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Human Rights Weekend

n the weekend of October 8 and 9, 2010, the Norman Manley Law School hosted a Seminar on The Caribbean and the Inter-American Human Rights System, sponsored jointly by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (the IACHR), the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (the IIHR) and the Law School.

Among the issues addressed by various panels of experts at the Seminar were: the nature of the Inter-American Human Rights System, subsidiarity and the jurisdiction with the Inter-American Human Rights System, human rights jurisprudence within

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Participants on Day I.



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the system, the impact of the system on human rights protection in the Caribbean, citizen security as a human right, human rights education, and the future of the Inter-American System within the Caribbean.

The Keynote Speech at the Seminar was given by Senator the Hon. Dorothy Lightbourne Q.C., Minister of Justice and



Keynote Speaker, the Hon. Dorothy Lightbourne G.C., Minister of Justice and Attorney General.



Prof. Kent Pantry Q.C., UTech Dean and NMLS Associate Tutor.

Attorney General, while Senator the Hon. Oswald Harding Q.C., President of the Jamaican Senate closed the proceedings.

The distinguished panelists included a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Professor Dinah Shelton, the Manatt/Ahn Professor of International Law at the George Washington University Law School; the Hon. Mr. Justice Winston Anderson, Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice; Dr. Lloyd Barnett, Professor



Dr. Ossie Harding Q.C., President of the Senate (foreground), who gave the closing spe `h.

Kent Pantry Q.C., Ms. Wendy Singh, Mrs. Candis Craig, Ms. Nancy Anderson, Dr. David Berry, Mrs. Yvonne McCalla-Sobers, Dr. Carolyn Gomes, Mr. David Batts, Mr. Lloyd DÕAguilar.

The panel discussions were moderated by members of staff at the Norman Manley Law School and from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, including Ms. Carol Aina, Senior Tutor; Mr. Maurice Saunders, Director of the Norman Manley Legal Aid Clinic; Ambassador Stewart Stephenson; Dr.



Senior Tutor Carol Aina (centre), who moderated one of the panels, with students.



Ms. Nancy Anderson, Tutor (left), and Mrs. Candis Craig, of Hamilton and Craig.

Shazeeda Ali; and Ms. Nancy Anderson. Principal Vasciannie of the Norman Manley Law School, together with Ms. Angelita Baeyens and Mr. Hilaire Sobers of the Commission, played multiple roles in organizing the Seminar and making presentations.

Several members of the Norman Manley Law School staff ensured that the more than BO students from the Law School and from the University of Technology were able to attend fully to the business of the Seminar. These staff members include Miss Beverly Phillips, Acting Registrar, Miss Dorcas White, Senior Tutor Emerita, Ms. Michelle Miller, Mrs. Sharon Biggs-Kirkland, Mr. Delroy Pinto, Mrs. Charmaine Hylton, Mr. Alanzo Walker and Ms. Lorice Smith.



While Mrs. McCalla-Sobers spoke ...



Two key organizers: Mr. Hilaire Sobers and Ms. Angelita Baeyens of the IACHR.



Yes, Celia, it's the same point I was making yesterday ...



Senior Tutor Emerita Dorcas White and other participants in a reflective mood.



Dr. Lloyd Barnett, Board Member IIHR.