

PRESS RELEASE

The second meeting of the 22nd Council of the Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago was held yesterday under the Chairmanship of the Association's President, Mr. Martin G. Daly S.C.

For the first time in six years, the Council held its meeting in San Fernando and was encouraged by the large number of practitioners who turned out to meet with the Council socially at the conclusion of its meeting.

The Council has completed consideration of its powers under the Legal Profession Act Chapter 90:03, and will now be taking steps towards the suspension of those attorneys who have not complied with orders of the Disciplinary Committee for the payment of fines and compensation.

Steps will also be taken in respect of any attorney convicted of a criminal offence and who has exhausted due process of law.

The 40-point crime reduction proposals, which the Association made to the Minister of National Security in November 2005, and the subsequent correspondence will be released next month (June) for public comment. This will be done as soon as a follow-up exercise, which is almost completed, is sent to the Minister. The Association is grateful for the interest shown to have the proposals published.

The names of the Association's members on the Bench/Bar Committee have been submitted to the Chief Justice with whom we are consulting to set working arrangements.

The Association has upgraded its website to a more user-friendly format, and its monthly newsletter is now available on the site and the public is invited to log on at: www.lawassociationtt.com.

The Minister of Legal Affairs cordially entertained the delegation from the Association on May 6, 2008 to discuss several matters relating to the Registrar General's department, and we have secured the co-operation of the Acting Registrar General to have regular meetings to assist in the use and output of the Deeds Registry.

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