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STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF MR JUSTICE HANNAYS

The Judiciary is plunged into mourning once more following the passing, just four days prior to his sixtieth birthday, of Mr Justice Guy Hannays. Justice Hannays was the son of the late Mr Justice Jessel Hannays and the grandson of the late Sir Courtenay Hannays, QC. He was the second member of his family to serve his country as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Judicature.

Mr Justice Hannays, joined the Judiciary just eight months ago, after 32 years of legal practice. He was shrewd and decisive always exhibiting sound and careful judgment. Although reserved in temperament he was a teacher and mentor to his team at the Supreme Court. He will be remembered by them as having encouraged and inspired excellence and exceptionally high standards.

He was a well known cricket aficionado and past President of the Trinidad and Tobago Lawyers’ Cricket Association as well as Secretary of the West Indies Lawyers’ Cricket Association. The legal profession’s loss was, in fact, the Judiciary’s gain when, upon joining the Bench, Justice Hannays also joined the Judges’ Cricket Team.

Justice Hannays is also remembered as a proud past pupil of Trinity College, Moka, who was recently inducted into the College’s Hall of Fame and had served in the past as a member of the Board of both the College as well as of Trinity Junior School.

The Chief Justice in extending condolences to the Judge’s dear wife and daughter said “we have lost a new brother and an old friend who had so much more to offer the fraternity. He was genuinely committed to advancing our profession and the important work of the Judiciary. It is no surprise to us therefore that he passed in presence of his colleagues while practising what we all know to have been his second passion.” The Judiciary is poorer for his passing and we pray that his soul rests in peace.

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