

Current members of the Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal

**Mr Arthur Faerua (Vanuatu), member, 1 January 2012 -**

**Mr Justice George Erotocritou (Cyprus), member, 1 June 2012 -**

Born in Limassol in 1949. Studied law at Leeds University (LLB). Barrister-at-Law (Middle Temple). After serving as public prosecutor in Zimbabwe, he practiced law in Limassol from 1980 until 1986.

On 15 October 1986 he was appointed District Judge and in 1995 he was promoted to Senior District Judge. Two years later he was appointed President of District Court. On 4 September 2007 he was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court.

He served as examiner for the Legal Council and as member of the Council of the Cyprus Judges Association. Between 2002-2007 he represented Cyprus at the Supervisory Body of Eurojust at the Hague. Ad hoc judge of ECHR. He wrote, with P. Artemis, the books "Road Negligence Cases" (1996) and "Civil Wrongs" (2003). With an interest in photography, he has been honoured by the International Federation of Photography (FIAP) for his contribution to the photographic art, with the honorary distinction Excellence for Services rendered to FIAP (ESFIAP).

Currently, George Erotocritou represents the Supreme Court at the Association of the Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union "ACA-Europe" and the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN).

He is married and has two children.

**Mr Christopher Jeans, QC, (UK), Member 1 January 2009 - 31 May 2011, President 1 June 2011 -**

Academic and Professional Qualifications:

1967-1974 Michenden (Comprehensive) School

1974-1977 King's College, University of London, LLB degree (1st Class Hons)

1977-1979 St John's College, Oxford University, BCL degree

1979-1980 Bar Finals

1980 Call to the Bar, Gray's Inn

1980-1981 Pupillage at 2 Crown Office Row, Temple.

Appointed Queen's Counsel (QC) 1997

Christopher Jeans QC is a barrister in full-time practice specialising in employment law. Employment law has been his particular interest since his student days, initially at King's College, London, where he was awarded a first class honours degree and the Hickling prize in labour law (employment law and later at St. John's College, Oxford where he obtained a postgraduate law degree. Before starting in practice at the Bar he was lecturer at the City of

London Polytechnic (now Guildhall University) specialising in labour law, private international law and European Community law.

Since beginning full-time practice at the bar, employment has always been the major area of his practice and for many years he has worked almost exclusively in this field. His work covers all areas of individual and collective employment law including contractual disputes, wrongful dismissal, international employment disputes, union membership disputes, unfair dismissal, transfer of undertakings, redundancy, discrimination (including equal pay) and the full range of statutory employment claims. He also handles internal disciplinary hearings. Between 1988 and 2008 he sat as a part-time Employment Tribunal Chairman/Judge (in Nottingham and Leicester).

He is a member of the Employment Law Bar Association and was for several years the Representative for the Bar on the Management of the Employment Lawyers Association. He was elected a Bencher of Gray's Inn in 2007 and was appointed to the Times Law Panel.

He is listed as a leading practitioner in employment law in national and international directories and was the Chambers and Partners Employment Law "Silk of the Year" for 2008.

He has acted for employers, employees, trade unions and employers' associations, professional bodies, public bodies and for trade union members in cases supported by the Commissioner for the Rights of Trade Union Members.

Recent work in the higher courts has involved a particular focus on equal pay in local authorities, the international dimension in employment disputes and racial discrimination. He has appeared in many reported cases.

#### **Mr Dheerendra K Dabee (Mauritius) Member, 2007 -**

Present Position: Solicitor General, Attorney General's Office since 1998

Other current positions: Chairman of the Cane Planters Millers Arbitration and central Board;

Board Director of Air Mauritius Ltd.; Member of the Mauritius Revenue Authority and of the Independent Broadcasting Authority and Board Director of SICOM Financial Services Ltd.

Previous posts held: Crown Counsel, senior Crown Counsel; Principal Crown Counsel; Assistant Solicitor General; Parliamentary Counsel;

Acting Director of Public Prosecutions.

Other positions held: Chairman of the Stock Exchange Commission.

Professional Experience:

Extensive experience as Counsel in litigation, commercial arbitration, disciplinary matters, legislative drafting, and legal advisory work for government and for other public organizations.

Negotiating skills:

Participated in and presided over negotiations concerning bilateral air service and other agreements.

Academic and Professionals Qualifications:  
Winner of the State of Mauritius Scholarship;

LLB (Law and Political Science - Birmingham University 1977-80- Upper 2nd Class);

Barrister-at-Law (Middle Temple 1981).

