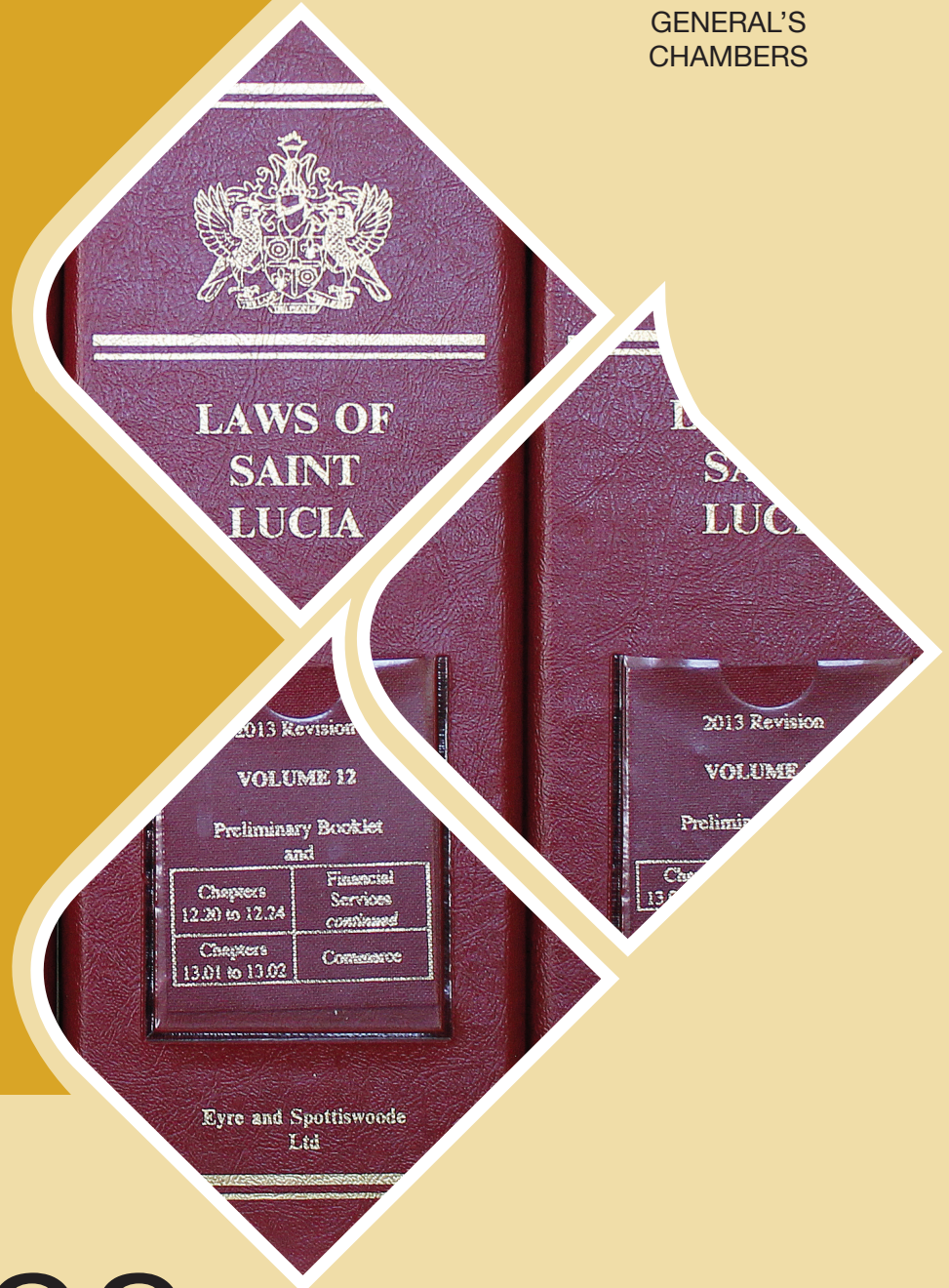




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## **Annual Report 2023**

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Thanks are extended to the management team at Chambers for the consistency of this annual production. Permanent Secretary Juliana Alfred is applauded for her leadership on this project. I also wish to commend Mr. Viannie Aimable from the National Printery Corporation for the graphics support.

Honourable Leslie V. Mondesir  
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## THE VISION

We envision a customer focused, highly effective, driven team, committed to delivering legal services of the highest professional standards.

## THE MISSION

To deliver quality and timely legal services with integrity and professionalism to fulfill the mandate of the Government of Saint Lucia.

## THE VALUES

1. Integrity – we will be honest, fair, confidential and ethical in all our relations.
2. Respect - we will treat our team and customers with the utmost courtesy and respect.
3. Professionalism – we are committed to professional best practices in the public service and aim to foster seamless synergy with other government Departments and Ministries.
4. Transparency – we will be open and accountable in our activities.

## MESSAGE BY THE PRIME MINISTER HON. PHILIP J. PIERRE



During the year under review, the Attorney General's Chambers continued to provide pivotal support in areas of litigation, drafting legislation, intellectual property, company registration and maintaining compliance with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) 40 recommendations. I wish to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to the team at Chambers for contribution to the successes of the Government during the year under review.

During 2023 the Government passed some of the following critical legislation including:

- The Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 15 of 2023 to include a provision in the Value Added Tax Act. Cap. 15.42 for alteration of the rate of a penalty.
- The Health and Citizens Security Levy Act, No. 16 of 2023 to provide for the imposition, payment and collection of health and citizen security levy. This Act was further amended by the Health and Citizens Security Levy (Amendment) Act, No. 21 of 2023.
- The Income Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 19 of 2023 to amend the Income Tax Act. Cap. 15.02 to provide for a deduction for the purchase and installation of photovoltaic systems. Another amendment was also made to the Income Tax Act. Cap. 15.02 by the Income Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 2023 to exempt the rate of tax payable under section 78 of the Act for a contract with a value not exceeding \$10,000.
- The Public Debt Management Act, No. 22 of 2023 to consolidate and modernize the laws relating to debt management by providing for the administration of public debt management. The legislation addresses issues relating to Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy; a Public Debt Sustainability Analysis; Government borrowings, guarantees, on-lending and ensures sound financial policies in relation to the management of public debt.
- The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act. No. 23 of 2023 to amend Article 1015 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Cap. 243 of the Revised Laws of Saint Lucia. 1957 with respect to letters of administration.
- The Invest Saint Lucia (Amendment) Act. No. 24 of 2023 to amend section 4 of the Invest Saint Lucia Act. Cap. 15.24 relating to the composition of the Board.
- The Civil Aviation (Amendment) Act. No. 25 of 2023 to amend the Civil Aviation Act. Cap. 8.07 to empower the Director General of the Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority to make Regulations under that Act.
- The Regulated Substances Act. No. 26 of 2023 to establish the Regulated Substances Authority. Regulated Substances Tribunal. Regulated Substances Fund and the licensing of regulated substances.

- The Consumer Protection (Amendment) Act. No. 27 of 2023 to amend section 13 of the Consumer Protection Act. Cap. 13:24 relating to investigations conducted under that Act.

In addition to this legislative agenda, Saint Lucia has diligently undertaken to combat ML/TF, proliferation financing by complying with international standards. Saint Lucia's National Anti- Money Laundering Oversight Committee (NAMLOC) is primarily responsible for coordinating the national anti-money laundering/counter terrorism financing activities. Saint Lucia undertook its fourth round Mutual Evaluation exercise in 2019 and our Report was published in 2021.

Further to the publication of our report in 2021, a suite of legislation was amended and enacted in an attempt to remedy our deficiencies. This includes the enactment of the Counter-Trafficking (Amendment) Act. No. 3 of 2021 and the Money Laundering (Prevention) (Amendment) Act. No. 16 of 2021. Other laws passed in 2022 were the International Business Companies (Amendment) Act, No. 2 of 2022; Financial Services Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Act, No. 4 of 2022; International Banks (Amendment) Act, No. 14 of 2022 and the Virtual Asset Business Act, No. 24 of 2022. In 2023, the Money Services Business (Amendment) Act, No. 4 of 2023; Money Laundering (Prevention) (Amendment) Act. No. 5 of 2023; Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Act. No. 8 of 2023; Companies (Amendment) Act, No. 9 of 2023; Extradition (Amendment) Act. No. 10 of 2023; Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) Act, No. 11 of 2023; Registration of Supervised Entities Act, No. 12 of 2023; Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Act. No. 18 of 2023 and the United Nations Sanctions (Counter-Proliferation Financing) Amendment) Act. No. 17 of 2023 were passed into law. The Money Laundering (Prevention) Regulations, No. 53 of 2023 were also promulgated and revoked the existing Regulations on the Guidance Notes, Form for the Declaration of Source of Funds and Guidelines for Conducting Other Business Activity.


In December 2023 Saint Lucia sought re-rating for twenty-two (22) FATF recommendations which were rated Partially Complaint I Non-Compliant at the 57th

CFATF Plenary in Aruba. As a result of this herculean process, Saint Lucia was re-rated as being compliant for fifteen (15) recommendations, largely compliant for 5 recommendations and partially compliant for two (2). The two recommendations for which Saint Lucia has retained the score of partially compliant are recommendation 15 which addresses New Technologies and recommendation 38 which relates to Mutual Legal Assistance.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend congratulations to the Attorney General and the National Anti- Money Laundering Oversight Committee (NAMLOC) membership and members of the private sector for the tremendous work undertaken in remedying our ML/TF/ PF deficiencies. These efforts have put Saint Lucia in an improved position from 2019.

In our quest towards becoming fully compliant with FATF recommendations, we must be mindful of our limited resources and the need to take a risk - based approach to supervision and compliance. The Government is working to find the right balance in implementing policies which are necessary but not too draconian so as to deter/restrict citizens from conducting legitimate business. This balance may be challenging to achieve in some circumstances, however the obligation remains on Saint Lucia to conduct assessments of our ML/TF risk, and to implement policies and laws in combatting the criminal elements.

As a Government we will continue to provide all the requisite assistance required by NAMLOC and by extension the Public Service and Private Sector to remain compliant.



**Honourable Philip J. Pierre**  
Prime Minister of Saint Lucia



## MESSAGE BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HON. LESLIE MONDESIR



In our 2023 annual report the Honourable Prime Minister, Mr. Philip J. Pierre has graciously shared some key insights into the agenda of the Attorney General's Chambers for the prevailing period. The Prime Minister's remarks are no doubt a testament to the invaluable contribution of Chambers to the administration's legislative mandate.

Each unit of the Attorney General's Chambers has provided the requisite support to the Government and ultimately to the people of Saint Lucia. The work programme of the National Anti - Money Laundering Oversight Committee [NAMLOC) has been specifically featured this year due to the significant strides in our re-rating efforts.

I echo the congratulations of the Honourable Prime Minister to the National Anti - Money Laundering Oversight Committee (NAMLOC) team members under the leadership of Permanent Secretary Juliana Alfred on their achievement in improving Saint Lucia's rating to fully or largely compliant with 30 of the 40 FATF recommendations. I am aware that the committee continues to work arduously towards becoming fully compliant with all of the 40 FATF recommendations and I remain totally committed to their efforts.

The Attorney General's Chambers through the collection of processing fees for marriage licences, business registration transactions at the Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property and now, the registration of Supervised Entities has generated increased revenue for the Government of Saint Lucia.

During the financial year 2023/2024, the revenue collected surpassed the initial projections for the period. The Legislative Drafting Unit has continued to support the socio - economic initiatives of the Government, by carefully drafting various pieces of legislation, to facilitate the implementation of the policies of the Government.

The Advice and Litigation Unit remains steadfast in fulfilling its obligation to providing support and timely advice to the various ministries and departments.

The Unit is also involved in engaging foreign states in the execution of Mutual and Legal Assistance Requests, Extraditions and also participating in discussions with

CARICOM and the OECS as it relates to the free movement of persons within the regional blocs particularly as we prepare for the hosting of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup. These duties also coincide with dutifully representing the interests of the Crown in litigation before the Courts.

