

MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Mutual Legal Assistance is generally provided on request by a foreign jurisdiction and in accordance with a bilateral or a multilateral agreement. Mutual Legal Assistance may be provided on informal basis, that is, without the existence of an agreement.

Antigua and Barbuda has no designed forms for Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition applications. There is no general law on Mutual Legal Assistance, but we respond to request for mutual legal assistance in matters, other than criminal, in an informal way.

Antigua and Barbuda, however has a law on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters. The Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Act was passed in 1993. The Act provides for a scheme of Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters within the Commonwealth countries and facilitates its operations in Antigua and Barbuda. Provision is also made to extend the scheme to countries other than countries within the Commonwealth.