**Mr Justice Seymour Panton O.J., C.D. (Jamaica) 2008 -**

1968 - Called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn

1969 - - Clerk of the Courts

1971 - 1973 - Crown Counsel

1973 - 1977 - Legal Assistant to the Attorney-General, Cayman Islands

1976 - Trained as legislative draftsman

1977 - 1978 - Senior Crown Counsel, Cayman Islands

1978 - 1986 - Resident Magistrate, Jamaica

1981 - present - Lay Preacher in the Methodist Church

1982 - 1988 - Council Member, Commonwealth

Magistrates and Judges Association

1983 - 1990 - Associate tutor at the Norman Manley Law School

1989 - 1999 - President, Rusea's Old Students' Association

1986 - 1999 - Puisne Judge

1999 - 2007 - Judge of the Court of Appeal

2001 - 2007 - Acted as Judge of the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands on several occasions

2007 - present - President of the Court of Appeal

**Mr David Goddard QC, (New Zealand) member 1 June 2011 -**

Qualifications

BA (Hons) (Victoria University of Wellington); MA (Oxon)

Admitted to the bar of England and Wales: 1988 Admitted to the New Zealand bar: 1989  
Appointed Queen's Counsel: 2003

## Professional experience

David Goddard has a wide ranging commercial litigation practice, with an emphasis on competition law and regulation, company law, contract law, public law and international law.

David studied mathematics and French at Victoria University of Wellington, obtaining a first class honours degree in mathematics and the Sir Robert Stout Scholarship for the best first degree in the University across all faculties. He began his legal studies in New Zealand, then studied law at Oxford University (on a Rhodes Scholarship), obtaining a first class honours degree.

David spent two years as a lecturer in law at Bristol University, before returning to New Zealand to join Chapman Tripp (a leading New Zealand law firm) in 1988. He was a litigation partner at that firm from 1991 to 1998. He began practice as a barrister sole in 1999. From 2001 to 2003 he held a part-time appointment as Special Counsel - International with the Ministry of Economic Development, advising on cross-border coordination of business laws.

David has appeared as counsel in the High Court, Court of Appeal, Privy Council and Supreme Court and before arbitral tribunals in a wide range of civil and commercial cases. He has extensive experience representing clients in mediations and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

David has been appointed as an arbitrator to determine a number of commercial disputes. He is an Associate Member of the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand.

David also has a substantial involvement in legal policy advice. His policy advice practice focuses on advising governments and intergovernmental organisations on reform of commercial laws and institutions to facilitate market activity and economic development.

David publishes and speaks extensively in his areas of specialisation. He has taught at universities in New Zealand, Australia and England. He is the moderator of the contract law papers of the six New Zealand university law schools, appointed by the Council of Legal Education. He is a member of the editorial boards of the Journal of Private International Law and the New Zealand Universities Law Review.

Projects which David has undertaken, in addition to his litigation practice, include advising Parliamentary Committees and Government Departments on a wide range of commercial law and cross-border issues; representing the New Zealand Government in negotiations with Australia on a number of legal coordination initiatives; membership of the Trans-Tasman Working Group on Court Proceedings and Regulatory Enforcement, established by the Australian and New Zealand Governments; representing the New Zealand Government at meetings of the Hague Conference on Private International Law; conducting a Ministerial Inquiry into ACC Funding and Accreditation of Physiotherapy Services; and providing policy advice on commercial law and governance issues to Governments and intergovernmental organisations in Jamaica, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Bangladesh, Samoa, Tonga and Niue.

## Publications

Books and contributions to books

Conflict of Laws: the international element in commerce and litigation (New Zealand Law Society seminar booklet, 1991)

"Execution of Documents by Companies" in Prebble (ed) Dimensions in Business Finance Law (Butterworths, Wellington, 1992)

New Zealand section of International Execution against Judgment Debtors (Oceana Publications Inc, New York) (with Helen McQueen)

Company Law 1- Getting started (New Zealand Law Society seminar booklet, 1994) (with Sian Elias QC, Jack Hodder, David Stock)

Morison's Company Law (5th ed, Butterworths, Wellington, 1994) chapters 6 (Reregistration), 13 (Nature and issue of shares), 15 (Share buybacks and financial assistance), 16 (Shareholders' rights and obligations) 46 (Amalgamations) and 48 (Court-approved arrangements, amalgamations and compromises)

"Conflict of Laws: Jurisdiction and Foreign Judgments" title of The Laws of New Zealand (Butterworths, Wellington)

Developments in the Law of Obligations - tort, equitable duties and the effect of contractual relationships (New Zealand Law Society seminar booklet, 1996) (with Professor Charles Rickett)

"Corporate Personality: Limited Recourse and its Limits" in Grantham and Rickett (eds) Corporate Personality in the 2(j) Century (Halt Publishing, Oxford, 1998)

Deception in Commercial Dealings (New Zealand Law Society seminar booklet, 1999) (with Terence Arnold QC)

Private International Law in New Zealand (New Zealand Law Society seminar booklet, 2001) (with Helen McQueen)

"Business laws and regulatory institutions: some approaches to CER coordination" in A Grimes, L Wevers & G Sullivan (eds) States of Mind: Australia and New Zealand 1901 - 2001 (Institute of Policy Studies & Stout Research Centre, 2002).