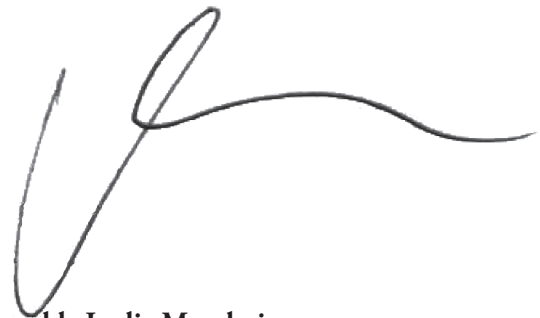
All the units are supported by the Administrative Department who ensure that employees are equipped to perform their various roles and to maintain a safe healthy working environment.

It is again with pleasure that I invite all to become acquainted with the role and functions of this department and to celebrate our achievements. I again express my gratitude to the Honourable Prime Minister for his unwavering support to the Attorney General 's Chambers.

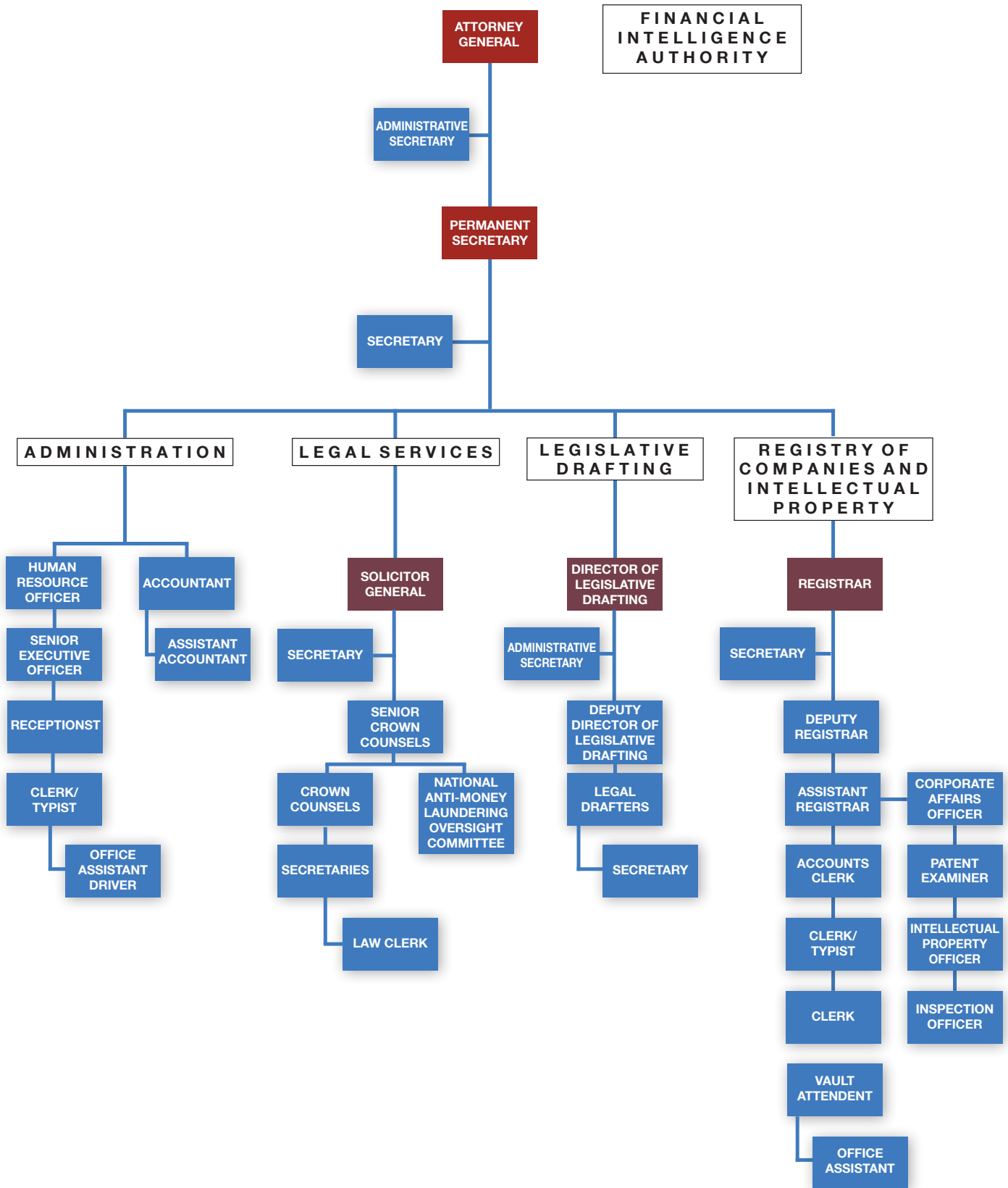
In closing , I wish to acknowledge our Permanent Secretary Ms. Juliana Alfred for her dedication and her invaluable work as Chair of the NAMLOC. The commitment of other

heads of department and all staff members are also well recognized and applauded.

To our stakeholders, we continue to persevere and sustain our mission and vision statements. Thank you for your support and I look forward to continuing to be of service to you and the country.

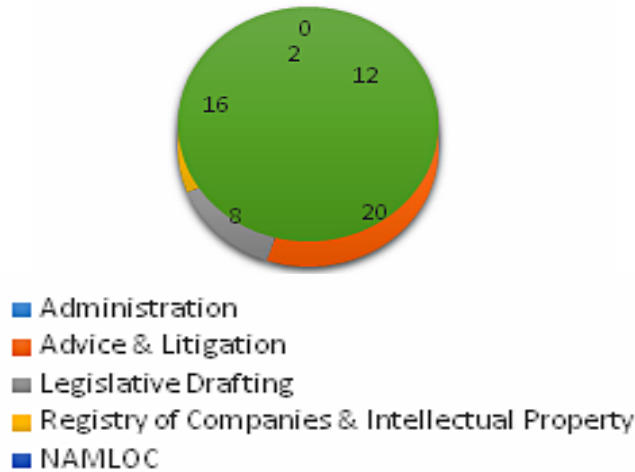
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**Honourable Leslie Mondesir**  
Attorney General



## ADMINISTRATION UNIT

**Attorney General's Chambers  
Demographic Chart**



This diagram illustrates in graphic actual number of employees in the different units at the Attorney General's Chambers.

The administrative unit of the Attorney General's Chambers is overseen by the Permanent Secretary and operates under the direction of the Attorney General. This unit continues to provide support to all units at Chambers namely, Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property, the Legislative Drafting Unit, Advice and Litigation Unit and the Financial Intelligence Authority.

During the year under review, the main administration unit of the Attorney General's Chambers, continued to assist the Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property and the Advice and Litigation Unit in the following initiatives:-

Administrative and Logistical support:-

- i. World Intellectual Property Open Day under the theme: Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity held on April 26, 2023. The Permanent Secretary delivered remarks at the opening ceremony, hosted by ROCIP. Our Olympic decorated athlete Ms. Julien Alfred was also honored on that day.
- ii. Export Saint Lucia and the Small Business Development Centre (SBDC) partnered with ROCIP for their annual IP open day.
- iii. The Ministerial Level Meeting on IP for the Caribbean Countries held on November 5 – 7, 2023.

- iv. Meeting of UNODC Anti-Corruption Hub visit to Saint Lucia was held on July 3, 2023 at the Public Service Training Room.

COVID Safety Protocols: -

Chambers continues to observe safety measures particularly in relation to respiratory illnesses in spite of the changes in COVID protocols.

Training/Workshops:-

Staff at the Attorney General's Chambers were given the opportunity to participate in various training programmes including:

- Business Writing and Communication attended by Kerrine Jn. Pierre-Allembert in March 2023.
- Customer Service Excellence attended by Shani Joseph on September 25, 2023.
- Orientation to New Entrant (2nd part) attended by Shquarn Wilkinson held on February 7, 2023.
- Strategic Planning sessions were held with Staff on the 2023 – 2026 Plan.
- Leadership and conflict resolution capacity building sessions were held in April, 2022 for management and staff.
- Finalization of Strategic Plan meeting for the Heads of Department was facilitated by the Permanent Secretary.

Name	Acting Appointments/Promotion
Antonia Charlemagne	Promoted to Senior Crown Counsel
Rochelle John-Charles	Promoted to Crown Counsel IV
George Kamali Charlemagne	Promoted to Crown Counsel III
Clara Hyacinth	Promoted to Secretary II
Sophia Pelage-David	Secretary IV
Jevani Joseph	Continuation of Acting Appointment as Secretary I
Tricia Aldonza	Administrative Assistant
Nakisha Haynes	Continuation of Acting Appointment as Secretary II

Name	Acting Appointments/Promotion
Shamara Avril	Acting Appointment as Corporate Affairs Officer & Secretary I
Kerrine Jn. Pierre-Allembert	Promoted to Secretary II
Kanasha Simond	Acting Appointment as Intellectual Property Officer I
Shquarn Wilkinson	Acting Appointment as Clerk/Typist
Nakisha Haynes	Acting Appointment as Secretary III
Tamara Mathurin	Deputy Registrar (ROCIP)

#### Other staff matters:-

- On **May 15, 2023** two (2) officers joined the Chambers family as Consultants, **Mr. Sherbaz Hercules** and **Ms. Dinel Grey**.

#### Staff social events:-

- Independence activity – Health and Wellness fair held on February 17, 2023 Theme: ***Douvan Asanm et Bon Sante “Forward Together With Good Health”***.
- Staff retreat and social activity was held on **April 24, 2023** at the Mount of Prayer Coubaril under the theme ***“Promoting Positive Team Dynamics”***. The day began with a Church service, followed by a presentation on our Strategic Plan by a Consultant. Certificates were also presented to staff and they enjoyed an afternoon of games and Karaoke.
- Staff Creole Brunch held on October 27th, 2023 at the Attorney General's Chambers. The event was deemed a success.

- On **Friday June 23, 2023** staff were encouraged to attend an ecumenical praise and worship service at the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Castries to commemorate Public Service Day. Staff were treated to lunch thereafter.
- Gala Christmas Dinner held at Mystic St. Lucia Hotel in Rodney Bay on **December 12th, 2023**, this activity was held to be a resounding success.

#### Farewell

- Management and staff bid farewell to **Ms. Karen Bernard, Crown Counsel** and **Ms. Vilette Benjamin, Legal Drafter** on **July 25, 2023** and **August 1, 2023** respectively.
- Management bid farewell to **Ms. Temika Jackson** – after a short stint from **May 15, 2023 to September 29, 2023**, and **Ms. Shani Joseph** on **October 3, 2023**.
- Management and staff bid farewell to **Senior Crown Counsel Rene Williams** on **March 31, 2023**. The officer was presented with a token of appreciation in recognition of his stellar contribution to work at Chambers.
- Management and staff bid farewell to **Solicitor General, Tina Louison** on **January 31, 2024**. The officer was presented with a token of appreciation in recognition of her contribution to work at Chambers.
- Management and staff bid farewell to **Senior Crown Counsel, Kozel Creese** on **February 6, 2024** a token was also presented to the officer for her contribution to the work of Chambers.

Management continues to play a pivotal role in the welfare and advancement of staff at Chambers



## PROFILE CORNER: NATIONAL ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (NAMLOC)

### Saint Lucia's Re-Rating Exercise

Saint Lucia underwent its Fourth Round Mutual Evaluation in 2019 to determine the strength of its anti-money laundering (AML)/counter-terrorist financing (CFT)/counter-proliferation financing (CPF) regime against the Financial Action Task Force Forty (40) Recommendations.

At the end of Saint Lucia's assessment, the Mutual Evaluation Report was published in 2021 and the country was placed in enhanced follow-up due to significant deficiencies in technical compliance and effectiveness of our regime.

The areas with the technical deficiencies and the ratings provided are detailed below:

Recommendations	Ratings
1-Assessing risks and applying risk-based approach	PC
2-National cooperation and coordination	PC
3-Money laundering offence	PC
5-Terrorist financing offence	PC
6-Targeted financial sanctions related to terrorism and terrorist financing	NC
7-Targeted financial sanction related to proliferation	NC
8-Non-profit organizations	NC
10-Customer due diligence	PC
12-Politically exposed persons	PC
14-Money or Value Transfer Services	PC
15-New technologies	PC
16-Wire transfers	NC
17-Reliance on third parties	PC
18-Internal controls and foreign branches and subsidiaries	NC
19-Higher-risk countries	NC
20-Reporting of suspicious transactions	PC
22- Designated non-financial businesses and professions (DNFBPs): Customer Due Diligence	PC

Recommendations	Ratings
23-DNFBPs: other measures	PC
24-Transparency and beneficial ownership of legal persons	PC
25-Transparency and beneficial ownership of legal arrangements	PC
26-Regulation and supervision of financial institution	NC
27-Powers of supervisors	PC
28-Regulation and supervision of DNFBPs	PC
29-Financial intelligence units	PC
33-Statistics	PC
34-Guidance and feedback	PC
35-Sanctions	NC
37-Mutual legal assistance	PC
38-Mutual legal assistance: freezing and confiscation	PC
40-Other forms of international cooperation	PC

#### Key

**NC: non-compliant**

**PC: partially compliant**

Further to these re-ratings, the National Anti-Money Laundering Oversight Committee (NAMLOC) embarked on a legislative drive to remedy the technical deficiencies.

