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TEMPORARY FAMILY COURT JUDGE APPOINTED

Madame Justice Halcyon Yorke-Young was sworn in yesterday morning at 11.30 a.m. as a Temporary Judge of the High Court of Judicature at President's House in the presence of The Acting Chief Justice The Honourable Mr. Justice Allan Mendonça and close family members. Mr. Justice Mendonça warmly welcomed and congratulated Justice Yorke-Young on her accomplishment as the country's newest Puisne Judge.

Justice Yorke-Young is no stranger to the Judiciary, having functioned as a Magistrate for the past sixteen years presiding on family matters in the Family Court and districts throughout Trinidad and Tobago. She joins the higher Judiciary, having amassed a wealth of experience in Family Law. Justice Yorke-Young previously held positions as Child Care Legal Assistant for the London Borough of Brent, Child Care Team Lawyer for Surrey County Council, United Kingdom, family law attorney in private practice and Legal Officer for the Ministry of Social Development.

Mme. Justice Yorke-Young is the holder of a B.A. (Honours) Political Science from York University, Toronto, Canada and completed her LLB at the London School of Economics. She was subsequently called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1992 and is a member of the Inner Temple Inn of Court. Upon graduating from the Hugh Wooding Law School, she was called to the Bar of Trinidad and Tobago in 1995.

Justice Yorke-Young is a member of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Magistrates, where she serves as Treasurer, the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Women Judges, the Caribbean Association of Women Judges, the International Association of Women Judges, the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers, and the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association. Her penchant towards service beyond the legal arena extends to membership in the Association of Female Executives of Trinidad and Tobago, the renowned Marionettes Chorale and Chairperson of the Port of Spain District Scout Council for the past ten years.

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