"Company Law Reform - Lessons from the New Zealand Experience" in A Borrowdale, D Rowe and L Taylor (eds) Company Law Writings - A New Zealand Collection (Centre for Commercial and Corporate Law Inc, 2002) (revised version of article published at (1998) 16 C&SLJ 236))

"Contracts that Lessen Competition - what is section 27 for, and how has it been used?" (with Professor Dennis Carlton) in M Berry & L Evans (eds), Competition Law at the Turn of the Century: a New Zealand Perspective (Victoria University Press, 2003)

"Cross-Border Issues" in Legislation Advisory Committee Guidelines (2003 edition)

Drafting Better Pleadings (New Zealand Law Society seminar booklet, 2006)

Deception in Commercial Dealings (New Zealand Law Society seminar booklet, 2008) (with Hon Justice Arnold)

Drafting Better Court Documents (New Zealand Law Society seminar booklet, 2009)

Articles and selected papers

"The Myth of Subjectivity" (1987] Legal Studies 263

"Equity, Volunteers and Ducks" [1988] The Conveyancer and Property Lawyer 19 "Insolvent Trusts and Third Party Contracts" (1987) 2 Trust Law and Practice 51

"Solicitors' Liability to Third Parties: Clarke v Bruce Lance & Co" (1988) 4 Professional Negligence 129 "The Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments Amendment Act 1992: a half step towards CER" (1992) NZ Recent Law Review 180

"New Zealand's contract statutes: international transactions" in New Zealand Law Commission Contract Statutes Review (NZLC Report 25, 1993)

Book review: Cheshire and North's Private International Law (12th ed) [1993] NZLJ 71

"Seals: more dangerous than endangered" [1994] Butterworths Company and Securities Law Bulletin 38

"Contracts to issue shares under the Companies Act 1993" [1995] Butterworths Company and Securities Law Bulletin 18

"Disclosure in Annual Reports: the season is upon us" [1995] Butterworths Company and Securities Law Bulletin 58

"Convergence in corporations laws-towards a facilitative model" (1996) 26 VUWLR 191

"Taking Regulation Sceptically" - comment on paper by Professor Michael Trebilcock in Deregulation of Public Utilities: Current Issues and Perspectives (Centre for Corporate Law and Securities Regulation, University of Melbourne, 1996)

"Paying Dividends in the Course of Litigation - Solvency Test Issues" [1996] Butterworths Company and Securities Law Bulletin 146.

"Long term contracts: a law and economics perspective" [1997] NZ Law Review 423

"The 1993 Act comes into its own" [1997] Butterworths Company and Securities Law Bulletin 94.

"Company Law Reform - Lessons from the New Zealand Experience" (1998) 16 C&SLJ 236

"Tolt Liability of Directors; Compromises with Creditors" [1998] Butterworths Company and Securities Law Bulletin 62.

"Voidable preferences: when is a creditor preferred?" [1999] Butterworths Company and Securities Law Bulletin 10

"Global Disputes - Jurisdiction, Interim Relief and Enforcement of Judgments" (paper presented to New Zealand Triennial Law Conference, Rotorua, April 1999)

"Directors and corporate groups - the New Zealand experience" (paper presented to Law Council of Australia 1999 Corporate Law Workshop, Sydney)

"Making Business Law - the CER Dimension" (paper commissioned by NZ Ministry of Commerce, August 1999: <http://www.med.govt.nz/Jbuslt/bus/pol/buslaw/cergoddard/index.html>)

"Directors' liability for trading while insolvent: a critical review of the New Zealand regime" in *Company Directors' Liability for Insolvent Trading* (Centre for Corporate Law and Securities Regulation, University of Melbourne, 2000)

"Security of Contract - why it matters, and what that means" (paper presented to 10th annual Journal of Contract Law Conference, Auckland) (2000) 6 NZBLQ 82, (2000) 16 JCL 123

"Does the Internet require new norms?" *International Law FORUM du droit international* 2: 183- 195, 2000

"Cross-border dispute resolution in civil and commercial cases: current developments and new proposals" in *International Legal Challenges for the Twenty-First Century* (Proceedings of a Joint Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law and the American Society of International Law, 26 - 29 June 2000): <http://law.anu.edll.all/anzsil/ANZSILASILProceedings.pdf>