This legislative agenda included amendments to legislation and introduction of new legislation including:

- Anti-terrorism Act, Cap 3.14
- Companies Act, Cap 13.01
- Extradition Act, Cap 2.10
- Money Laundering (Prevention) Act, Cap 12.20
- Money Laundering (Prevention) Regulations, Cap 12.20
- Money Services Business Act, Cap 12.22
- Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, Cap 3.03
- Proceeds of Crime Act, Cap 3.04
- Registration of Supervised Entities Act, No. 12 of 2023

- United Nations Sanctions (Counter Proliferation-Financing) Act, Cap 12:30
- Virtual Assets Business Act, No. 4 of 2022

Saint Lucia also had to ensure that its National Risk Assessment (NRA) was revised and updated in order to comply with Recommendation 1 (Assessing risks and applying a risk-based approach). In preparation for updating the NRA, NAMLOC solicited technical assistance from the World Bank. The World Bank was instrumental in assisting Saint Lucia's understanding of the World Bank's Risk Assessment Tool, this tool was used for assessing the various sectors and to review our sectoral reports.

NAMLOC members were organized into teams in collaboration with members of the public and private sector. These teams included:

- Banking Committee
- Virtual Assets Subcommittee
- Legal Persons and Arrangements Subcommittee
- Terrorist Financing Committee
- DNFBPs Subcommittee
- National Threat and National Vulnerability Subcommittee
- Non-Profit Organizations Committee
- Other Financial Institutions Subcommittee

The NRA identified the sectors that are at higher, medium or lower risks or vulnerable to ML/TF activities and measures necessary to mitigate against these risks.

At the completion of the NRA, a National Action Plan and Policy which stipulates the actions to be undertaken by the various stakeholders was developed. Some of the critical actions noted were:

- Strengthening of the AML/CFT/CPF legal and institutional framework
- Improvement of the effectiveness and efficiency of ML/TF/PF investigations and prosecutions
- Continued strengthening and capacity building for AML/CFT/CPF awareness
- Allocation of adequate resources to regulators for the effective execution of functions
- Increased supervision and regulation of NPOs

The 2022 NRA report, the 2023-2026 National AML/CFT/CPF Policy and the National Action Plan were approved by the Cabinet of Ministers in May 2023.



The findings of the 2022 NRA highlighted some the following ratings:

Sectors	2022 NRA Rating
Accountants	High
Attorneys	High
Car Dealers	Low
Citizenship by Investment Programme	Medium
Commercial Banks	Medium
Companies	Medium
Co-operatives	Low
Credit Unions	Medium-High
Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones	Medium
Domestic Insurance	Medium-Low
Free Trade Area	Medium
International Banks (Class B)	Medium-High
Micro-lenders	Medium-Low
Money Remitters	Medium-High
National Threat	Medium-Low
National Vulnerability	Medium
Non-Profit Organizations	Medium-Low
Partnerships	Medium-Low
Real Estate	Medium-High
Registered Agents	Medium-High
Securities	Low
Terrorist Financing	Medium-Low
Trusts	Medium-Low
Virtual Assets and Virtual Assets Service Providers	Low





In light of the tremendous amount of work undertaken, Saint Lucia therefore applied for re-ratings in May 2023 for the following twenty-two (22) Recommendations:

Recommendations
1-Assessing risks and applying risk-based approach
2-National cooperation and coordination
3-Money laundering offence
5-Terrorist financing offence
10-Customer due diligence
12-Politically exposed persons
14-Money or value transfer services
15-New technologies
16-Wire transfers
17-Reliance on third parties
18-Internal controls and foreign branches and subsidiaries
19-Higher-risk countries
20-Reporting of suspicious transactions
22-DNFBBPs: customer due diligence
23-DNFBBPs: other measures
27-Powers of supervisors
29-Financial intelligence units
34-Guidance and feedback
35-Sanctions
37-Mutual legal assistance
38-Mutual legal assistance: freezing and confiscation
40-Other forms of international cooperation

In preparation for the re-rating, Saint Lucia submitted its technical compliance annex outlining the respective legislation that pertained to the relevant deficiency. Saint Lucia's submissions were reviewed by a group of experts from the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF) member states under the leadership and guidance of CFATF Secretariat. At the end of the assessment, Saint Lucia's ML/TF/PF third follow up report was presented at the November 2023 Plenary and Working Group Meetings held in Aruba. The plenary approved the review by the assessors and new ratings applied. Saint Lucia was able to obtain improved ratings of largely compliant and compliant in 20 out of the 22 Recommendations.

The table below shows the rating upgrades:

Recommendation	Rating (2023 FUR)
1	C
2	C
3	LC
5	C
10	C
12	C
14	LC
15	PC
16	C
17	C
18	C
19	C
20	C
22	LC
23	C
27	C
29	C
34	C
35	C
37	LC
38	PC
40	LC

**Key**

**PC: partially compliant**

**LC: largely compliant**

**C: compliant**

NAMLOC must recognize the significant co-operation received from the members of the public and private sectors, as their efforts contributed to the success of this re-rating process. Special commendation is also extended to the CFATF Secretariat for its guidance and support during this entire process. As the country continues to address the remaining deficiencies of the 4th Round, we must simultaneously be in preparation mode for the 5th Round scheduled to commence in the region during 2025.





### The Fifth Round of Mutual Evaluations

Saint Lucia will tentatively undergo its fifth round mutual evaluations in 2028. The fifth round will assess technical compliance with the FATF 40 Recommendations and 11 Immediate Outcomes. The assessment of the Immediate Outcomes evaluates the effectiveness of Saint Lucia's AML/CFT/CPF systems and requires evidence supporting its functionality. The Immediate Outcomes ratings highlighted in the 4th Round Mutual Evaluation Report were as follows:

Immediate Outcome	Effectiveness
1 - Risk, policy and co-ordination	Low
2- International co-operation	Moderate
3 - Supervision	Low
4 - Preventative Measures	Low
5 - Legal persons and Arrangements	Low
6 - Financial intelligence ML/TF	Low
7 - ML investigation and Prosecution	Moderate
8 - Confiscation	Moderate
9 - TF investigation and prosecution	Low
10 - TF preventative measures and financial sanctions	Low
11 - PF financial sanctions	Low

During the fifth round these Immediate Outcomes will be assessed taking into account the highlighted deficiencies that existed during the 4th Round and assessing what progress has been achieved. The assessment will also consider the new amendments made to the FATF Recommendations since the last evaluation.

The amended FATF Recommendations now include:

#### Amended Recommendations

15 - New Technologies
22 - DNFBPs: Customer due diligence
23 - DNFBPs: Other measures
24 - Transparency and Beneficial Ownership of Legal Persons
25 - Transparency and Beneficial Ownership of Legal Arrangements
4 - Confiscation and provisional measures
30 - Responsibility of law enforcement and investigative agencies
31 - Powers of law enforcement and investigative agencies
38 - Mutual legal Assistance
8 - Non-Profit Organizations

NAMLOC continues to monitor the changes made by the FATF with a view of ensuring that Saint Lucia's regime continues to meet these requirements. NAMLOC ensures that its members and other persons in the public sector are trained in order to best fulfill our mandate.

Some of the training undertaken by NAMLOC members include:

Training	Date
FATF Standards Training	April 24th-27th, 2023
FATF/CFATF Joint Assessors' Training	July 10th-14th, 2023
The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Managing Financial Investigations Programme	October 23rd- November 3rd, 2023

Training	Date
FATF Standards Training Course Train-the-Trainer	November 27th-December 1st, 2023
Regional Trade Based Money Laundering Workshop	December 6th-8th, 2023
Virtual Asset Risk and Regulation Training Invitation	February 7th-8th, 2024

The section below provides an overview of the work undertaken by NAMLOC members to address the issues of effectiveness.

### 1. Eastern Caribbean Central Bank AML/CFT/CPF Supervision of LFI

During 2023, the Eastern Caribbean central Bank (ECCB) continued with the implementation of its risk-based AML/CFT/CPF supervisory programme in Saint Lucia. The following are key highlights of the work programme for the review period:

- **Offsite monitoring** - The ECCB continued its offsite monitoring of LFIs in Saint Lucia through the assessment of information received through risk-focused information, updates on remedial action items, and new and money laundering, terrorist and proliferation financing risks (ML/TF/PF), based on country and regional surveillance.
- **Onsite Examinations** - Since assuming AML/CFT supervisory oversight for LFIs in November 2021, the ECCB has completed baseline AML/CFT/CPF examinations of all LFIs in Saint Lucia. The ECCB conducted two (2) full scope examinations of LFIs in Saint Lucia, and one (1) follow-up examination during 2023.
- **Issuance of Directive on Email Account Compromise and Business Email Compromise** - In May 2023, the ECCB issued a directive to LFIs in Saint Lucia, requiring that LFIs ensure, that their implemented systems and procedures are capable of adequately guarding against financial cybercrimes. In an effort to deter the growing trend of cyber-enabled fraud, LFIs were required to take the following steps:
  - Review systems and procedures to ensure that they are adequate to avert cyber financial crimes.
  - Evaluate identified instances of cyber fraud, involving clients or clients of other financial institutions.







- Conduct targeted training to refresh and update employees, of protocols that must be followed regarding cyber related transactions.
- Implement know your customer practices.
- Empower and educate customers, to ensure clients are aware of measures to protect their passwords and prevent their credentials from being easily accessible.
- **Publication of Advisory on Jurisdictions with AML/CFT Deficiencies** - The ECCB issued an advisory to LFIs, concerning the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) public statement issued on 27 October 2023. The advisory followed the conclusion of the FATF fourth Plenary held in Paris, under the Presidency of T Raja Kumar of Singapore. Jurisdictions were required to remain vigilant to current and emerging risks, from the circumvention of measures taken against the Russian Federation, in order to protect the international financial system. LFIs were advised that the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine continues to run

counter to FATF's principles and thus, the suspension of the membership of the Russian Federation continued to stand.

- **Regional/International Co-operation** - A Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MMoU) has been established between the ECCB and regional financial authorities in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU). The MMoU provides a framework for mutual cooperation in AML/CFT/CPF supervision, including sharing of information as it relates to the fitness and probity of shareholders, directors and senior officers at LFIs. Accordingly, during the period 1 January to 31 December 2023, the ECCB, made thirty-three (33) requests for information to competent authorities across the ECCU to facilitate fit and proper assessments.

#### Training and Sensitization

- **Launch of the ECCB AML Virtual Learning Campus**- As part of its ongoing initiatives towards training and raising ML/TF/PF risk awareness amongst stakeholders, the ECCB launched its AML/CFT/CPF virtual learning campus on 12 September 2023. Accordingly, the ECCB assigns mandatory webinars for completion by its ECCB ACAMS Enterprise Members on a quarterly basis. The objective, is to ensure that topical areas based on identified deficiencies and new and merging ML/TF/PF risks are covered by enterprise members. LFIs were required to complete the following webinars for the period ended December 2023:
  - The Risk List: Components that Regulators Are Looking for in Your Risk Assessment Programme.
  - Unlocking Growth: AML Risk Assessment for Customer Experience.
  - Action Required: Risk Assessment Flaws Identified in Recent Regulatory Feedback.
  - What's Beneficial, What's Not: Global Implementation of FATF's Ultimate Beneficial Ownership Standards.
  - Handle with Care: Strategies for Dealing with High-Risk Customer Types and Industry Sectors.

AML/CFT/CPF Training for LFIs- The ECCB conducted the following virtual AML/CFT/CPF training sessions:

- The Ease of Account Opening- the training outlined measures to be implemented to facilitate the ease of opening bank accounts and measures to facilitate the updating of customer due diligence information.

