolston Nelson, who recently left the bench, for his indelible contribution. It is an honour to defend the rights of the citizens of the Caribbean, and one which I do not take lightly. I am truly a Caribbean man, having lived and worked in many nations, and serving in a court that defends our rights, staffed by those who live in the region fills me with pride.

Mr. Justice Barrow was selected from among applicants from the Caribbean, North America and Eastern Europe. He is one of the seven Judges at the CCJ and is the first judge from Belize.

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***(photo and caption below)***

## PHOTO CAPTION



**Caption:** The Hon. Mr. Justice Barrow is the first citizen of Belize to be appointed to the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) bench. Mr. Justice Barrow's judicial career included service as a High Court Judge in St. Lucia, Grenada, Belize and the British Virgin Islands between 2001 and 2005, Justice of Appeal of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court from 2005 to 2008 and Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of Belize from 2010 to 2012.