"Contracts that Lessen Competition - what is section 27 for, and how has it been used?" (paper presented to Competition Law Conference, November 2000, with Professor Dennis Carlton, University of Chicago)

"Rethinking the Judgments Convention - a Pacific Perspective" *Yearbook of Private International Law* 200 I, Volume 3 (200 I), pp. 27-62

"Cross-border fraud: is our civil law adequate?" (paper presented to Law Asia Conference New Zealand Law Conference, Christchurch, October 2001)

"Business laws and regulatory institutions: some approaches to CER coordination" (paper presented to Institute of Policy Studies/Stout Research Centre conference "States of Mind", Wellington, November 2001)

"Trans-Tasman Legal Coordination - The Next Frontiers" (paper presented to Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law Conference 2003, Wellington NZ)

"Relationship Property Disputes - the International Element" (paper presented to New Zealand Law Society Family Law Conference, Auckland 2003)

"Shareholder approval of directors' decisions" (paper presented to LexisNexis Corporate Law Masterclass, Auckland, November 2004)

"Section 98 of the Commerce Act 1986: where do the limits lie?" (paper presented to Competition Law & Policy Institute Workshop, Wellington, August 2006)

"Regulatory Error: Review and Appeal Rights" (paper presented to Legal Research Foundation Conference, Auckland, September 2006)

"Case study: Trans-Tasman Court Proceedings And Regulatory Enforcement" (paper presented to Legal Research Foundation Conference, Wellington, March 2007)

" 'Are we there yet?': is there a contract, and what does it contain?" (paper presented to New Zealand Law Society Law of Obligations Intensive, Auckland and Wellington, July 2007)

"Review for error of law - some comments" (paper presented to New Zealand Law Society Judicial Review Intensive, Wellington, September 2007)

"Contract Law Update" (paper presented to New Zealand Law Society Commercial Law Intensive, Wellington and Auckland, May 2010)

"Public Law and Regulation" (paper presented to New Zealand Law Society Public Law Conference, Wellington, March 2011)

**Mr Chelva R Rajah SC, (Singapore) member 15 January 2012 -**

Education

Anglo-Chinese School, Singapore. (1955 - 1966)  
Lincoln College, Oxford University. (1967 - 1970)  
Inns of Court (Middle Temple), London. (1970 -1971)

Sport

Captained Ceylon Sports Club in Singapore at cricket from 1977 to 1989. Played cricket for Singapore at various times between 1974 and 1987. Vice-President, Singapore Cricket Association from 1983 to 1992.

Patron, Ceylon Sports Club from 2002.

Professional experience & appointments

Admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court, Singapore in 1972. Practising law in Singapore for 39 years.

- President of the Law Society of Singapore from 1990 to 1992.
- Vice-President of the Singapore Academy of Law from April 1991 to July 1993.
- Member of the Military Court of Appeal, Singapore from 1992 to June 1995.
- Judicial Commissioner, High Court of Singapore from July 1995 to June 1997.
- Appointed Senior Counsel in January 1998.
- Chairman, Singapore National Committee, Asean Law Association from 2005 to 2006.



- Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration.
- Board Member, Singapore International Arbitration Centre.
- Arbitrator in more than 60 domestic and/or international arbitrations.
- Currently a partner in Tan Rajah & Cheah, a Singapore law firm with 34 lawyers. Mainly engaged in arbitration/general litigation and in banking, construction, company, commercial, insolvency and contract related matters.

#### Non-Professional Appointments

- Singapore's Non-Resident High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea.
- Board Member, Mercy Relief.
- Member of Legal Commission, Singapore Red Cross.

#### **Justice Sandra P Mason, QC (Barbados) 1/1/14 -**

#### Tertiary Education

Recipient of the Jack Dear Scholarship for Law 1971- 1975

1970 - 1973 University of the West Indies, Cave Hill

Barbados- LLB (Hons.)

1973 - 1975 Hugh Wooding Law School, Trinidad

#### Certificate of Legal Education

1998 Course in Judicial Administration, RIPA, London

2000 Course in Alternative Dispute Resolution presented by the University of Windsor, Canada and Stitt Feld Hendy Houston ADR Ltd.

2001 Fellow, Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, Canada

Tutor in law, University of the West Indies October 1977 - December 1983

Ambassador to Venezuela, Colombia, Chile and Brazil Jan. 1993 - Nov. 1994

Chief Magistrate Dec. 1994 - Oct. 1997

Registrar of Supreme Court Nov. 1997 - August 2005

High Court Judge Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court

Justice of Appeal Barbados 2008 - current

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