- **Virtual Assets Service Providers (VASPs) and the Role of LFIs** - the training defined who are VASPs, discussed LFIs' potential exposure to virtual assets and VASPs, and discussed the role of LFIs in the management of risk posed by VASPs.

**The ECCB Quarterly AML/CFT Newsletter** - The ECCB issued its 9th, 10th, 11 and 12th issues of the AML/CFT Newsletter in 2023. The newsletters featured the following topics:

#### Issue 12

- Featured Article: Navigating the Waves, Challenges and Opportunities in Fortifying the AML/CFT/CPF Framework in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union.
- Regulatory Updates:
  - Results of the Financial Action Task Force Plenary - Paris (October 2023);
  - Updates to the FATF Black and Grey Lists;
  - Taxation: Antigua and Barbuda, Belize and Seychelles added to European Union (EU) List of Non-Cooperative Jurisdictions for Tax Purposes; and
  - FATF turns sights towards Citizenship and Residency by Investment Programmes.
- Emerging ML/TF/PF Trend: Pig Butchering.
- Outcomes of the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF) 57th Plenary and Working Groups Meeting.
- Press Release on the Completion of Saint Lucia's 2023 Re-Rating.
- The Threat Within – The Employee Perspective.

#### Issue 11

Managing the risks and vulnerabilities associated with the Medicinal Cannabis Industry;

- The role of the ECCB as AML/CFT Supervisory Authority.
- Regulatory Updates:
  - Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) publishes latest edition of Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) and Blocked Persons List;
  - The EU establishes autonomous Haiti Sanctions Framework; and
  - The launch of the ECCB Virtual AML/CFT/CPF Learning Campus.

- Security Feature: It's Easy to Stay Safe Online.
- Romance fraud case study and tips for mitigation of associated risks.

#### Issue 10

- Considerations for LFIs to implement Artificial Intelligence Technology.
- Simplified Due Diligence.
- Regulatory Updates:
  - The ECCB issues directives and advisories on financial cybercrime;
  - Wolfsberg Group updated guidelines and best practices for anti-bribery and corruption programmes;
  - FATF added Croatia, Cameroon and Vietnam to grey list, while issuing warning to Jamaica and Barbados; and
  - Outcomes of the June 2023 FATF Plenary.
- Guidance for effective transaction monitoring.
- The United States (US) Department of Treasury's De-Risking Strategy.
- Once a Politically Exposed Person (PEP), always a PEP? International guidance on the treatment of PEPs.
- The sale of fake virtual assets typology.

#### Issue 9

- What's The Buzz About Virtual Assets?
- Regulatory Updates:
  - The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council judgment: Jamaican attorneys-at-law to comply fully with Proceeds of Crime act as designated non-financial institutions;
  - Results of the February 2023 FATF Plenary;
  - Updates to FATF black and grey lists; and
  - Lawmakers advance EU AML action plan.
- Money Laundering as a Service.
- Deepfake- Implications for Compliance.
- Feature – ECCB-ACAMS Scholarship Recipient.
- ML/FT/PF Risk Management.
- Business Email Compromise.
- Building a 'Security Aware' Culture.

United Nations Capital Development Fund Scholarships—The United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), with administrative support from the ECCB, offered specialized capacity-building courses aimed at augmenting





the skills set of financial regulators and supervisors within the ECCU, in the areas of digital assets regulation and supervision, payment system modernization, and financial inclusion.

Accordingly, over the period February to September 2023, sixty (60) from across the ECCU completed the following courses:

- Digital Assets for Regulators;
- Regulation in Digital Financial Services;
- Digital Financial Inclusion Supervision;
- Fintech and Regulatory Innovation;
- Digital Money;
- Block chain and Cryptocurrency;
- Blind Spots: Gender in Digital Financial Services; and
- Anti-Money Laundering and Compliance.

The ECCB has secured additional technical assistance from the UNCDF, to facilitate a second round of this training, with seventy (70) scholarships being awarded to the regulators across the ECCU. The training which will commence in February 2024, aims to better equip regulators with the knowledge on the mechanisms of virtual assets regulation within the financial space.

## 2. Financial Intelligence Authority:

The Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA) plays a pivotal role in the fight against financial crime and is the bedrock for protecting the integrity of the country's financial system. One of the FIA's principal objectives in fulfilling its mandate is to assess the AML/CTF risks and corresponding mitigating measures of its reporting entities to ascertain their level of compliance with AML/CFT obligations.

The FIA understands the importance of remaining current with ever-changing AML/CFT developments, criminal activities and evolving financial tactics misused for criminal

purposes. This understanding guides the staff of the FIA and has led to the undertaking of numerous professional capacity building initiatives.

Saint Lucia updated its 2019 National Risk Assessment (NRA) in 2022 and the FIA played an integral role in the process. The staff of the FIA were dedicated to working closely with counterparts from the private sector/reporting entities in gathering relevant information and statistics required to meet the objectives. Accordingly, laws and regulations had to be updated to comply with international standards and the CFATF recommendations.

## Legislative Amendments

The FIA collaborated with the NAMLOC and Attorney General Chambers to review existing legislations and provided input necessary to facilitate the changes. This process led to the enactment of following legislative amendments:

- Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Act No.8 of 2023
- Money Laundering (Prevention) (Amendment) Act No.16 of 2021
- Money Laundering (Prevention) (Amendment) Act No. 5 of 2023
- Money Laundering (Prevention) Regulations SI #53 of 2023
- Registration of Supervised Entities Act No. 12 of 2023
- Proceeds of Crime Act

## National Risk Assessment 2022

The FIA was primarily responsible for the oversight of the following sectors:

- Credit Unions
- Insurance
- Money Service Business Providers
- Real Estate Agents

- Registered Agents
- International Banks
- Accountants
- Attorneys-at-law
- Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones
- Motor Vehicle Dealers

The process included disseminating questionnaires to gather data and analyse the inherent threats, vulnerabilities and mitigation measures that existed within Saint Lucia. The following are some of the factors considered during the process:

- AML/CFT legal framework
- Effectiveness of supervision
- Availability of access to beneficial ownership information

The analysis also considered risks from customers, products/services, transactions, geography and delivery channels of the assigned sectors. The findings of this analysis forms part of the 2023 National Risk Assessment.

#### **Issuance of Guidance Notes**

The FIA continues also issued guidelines in order to provide clarity on interpretation of legislation and international best practice which aids with the development of anti-money laundering policies and procedures.

#### **Registration of Supervised Entities Framework**

One of the major deficiencies highlighted during the 4th Round Mutual Evaluation of Saint Lucia was the lack of laws applicable to licensing or registration of a number of Other Business Activities (OBA). As such, attorneys and accountants who carry on a certain class of business activity, dealers in precious metals and stones, motor vehicle dealers and real estate agents desirous of operating a business could have conducted operations without being subjected to any prior checks regarding competence, background or AML/CFT framework.

The Registration of Supervised Entities Act, No. 12 of 2023 was developed to address this deficiency and placed a mandatory provision for the referenced OBAs to comply with the provisions of the MLPA. The Act requires all persons or entities operating within these OBA sectors to register with the Financial Intelligence Authority, or otherwise face criminal sanctions.

The Supervision Unit spearheaded the project and is the primary unit within the FIA with over sight of the process. The development of the Registration of Supervised Entities

framework required significant time and effort from the Unit. The registration posed a few challenges for the Unit as the requirement to register with the FIA was met with reservation from some participants who required greater outreach and education.

The introduction of this legislative requirement will ensure greater supervision and monitoring of business activities that present a risk for money laundering, terrorist financing. Some of the functions of the Unit under this new registration regime include:

- Grant or refuse of application for registration
- Issue a Certificate of Registration
- Maintenance of register known as the Register of Supervised Entities which contains relevant information on each entity
- Renewal of registration
- Suspension of registration
- Revocation of registration

The FIA is committed to working with reporting entities to ensure compliance with the AML/CFT requirements of the MLPA. We remain resolute in the pursuit to protect the overall safety and soundness of Saint Lucia's financial sector and to collaborate with key players to strengthen our AML/CFT regime.

### **3. Financial Services Regulatory Authority**

The Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) was established by the Financial Services Regulatory Authority Act, No. 13 of 2011 to oversee and regulate both the international and non-bank financial services sectors in Saint Lucia. The International Financial Services sector primarily encompasses international insurance, international banks, and international mutual funds, while the non-bank financial services sector mainly includes the domestic insurance sector, credit unions, and money services business providers. As at 2022, the FSRA is the administrator of the Virtual Assets Business Act No. 24 of 2022 (VABA).

Financial institutions licensed under the Banking Act, Cap 12.01 of the revised laws of Saint Lucia, fall under the supervision of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB).

Supervision regarding anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism measures is provided by the Financial Intelligence Authority of Saint Lucia and ECCB. In the case of ECCB,



their mandate is solely for financial institutions licensed under the Banking Act. Consequently, the FSRA serves as the prudential regulator of the financial sector in Saint Lucia.

In accordance with the Recommendation 26.3 issued by the Financial Action Task Force, which emphasizes preventing criminals or their associates from holding significant or controlling interests, or management functions, in a financial institution, the FSRA, as the licensing authority in Saint Lucia, is obligated to enact the necessary legal or regulatory measures.

To fulfill this requirement, the FSRA has undertaken various tasks, including but not limited to the following for the fiscal year 2023/2024:

#### **Effectiveness compliance/ Regulatory Work**

Criterion 3.1 of Immediate Outcome 3 is described as follows:

“How well does licensing, registration or other controls implemented by supervisors or other authorities prevent criminals and their associates from holding, or being the beneficial owner of a significant or controlling interest or holding a management function in financial institutions, DNFBPs or VASPs? How well are breaches of such licensing or registration requirements detected?”

When licensing and on boarding a new financial institution, prudential supervision involves a comprehensive process to ensure that the institution meets regulatory standards and

poses no undue risk to the financial system. In addition, in order to comply with the requirement of the FATF Recommendation, some of the key tasks during this phase include:

- **Background Checks and Screening** - The FSRA conducts thorough background checks on the institution's owners, directors, senior management, and other key personnel to ensure they are fit and proper individuals with no history of criminal activity or association with criminal organizations. This involves verifying identities, conducting criminal record checks, source of funds and assessing the reputation and integrity of individuals.
- **Ownership Transparency** - The FSRA requires the institution to provide detailed information about its ownership structure, including the ultimate beneficial owners (UBOs) and any corporate entities or individuals with significant or controlling interests. The Authority scrutinizes the ownership chain to identify any hidden or undisclosed interests that may be linked to criminal activities. As a result, the Authority will not approve complex structure in terms of ownership.
- **Enhanced Due Diligence** - In cases where the institution's ownership or management raises red flags or triggers heightened risk concerns, the FSRA requires enhanced due diligence measures, such as additional background checks, source of wealth inquiries, and risk assessments. This may include scrutinizing the source of funds used to establish or invest in the institution to ensure they are legitimate and not derived from illicit activities.



- **Compliance Framework-** The FSRA assesses the institution's proposed compliance framework to ensure it has robust policies, procedures, and controls in place to prevent money laundering, terrorist financing, and other financial crimes. This includes implementing effective know-your-customer (KYC) procedures, customer due diligence (CDD) measures, and ongoing monitoring of customer transactions and activities.
- **Regulatory Oversight:** The FSRA undertakes ongoing regulatory oversight to ensure the institution adheres to all applicable laws, regulations, and prudential standards. The Authority conduct regular reviews and inspections to assess the institution has not changed the approved particulars submitted at the time of its application.

Therefore, FSRA plays a crucial role in ensuring the integrity and stability of the financial sector by overseeing the licensing of financial institutions and ensuring they adhere to regulatory standards. One key aspect of this oversight is the requirement for financial institutions to appoint a compliance officer in keeping with the Money Laundering (Prevention) Act, Cap 12.20 of Saint Lucia. The FSRA emphasizes the importance of having a competent compliance officer who possesses the necessary knowledge, skills, and expertise to effectively identify, assess, and manage compliance risks within the institution.

In addition to the compliance officer role, the FSRA mandates that financial institutions have robust anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) policies in place.

For the period under review the FSRA has:

- Licensed a new Registered Agent under the Registered Agent and Trustee Licensing Act;
- Renewed the license of a Registered Trustee;
- Licensed international insurance companies.

### Training

In 2022, the Virtual Assets Business Act No. 24 of 2022 (VABA) was enacted. The VABA seeks to provide for the regulation and supervision of virtual assets business in and from within Saint Lucia.

In the year under review the FSRA received training in virtual assets business with Chainalysis, a provider of certification and tailor-made solutions in the regulation of cryptocurrency/blockchain and virtual assets business. The training was largely targeted at AML/CFT providers, but was also geared towards prudential regulators such as the



FSRA, by providing guidance on the prudential regulators' role as gate-keepers of their respective jurisdictions in relation to when a virtual assets business is, and what constitutes, 'carrying on business' in the virtual online platform ecosystem.

### 4. Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

In an effort to improve national cooperation and coordination (FATF Recommendation 2) as well as to address Recommendation 33 which focuses on the need to maintain statistics, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) is in the process of implementing an electronic database case. All staff at the Office of the DPP underwent training in its operation. During that training, however, recommendations for improvements were made, including the addition of data entry boxes specifically focused on POCA related matters such as statistics for cash forfeiture, restraint orders and confiscation/forfeiture orders. The software creators have been working on improvements to the system which will also bolster coordinate AML/CFT oversight. These improvements are expected to be completed by April 2024 should no further technical issues arise.

There has been improved coordination between the Office of the DPP and the FIA. A process has been undertaken, where correspondence is sent to the FIA by the Office of the DPP alerting them about the existence of case files where financial investigations may be undertaken in an effort to see if asset recovery is appropriate. This level of cooperation will be improved even further upon the full implementation of the electronic databases

The AML/CFT/CPF landscape continues to evolve and NAMLOC pledges to ensure that Saint Lucia's AML/CFT/CPF regime remains robust. NAMLOC takes this opportunity to thank our stakeholders and partners for the collaboration in this global fight against criminal activity.

# ACCOUNTS UNIT

## Introduction

The overall revenue collection performance of Chambers for the period April 2023 to March 2024 surpassed projections of \$1,861,549 by \$334,358 totaling \$2,195,907.

Despite this encouraging performance the revenue stream of marriage licenses continue to underperform, registering a deficit of \$97,295 for the period under review. Chambers remains optimistic that this trend will improve as the tourism industry continues on its upward growth and Saint Lucia maintains its status as a honeymoon destination.

The Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property is the main contributor to the overall positive variance with a surplus collection of \$398,864. Most of this revenue comes from the registration of companies and business names and trademarks.

During this period there was also the introduction of a new revenue stream under Chambers namely the Registration of Supervised Entities. This is an annual registration paid by registered Accountants, Attorneys, Dealers in precious metals or stones, Motor Dealers and Real Estate Agents as part of the AML/CFT/PF regime.

## Revenue

### Actual revenue vs. Budgeted revenue (April 2023 to March 2024) ROCIP

	Actual Revenue	Budgeted Revenue	Variance
April 2023	104,352	115,714	(11,362)
May 2023	193,113	125,877	67,236
June 2023	160,981	131,624	29,357
July 2023	146,427	121,775	24,652
August 2023	167,917	113,534	54,383
September 2023	162,696	117,095	45,601
October 2023	134,796	69,264	65,532
November 2023	167,583	97,454	70,129
December 2023	123,130	91,731	31,399
January 2024	118,831	87,131	31,700
February 2024	120,115	92,346	27,769
March 2024	130,088	167,620	37,532)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,730,029</b>	<b>1,331,165</b>	<b>398,864</b>

Table 1.1

Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property revenue collection registered negative variances in April 2023 of \$11,362 and March 2024 of \$37,532. However the actual cumulative revenue of \$1,730,029 against budgeted cumulative revenue of \$1,331,165 resulted in a positive variance of \$398,864.

### Line graph Actual revenue vs. Budgeted revenue (April 2023 to March 2024)

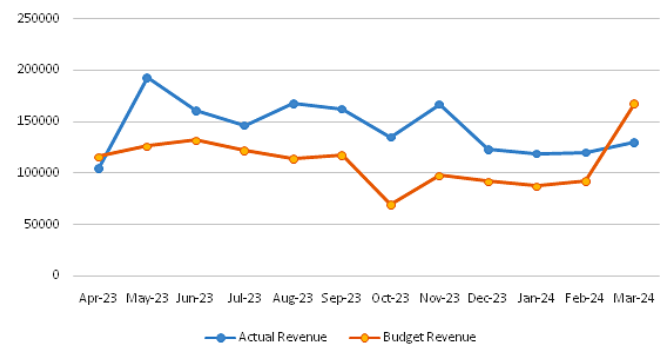


Chart 1.1

Chart 1.1 graphical representation of information contained in Table 1.1 Actual revenue versus budget revenue for April 2023 to March 2024 for Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP).

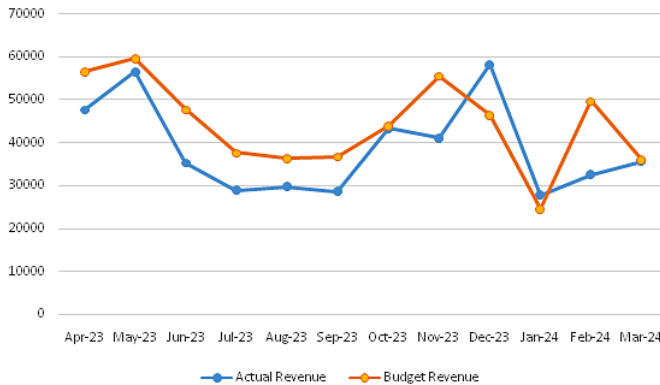
### Actual revenue vs. Budgeted revenue (April 2023 to March 2024) ADMIN

	Actual Revenue	Budgeted Revenue	Variance
April 2023	47,671	56,470	(8,799)
May 2023	56,595	59,613	(3,018)
June 2023	35,280	47,710	(12,430)
July 2023	28,964	37,635	(8,671)
August 2023	29,785	36,364	(6,579)
September 2023	28,645	36,730	(8,085)
October 2023	43,381	43,806	(425)
November 2023	41,127	55,542	(14,415)
December 2023	58,313	46,356	11,957
January 2024	27,808	24,528	3,280
February 2024	32,641	49,669	(17,028)
March 2024	35,668	35,961	(293)
<b>Total</b>	<b>465,878</b>	<b>530,384</b>	<b>(64,506)</b>

Table 2.1

The cumulative negative variance of \$64,506 is attributable due to the underperformance of the marriage license revenue.

**Line graph Actual revenue vs. Budgeted revenue (April 2023 to March 2024)**



**Chart 2.1**

Chart 2.1 graphical representation of information contained in Table 2.1. Actual revenue versus budget revenue for April 2023 to March 2024 for Chambers, Administration.

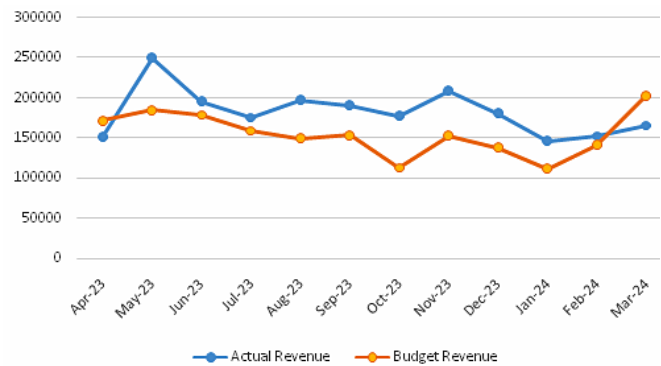
**Actual revenue vs. Budgeted revenue (April 2023 to March 2024) CHAMBERS**

	Actual Revenue	Budgeted Revenue	Variance
April 2023	152,023	172,184	(20,161)
May 2023	249,708	185,490	64,218
June 2023	196,261	179,334	16,927
July 2023	175,391	159,410	15,981
August 2023	197,702	149,898	47,804
September 2023	191,341	153,825	37,516
October 2023	178,177	113,070	65,107
November 2023	209,010	152,996	56,014
December 2023	181,143	138,087	43,056
January 2024	146,639	111,659	34,980
February 2024	152,756	142,015	10,741
March 2024	165,756	203,581	(37,825)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,195,907</b>	<b>1,861,549</b>	<b>334,358</b>

**Table 3.1**

The overall positive variance for Chambers of \$334,358 is the net effect of Registry of Companies overall performance of \$398,864 and Administration of (64,506).

**Line graph Actual revenue vs. Budgeted revenue (April 2023 to March 2024)**



**Chart 3.1**

Chart 3.1 is a graph of the information contained in Table 3.1. Actual revenue versus budget revenue for April 2023 to March 2024 for Attorney General's Chambers.

**Summary of revenue performance for April 2023 to March 2024**

Revenue	Projection	Actual	% Collected	%Ncol.	Balance
Marriage Lic.	510,520	413,225	80.94%	19.06%	97,295
ROCIP	1,331,165	1,730,029	129.96%	(29.96%)	(398,864)
Adoption	10,400	17,600	169.23%	(69.23%)	(7,200)
Apostille	5,000	3,550	71.00%	29.00%	1,450
Sale of Laws	4,464	5,848	131.00%	(31.00%)	(1384)
Registration of Supervised Entities	0	25,655			(25,655)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,861,549</b>	<b>2,195,907</b>			<b>(334,358)</b>

The Attorney General's Chambers revenue performance as per the summary above surpassed projections by \$334,358 with the Registry of Companies collecting in excess by 29.96% or \$398,864. Adoptions did better than expected collecting in excess by 69.23% or \$7,200. Apostilles fell short by 29.00% or 1,450. The sale of laws and publications performed over budget by 31.00% or \$1,384. Registration of Supervised Entities a new revenue stream commenced September 2023 and has yielded \$25,655.











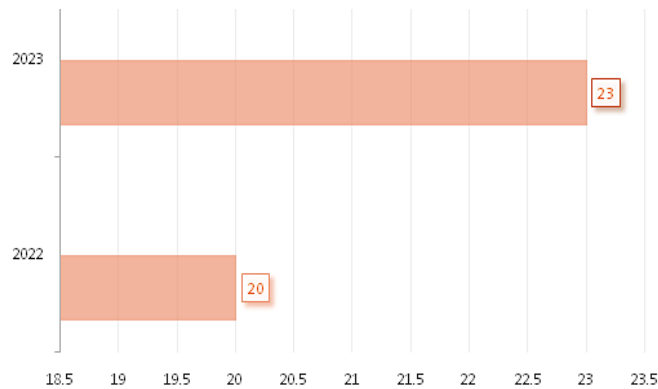
# ADVICE AND LITIGATION UNIT

## Adoptions

It was previously reported in Chambers' 2022 annual report that the adoption committee was yet to be established and as such it was necessary for the provisions of the Adoption Act to be introduced into the Child Care Act to cater for the various challenges in implementation. To date, the position remains the same and adoption applications are currently processed through the Office of the Attorney General.

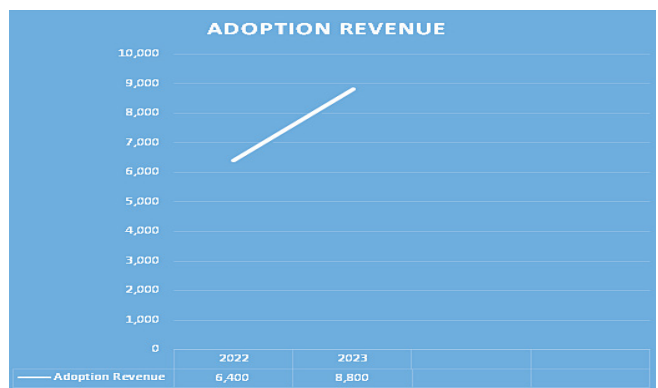
In that regard, Chambers recorded receipt of twenty-three (23) adoption applications in 2023/24. The Pie Chart 1 below illustrates the relevant data.

*Pie Chart 1 – Adoption applications received by the Attorney General's Chambers for 2023/24 compared to the preceding year, 2022*



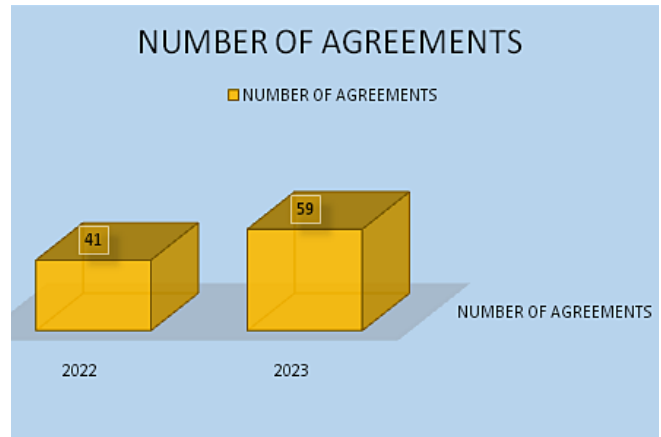
Chambers received eight thousand (\$8,800.00) in revenue from tutor ad hoc fees in relation to eleven (11) applications in respect of which tutor ad hoc reports were filed. This reflects a twenty-five percent (25%) increase in the adoptions' revenue for 2023/24. Chart below illustrates the relevant data.

*Chart showing the increase in revenue from adoptions received by the Attorney General's Chambers for the year 2023/24 compared to the preceding year, 2022 Chart*



Despite the delay in the full implementation of the adoption regime as contemplated under the Child (Care, Protection and Adoption) Act, the increase in the adoption revenue shows that adoption applications have not been severely impacted over the period.

*Bar Chart 1*



## Apostilles

There was an increase in the number of apostilles signed by the Solicitor General in 2023. The number increased from eighty-five (85) to ninety-two (92) apostilles being executed in the period January 2023 to March 2024, pursuant to section 4 of the Apostille (Hague Convention) Act, Cap. 2:18 of the Revised Laws of Saint Lucia.

A significant number of the apostilles executed was with respect to Birth Certificates with the request for Marriage Certificate apostilles being the next most requested.

It is also observed that requests for apostilles were also in relation to Unmarried Certificates, Certificates of Good Standing, Certificates of Incorporation, Deed of Notice, Deed of Disclaimer, Power of Attorney, Receipt of Purchase Money, Renunciation of Citizenship, Certificate of Incumbency, Statutory Declarations, Certificate of Character, among others.

It should be noted that apostilles are in relation to the authentication of the original signature affixed to a document and not the verification of the contents of the documents. Consequently, apostilles can be issued for certified copies of documents as it pertains to the individual certifying same. These are in relation to State issued documents and or notarized documents. See Tables 1 and 2.

**Apostilles 2022***Table 1*

Birth Certificates/Baptism Certificate	25
Marriage Certificate	20
Unmarried Certificate	7
Certificate of Good Standing	6
Certificate of Character	2
Statutory Declaration	2
Certificate of Incorporation	2
Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association	2
Police Record	1
Certificate of Making Decree	1
Renunciation of Citizenship	3
Notice of Directors	1
Notarial Certificate	1
Power of Attorney	3
Proof of Attendance	1
Electronic Record Card	1
Specific Power of Attorney	4
Statement of Consent	1
Certificat De Coutume (Marriage Certificate)	1
Certificat De Celibat (Unmarried Certificate)	1
Notification of Tax Account Number	1
Certificate of Incumbency	5
Articles of Association	1
Memorandum of Associates	1
Adoption Licence	1
Certificate of Amendment	1
Memorandum of Articles of Associates	1
Certificate of Compliance	1
High School Diploma	2
Construction Diploma	1
Certificate of Achievement of a Basic Plumbing Course	1
Certificate of Completion of Plumbing & Building Supplies	1
Letter of Invitation	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>

**Apostilles 2023***Table 2*

Birth Certificates	19
Marriage Certificate	17
Unmarried Certificate	6
Certificate of Good Standing	3
Certificate of Character	2
Statutory Declaration	2
Certificate of Incorporation	3
Articles of Association	1
Amended and Restated Articles of Association	1
Transcript	2
Certificate of Incumbency	2
Application to Register Amendments Memorandum/Articles	1
Death Certificate	2
Letter of Invitation	1
Certificate of Authentication	1
Renunciation of Citizenship	1
Notice of Directors	1
Affidavit of Defendant in Action for Divorce	1
Apostille of Specific Power of Attorney	3
Power of Attorney	1
Breast Screening Report	1
Cervical Screening Report	1
Electoral Register Letter	1
UK Passport	2
UK Driver's Licence	1
Bank Statement	1
Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association	2
Memorandum of Associates	2
Corporate Income Tax	1
Certificate of Amendment	2
Entry of Marriage	1
High School Diploma	2
Construction Diploma	1
Certificate of Achievement of a Basic Plumbing Course	1

## Apostilles 2023

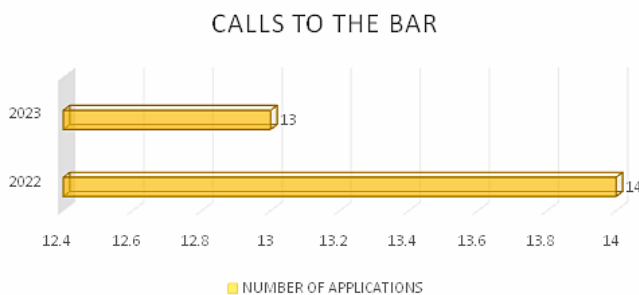
Table 2 - continued

Certificate of Completion of Plumbing & Building Supplies	1
Letter of Introduction to Cuban Medical Services	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92</b>

## Calls to the Bar

It is a requirement pursuant to section 16 (3) of the Legal Profession Act, Cap. 2.04 of the Revised Laws of Saint Lucia that a non-citizen who is desirous of being called to the Bar and to appear before the Courts in Saint Lucia should obtain the requisite authority so to do.

The number of applications received for calls to the Bar in 2023/24 decreased by Seven point seven percent (7.7%). The Bar chart below provides an illustration of the number of applications received. Reference is made to Bar Chart 2.



Bar Chart 2

## Eligibility – What is required to be Called to the Bar

The Legal Profession Act (the LPA), Cap 2.04 of the Revised Laws of Saint Lucia (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) governs the procedure and the prerequisites for non-citizens to be admitted to practise law in Saint Lucia. This is governed by Section 16 of the Act.

An applicant who is not a citizen of Saint Lucia but is a citizen or a national of a country the laws of which gives reciprocal treatment to a citizen of Saint Lucia in relation to admission to practice law in that country and is desirous of practising law in Saint Lucia may apply to be called to the bar in Saint Lucia provided that the applicant falls within the following categories as provided for under section 15 of the Act:

1. any English or Irish barrister-at-law, or any Scottish advocate;

2. any barrister or advocate of any of the Superior Courts of any British Possession where similar privileges are accorded to barristers of the Supreme Court;
3. any solicitor of the United Kingdom or Law Agent admitted to practise in Scotland;
4. any person who has passed the intermediate and final examinations of the Law Society of England. However, this person must –
  - (a) have served for 5 years continuously in the Chambers of a practising barrister and has throughout that time been of a good character; and
  - (b) passed one of the following examinations:
    - (i) the Matriculation Examination of the University of London,
    - (ii) the School Certificate Examination of the University of Cambridge, or
    - (iii) any examination prescribed as qualifying for admission to the Inns of Court.

## Requirements and Procedure for Non- Citizens to be Called to the Bar

1. An applicant who falls into any of the above categories can present, through an attorney-at-law, or on their own accord, an application to the Attorney General’s Chambers for the publication of an order in the Gazette.
2. Copies of all supporting qualification documents must be presented with the request.
3. The application to the Attorney General’s Chambers must be accompanied by the applicant’s consent to obtain verification of all certificates/qualifications.
4. The Attorney General’s Chambers will perform all necessary due diligence to ascertain that the applicant is indeed eligible to practise at the bar as well as determine the authenticity of the supporting qualifications documents provided.
5. After the Due Diligence requirements, the Attorney General shall consult with the Chief Justice to determine whether the applicant is from a country which facilitates reciprocal treatment to a citizen of Saint Lucia in relation to admission to practise law in that country.
6. Once satisfied the Attorney General shall thereafter by Order published in the Gazette provide that, subject to such conditions as the Attorney General may specify, the applicant shall be eligible to be admitted by the High Court to practise law in Saint Lucia.

7. Upon the publication of the Order in the Gazette, an application can be filed at the High Court on behalf of the applicant.
8. The application ought to be supported by affidavit evidence proving that the applicant:
  - (a) is at least 18 years of age;
  - (b) is of good character;
  - (c) does not have a criminal record except if it is for a minor traffic offence;
  - (d) is not declared to be bankrupt by a court; and
  - (e) has paid the prescribed fee.
9. The Application ought to be filed with due haste (within a reasonable time).
10. The High Court shall, if it is satisfied that the requirements in paragraph 8 above are met, admit that applicant to the practise of law in Saint Lucia.

It is important to note that the due diligence requirements in steps 3 and 4 above were severely impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic as most schools/universities were closed. As a result, obtaining verification of certificates/qualifications proved increasingly difficult.

Consequent upon this challenge, Chambers implemented the measure whereby an applicant, in addition to presenting his or her certified certificates/qualifications, is required to submit a statutory declaration together with a notarial certificate confirming the authenticity of the documents. Following this, the usual subsequent steps were undertaken.

**Notarial Instruments**

These comprise of legally binding documents involving the State as it pertains to immovable property.

These legally binding documents relate to leases, transfers and exchanges.

In the year 2023/24, there was a ten percent (10.77%) increase in the number of requests made as compared to the year 2022. In 2022, Chambers received a total of one hundred and thirty (130) requests for vetting and or processing such requests whereas in the year 2023/24, the total number of requests submitted to Chambers decreased to one hundred and forty-four (144). Of the one hundred and forty-four (144), seventy-four (74) were for the processing of leases and seventy (70) were related to deeds of transfer. Reference is made to Pie Chart 2.

**Notarial Instruments**

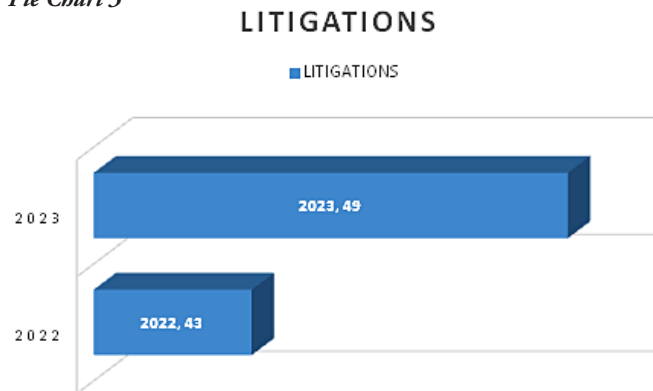
**Deeds of Transfers: 70 Leases: 74**



**Litigation**

Chambers continues to represent the State in a number of matters. There were forty-nine (49) matters served on Chambers in the year 2023/24 leading to a slight fourteen percent (14%) increase compared to the year 2022 in which forty-three (43) matters were served. Refer to Pie Chart 3. The matters continue to increase in their complexity and involve novel litigation relating to issues affecting Saint Lucians as a whole. These matters related to judicial review applications, constitutional motions, police and medical negligence as well as breach of contracts.

*Pie Chart 3*



**Non Profit Organizations**

In the year under review, Saint Lucia received thirteen (13) applications for approval for registration pursuant to section 328 of the Companies Act, Cap. 13.01 of the Revised Laws of Saint Lucia. Refer to Table 3.

Section 328 states as follows:-

**328. Incorporation**

- (1) Without the prior approval of the Attorney General, articles shall not be accepted for filing in respect of any non-profit company.

(2) In order to qualify for approval, a non-profit company shall restrict its business to one that is of a patriotic, religious, philanthropic, charitable, educational, scientific, literary, historical, artistic, social, professional, fraternal, sporting or athletic nature, or the like, or to the promotion of some other useful object.

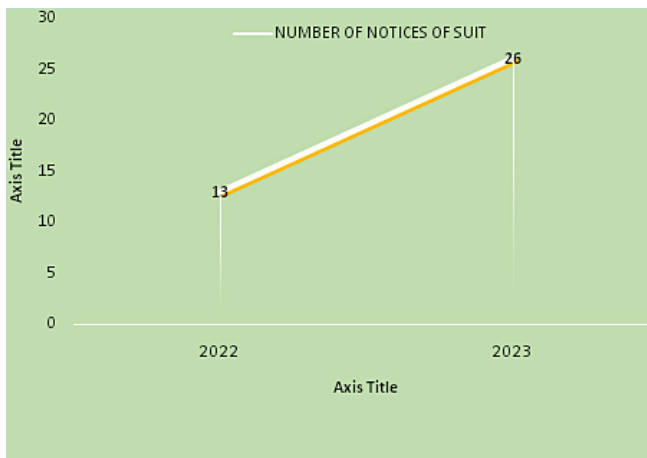
Table 3

Nature of Business	No of Applications Received	No of Applications Approved	No of Applications Closed/ Discontinued	No of Applications Pending
RELIGIOUS	4	2	2	4
SOCIAL	1		1	
Philanthropic/Charitable/Educational/Social/Sporting/				
Athletic	7	3	1	6
Social/Scientific/Educational	1	1		
SPORTING	1			1
Philanthropic, educational, social nature, agricultural	1	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>

**Notices of Suit**

Notices of Suit are pre-action protocol which pursuant to Article 28 of the Code of Civil Procedure notifies the public officer of an impending action against him or her. There was one hundred percent (100%) increase in the number of Notices of Suit served on the Office of the Attorney General in the year 2023 totaling twenty-six (26) compared to thirteen (13) in the year 2022. Reference is made to the Chart 1.

Chart 1

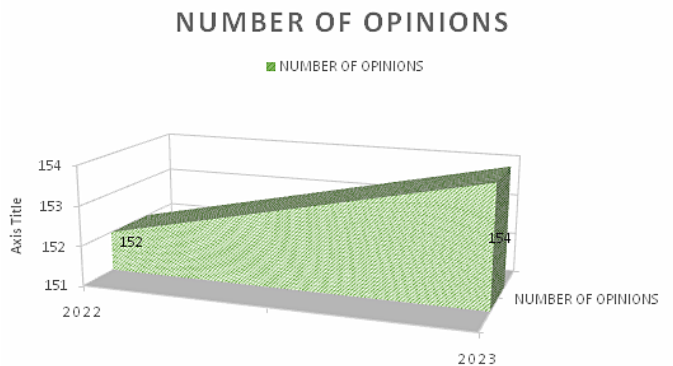


**Opinions**

In relation to opinions, the year 2023/24 saw an increase from one hundred and fifty-two (152) in 2022 to one hundred and fifty-four (154) requests for opinions in the said period. Refer to Chart 2.

Opinions provide legal advice to the various departments of government upon request. These opinions ranged from providing advice on pandemic related issues, stamp duty, trademarks, employment, compensation matters, acquisition of property, citizenship, access to information, rectification matters, among others.

Chart 2

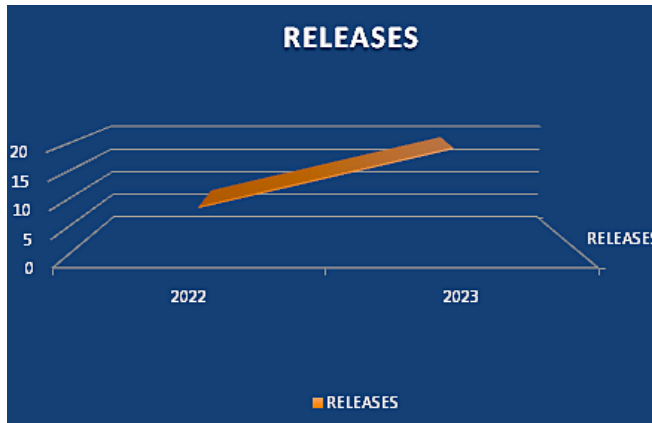




**Releases**

Nineteen (19) releases were executed during the year in review. This reflects an increase in the number of releases which were executed in 2022. Releases are representative of payments made by the Government of Saint Lucia in respect of court judgments, ex-gratia payments or out of court settlements. Refer to Bar Chart 5.

*Bar Chart 5*



**Mutual Legal Assistance**

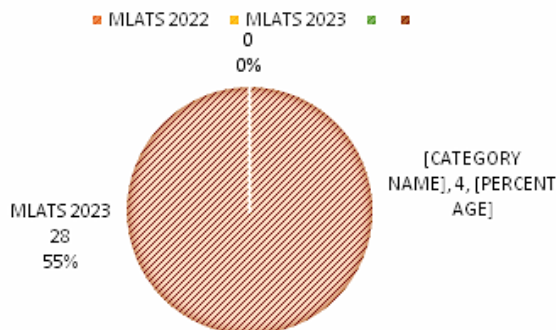
In the year 2023/24, Saint Lucia saw an increase in the number of mutual legal assistance requests. As shown in the table below there were a combined total of twenty-eight (28) requests processed, compared with twenty-three (23) processed in the year 2022.

The offences for which the requests were related are as highlighted in the Table below.

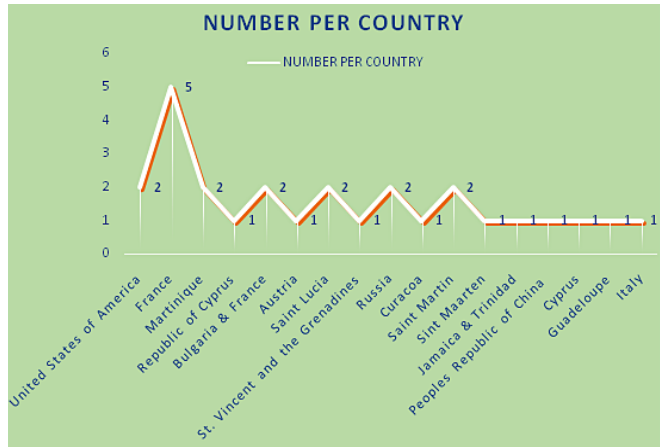
In relation to requests received, it should be noted that there may be more than one executing agency depending on the nature of the information requested by the requesting state.

*Pie Chart 4*

**MLATS JAN 2023- MAR 2024**



**Countries Featured To Mlats In Year 2023**



**Marriage Licences**

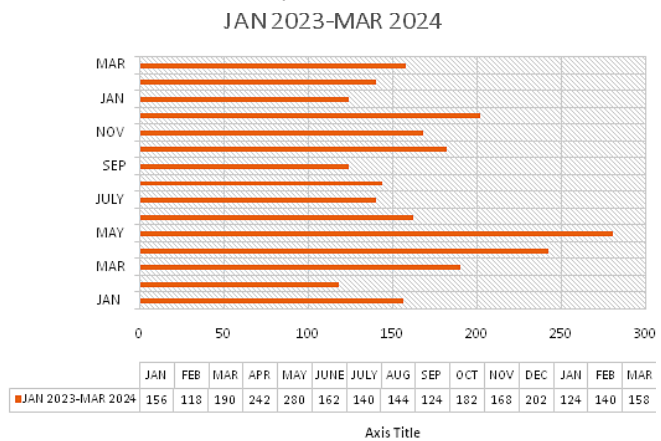
**Monthly Special & Normal Licence**

**Overview**

Marriages in Saint Lucia are governed by *Sections 81-155 of the Civil Code, Cap 4.01 of the Revised Laws of Saint Lucia*. Marriages in Saint Lucia can proceed by publishing of banns or obtaining a licence. A licence is obtained from the Attorney General’s Chambers and is valid for one (1) month.

The graph below illustrates the number of marriage licences processed on a monthly basis for the months January 2023–March 2024, which can be issued either as a normal or special licence.

**Year in Review (January 2023-March 2024)**

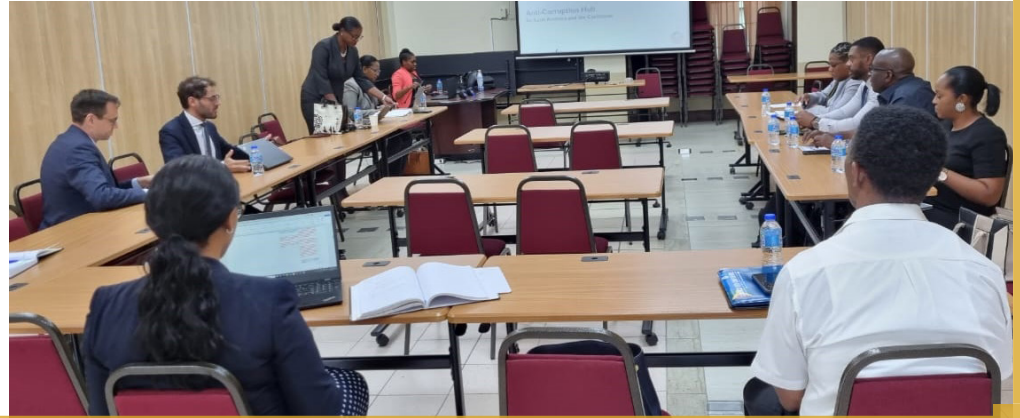


Applications for marriage licences are received from applicants across the globe. Most of the applicants originate from the United States of America. Nationals from the United Kingdom and Saint Lucian nationals also frequently

apply for marriage licences. The data regarding the number of applicants from each country is reflected in the table below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
United States of America	74	54	108	140	172	122	80	77	72	108	91	89	56	64	74
United Kingdom	39	40	57	60	72	24	24	38	31	53	58	56	40		
Saint Lucia	33	14	8	24	16	8	36	16	13	16	10	40	20	20	22
Canada	7	10	13	14	12	3		4	8	2	4	9	3	10	6
Trinidad And Tobago					2					2					3
Hungary						2									
Swiss					2										
Georgia			1												
India						2									
Philippines											1			1	1
France	1												1		
Mexico													1		
Ireland						1								2	2
Jamaica				2							2			2	2
Martinique								2							
China										1					
USVI												2			
Scotland											2		2		
Bahamas			2												
Lithowanian	2														
Belize			1									1			
Guyana			1									1		2	1
Barcelona				2											
Norway					2										
Denmark					2										
Dominica								2				1			
SVG								2			1				1
Antigua								2						2	
St. Kitts & Nevis								1							
Netherlands												1		2	
Cayman Islands												2			
Haiti												1			
Thailand													1		
Germany														2	
Bosnia														1	
Romania														1	
Italy															2
Cuba															3











# REGISTRY OF COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY UNIT

## Activities: World Intellectual Property Day 2023

One of the objectives of the Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) is raising awareness in the country on the role and importance of intellectual property rights. One avenue which the registry takes advantage of to execute this mandate is the celebration of World Intellectual Property Day which is celebrated every year on April 26. ROCIP joins many IP Offices around the world in promoting activities of all types to mark World Intellectual Property Day.

The event was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000 to "raise awareness of how patents, copyright, trademarks and designs impact on daily life" and "to celebrate creativity, and the contribution made by creators and innovators to the development of economies and societies across the globe". April 26 was designated as the date because it coincides with the date on which the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization entered into force in 1970. World Intellectual Property Day is WIPO's largest intellectual property (IP) public outreach campaign.

In 2023, ROCIP celebrated the talents and achievements of women to mark World Intellectual Property Day under the theme Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity. The theme focused on the contribution of women around the world to creativity and innovation through their imagination, ingenuity and hard work amid the challenges in accessing the skills, resources and support they require. It is recognized that there are notable hurdles to women effective participation in the intellectual property (IP) system which diminishes their overall benefit from IP. In spite of this daunting reality, ROCIP identified one female in Saint Lucia who stood out in 2023 for her contribution to IP. Ms. Julien Alfred was presented with an award for her contribution to Sports, a new area in which IP has been flourishing in recent years. Ms. Alfred was recognized for her ground-breaking achievements as an outstanding female Saint Lucian athlete and her contribution to IP as a vibrant, hardworking and creative woman.

ROCIP also partnered with Export Saint Lucia and the Small Business Development Centre (SBDC) of the

Ministry of Commerce, to host annual 'IP open day' which featured the dissemination of promotional material centred around IP themes.

## Meetings Attended and Outreach Activities

ROCIP Registrars and staff attended or participated in the following meetings and activities in 2023:

Meeting	Location	Date
CARICOM 28th Meeting of Senior Officials of the Legal Affairs Committee Administrative Note	Barbados (Virtual)	13 – 17 November, 2023
WIPO Regional Meeting of Heads of IP Offices of Caribbean Countries; and the Ministerial Level Meeting on IP for Caribbean Countries, Basseterre	Saint Kitts and Nevis	2 – 6, November, 2023
WIPO Sub-regional Workshop on Patent Legislation and Examination for the National IP Offices of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS),	Saint George's, Grenada	19 – 21 September, 2023
CarIPI Workshop on Common Practices in Trade Marks Examination: TM Descriptiveness	Zoom	5 September, 2023

Meeting	Location	Date
National Competitiveness and Productivity Council's Productivity Awareness Week Activity: Zafe D' Exposition		12 October, 2023
Eighth Meeting of the Registrars of Companies	Bridgetown, Barbados	17 – 19 July, 2023
Sixty-Fourth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO	Geneva, Switzerland	6 – 14 July, 2023
CarIPI Workshop on Common Practices in Trade Marks Examination	Zoom	3 April 2023
CARIFORUM IP Mediation Workshop	Zoom	29 – 30 March, 2023
CarIPI Training: Design Examination Procedures. Concepts of Novelty and Individual Character	Zoom	21 March, 2023
Eighth Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Intellectual Property Rights	(Videoconferencing),	23 February, 2023

Meeting	Location	Date
CarIPI Workshop on Common Practices in Trade Marks Examination: Proposal for a Regional Practice Paper on TM distinctiveness and Types of Marks	Zoom	17 January, 2023
Discussions Relating to Services Level Agreement/ Training for Completion of OECS Commission Assistance to Upgrade Hardware/ Software for Online Company Registry (OCS) System	Virtual	25 January, 2023
ROCIP staff received training with the Department of Public Sector Modernisation (DPSM) in preparation of the first batch of services as part an Online Business Registry via the digiGov platform		September 2023



The table below provides a comparative of statistics for registration of companies, business names and trademarks.

**Statistics For The Year 2023**

*Total Number of Registrations*

*April 2023 – March 2024*

Business Names	Companies	Partnerships	Trade Marks
2487	384	Nil	416

**Comparative Statistics**

*Registrations for 2021 – 2023/24*

	2021	2022	2023
Business Names	1,745	1,739	2,487
Companies	290	314	384
Partnerships	1	Nil	Nil
Trade Marks	286	321	416













## LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING UNIT

In keeping with its mandate, the Legislative Drafting Unit continued to provide the legislation highlighted in the Throne Speech and the Budget Address for the financial year 2023-2024. According to the Throne Speech given by His Excellency Mr. Cyril Errol Melchiades Charles, the Acting Governor General of Saint Lucia, the Legislative Agenda consisted of:

- the Tourism Development Bill;
- amendment to the Electricity Supply Act;
- Criminal Code (Amendment) Bill;
- Real Estate (Brokers and Agents) Bill;
- Controlled Substances Bill;
- Non-Governmental Organizations (Amendment) Bill;
- Witness Protection (Special Measures) Bill;
- Cooperative Societies Bill.

In addition to the Legislative Agenda, the Hon. Philip J. Pierre in the Budget Address identified other legislation that was required for the financial year as well. These are:

- new legislation to facilitate the development of the creative industries;
- passing of legislation for judge only criminal trials;
- the enactment of a Food Safety Bill;
- legislation to change Programme for the Regularization of Unplanned Development (PROUD) into a statutory body in which land will be vested;
- exemption of withholding taxes for contracts below ten thousand dollars;
- the Cannabis Bill.

During the financial year 2023-2024, the Legislative Drafting Unit had its full complement of staff consisting of the Director of Legislative Drafting, Deputy Director of Legislative Drafting and four legal drafters.

This report provides a summary of the legislation drafted

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### COMPLETED ACTS AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

#### Acts

In the financial year 2023-2024 fourteen Acts were passed by Parliament for the period April 2023 to December 2023. In May 2023 the Appropriation Act, No. 14 of 2023 was passed. During July, 2023, the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 15 of 2023; Health and Citizen Security Levy, No. 16 of 2023; United Nations Sanctions (Counter-Proliferation Financing) (Amendment) Act, No. 17 of 2023; Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Act, No. 18 of 2023 and Income Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 19 of 2023 were enacted. The Income Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 20 of 2023, the Health and Citizen Security Levy (Amendment) Act, No. 21 of 2023 and the Public Debt Management Act, No. 22 of 2023 were passed in the months of August, September and October of 2023, respectively. Five Acts were passed in December 2023, namely: the Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act, No. 23 of 2023; the Invest Saint Lucia (Amendment) Act, No. 24 of 2023; the Civil Aviation (Amendment) Act, No. 25 of 2023, the Regulated Substances Act, No. 26 of 2023 and the Consumer Protection (Amendment) Act, No. 27 of 2023.

The Table below provides the commencement date and a summary of the Acts passed in the financial year:

New (with commencement date)	Amendments (with commencement date)	Purpose
APPROPRIATION ACT, NO. 14 OF 2023 (Commencement date: 9 May, 2023)		An appropriation of \$1,856,719,000 for the services of the State of Saint Lucia for the year 2023/2024 was approved.
	VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. 15 OF 2023 (Commencement date: 14 July, 2023)	Section 46 of the Value Added Tax Act, Cap. 15.42 was amended to include a new provision for the alteration of the rate of a penalty.
HEALTH AND CITIZEN SECURITY LEVY ACT, NO. 16 OF 2023 (Commencement date: 18 July, 2023)		This Act provides for the imposition, payment and collection of a health and citizen security levy.
	UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS (COUNTER-PROLIFERATION FINANCING) (AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. 17 OF 2023 (Commencement date: 31 July, 2023)	Sections 2, 4, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26 and 42 of the United Nations Sanctions (Counter-Proliferation Financing) Act, Cap. 12.30 (the Act). A new provision was inserted in the Act to provide for communication of a specified entity, de-listing and unfreezing.
	PROCEEDS OF CRIME (AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. 18 OF 2023 (Commencement date: 31 July, 2023)	This Act amended sections 2, 3, 4, 7, 11, 17, 21, 31, 42 and 47 of the Proceeds of Crime Act, Cap. 3.04 (the Act). New provisions were added to the Act relating to confiscation orders, for civil recovery, listed assets, seized, detained and forfeited property, associated and joint property, account freezing orders, restraining orders, and external orders and for the creation of a Property Disposal Committee.
	INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. 19 OF 2023 (Commencement date: 31 July 2023)	This Act amended sections 38 and 44 of the Income Tax Act, Cap. 15.02 (the Act). A new provision was also added to the Act to provide a deduction for the purchase and installation of photovoltaic systems.
	INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ACT, NO. 20 OF 2023 (Commencement date: 17 August, 2023)	This Act amended the Income Tax Act, Cap. 15.02 (the Act) to add a new provision under section 78 of the Act to exempt the rate of tax payable under that section for a contract with a value not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

New (with commencement date)	Amendments (with commencement date)	Purpose
	HEALTH AND CITIZEN SECURITY LEVY (AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. 21 OF 2023 (Commencement date: 15 September, 2023)	This Act amended sections 2, 4 and 10 of the Health and Citizen Security Levy Act, No. 16 of 2023.
PUBLIC DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT, NO. 22 OF 2023 (Commencement date: 9 October, 2023)		This Act consolidates and modernizes the laws relating to debt management by providing for the administration of public debt management; a Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy; a Public Debt Sustainability Analysis; Government borrowings, guarantees, on-lending; and to reduce multiple issuers of debt and ensure sound financial policies in relation to the management of public debt.
	CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. 23 OF 2023 (Commencement date: 11 December, 2023)	This Act amended Article 1015 of the Code of Civil Procedure, Cap. 243 of the Revised Laws of Saint Lucia, 1957.
	INVEST SAINT LUCIA (AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. 24 OF 2023 (Commencement date: 11 December, 2023)	This Act amended section 4 of the Invest Saint Lucia Act, Cap. 15.24.
	CIVIL AVIATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. 25 OF 2023 (Commencement date: 11 December, 2023)	Sections 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 31, 32, 33, 38, 40, 46, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53 of the Civil Aviation Act, Cap. 8.07 (the Act) were amended and sections 54 and 55 of the Act were repealed.
REGULATED SUBSTANCES ACT, NO. 26 OF 2023 (Commencement date: 11 December, 2023)		This Act establishes the Regulated Substances Authority, Regulated Substances Tribunal, Regulated Substances Fund and provides for the licensing of regulated substances.
	CONSUMER PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. 27 OF 2023 (Commencement date: 11 December, 2023)	This Act amended section 13 of the Consumer Protection Act, Cap. 13.24.

The Appendix contains a list of the Acts passed in 2023.



### Bills In Progress

Apart from the Acts listed above, the Legislative Drafting Unit also drafted and participated in consultations on the following draft legislation:

- amendment to the Electricity Supply Act in the form of new legislation titled, Electricity Bill;
- amendments to the Criminal Code in the form of a the Criminal Code (Amendment) Bill for judge alone criminal trials;
- the Real Estate (Brokers and Agents) Bill;
- Non-Governmental Organizations (Amendment) Bill;
- Food Safety Bill;
- Cannabis Bill;
- PROUD legislation;
- Cooperative Societies Bill.

### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

One hundred and twenty-six statutory instruments were passed for the financial year 2023-2024 for the period April 2023 to December 2023.

In relation to the Citizenship by Investment Act, Cap. 1.20, Regulations were made under Statutory Instrument No. 162 of 2023. Three commencement orders were passed for the Caribbean Court of Justice (Agreement) Act, 34 of 2003 by Statutory Instrument No. 85 of 2023, the Security Interest in Movable Property Act, by Statutory Instrument No. 137 of 2023 and the Public Debt Management Act, No. 22 of 2023 by Statutory Instrument No. 140 of 2023. Under the Customs Duties Act, Cap. 15.04 amendments were made to Schedule 4 of the Act by Statutory Instrument Nos. 167 of 2023 and 168 of 2023. Civil Procedure Rules were published as Statutory Instrument Nos. 47 and 64 of 2023 and Bail Rules were passed as Statutory Instrument No. 128 of 2023 under the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Act, Cap. 2.01. An Order relating to the application of decrease in basic energy rates was passed under Statutory Instrument No. 148 of 2023 in keeping with the Electricity Supply Act, Cap. 9.02.

Fourteen Orders were passed under the Excise Tax Act, Cap. 15.07 comprising Statutory Instrument Nos. 37, 46, 50, 63, 73, 80, 98, 109, 123, 130, 139, 148, 158 and 166 of 2023. A notice was published under the Firearms Act, Cap. 14.12 for the certification of a ballistic expert under Statutory Instrument No. 127 of 2023. Fiscal incentives

were granted under Orders made by virtue of the Fiscal Incentives Act, Cap. 15.16 for the following companies: Amazona Sea Moss Corporation by Statutory Instrument No. 38 of 2023; Red Booth Inc. by Statutory Instrument No. 76 of 2023; Medical Associates Ltd. by Statutory Instrument No. 89 of 2023; Nationwide Mobile Concrete Suppliers Limited by Statutory Instrument No. 112 of 2023 and Top Stone Fabrication Ltd. by Statutory Instrument No. 152 of 2023. Amendments were made to existing Fiscal Incentives Orders for Glace Motors Limited under Statutory Instrument No. 57 of 2023, Natmed Limited under Statutory Instrument, No. 90 of 2023 and Amazona Sea Moss Corporation under Statutory Instrument No. 105 of 2023.

Orders and Resolutions were enacted under the Health and Citizen Security Levy Act, No. 16 of 2023. Amendments to Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of the Act were passed under Statutory Instrument Nos. 95 of 2023 and 103 of 2023 after being approved by Parliament through Resolutions under Statutory Instrument No. 88 of 2023 and 100 of 2023, respectively. Another Order was passed under the Health and Citizens Security Levy Act, No. 16 of 2023 for the variation of the rate of the levy on services by Statutory Instrument No. 106 of 2023. Exemption from income tax under the Income Tax Act, Cap. 15.02 was given to the Caribbean Regional Air Transport Connectivity Project under Statutory Instrument No. 94 of 2023; St. Lucia Linen Services Limited under Statutory Instrument No. 143 of 2023; Special Prosecutor under Statutory Instrument No. 144 of 2023 and Orbtronics under Statutory Instrument No. 164 of 2023.

Eligibility Orders were made under the Legal Profession Act, Cap. 2.04

Eligibility Order	Statutory Instrument No.
Thalia Chretienne Samoye Francis	No. 68 of 2023
Marie-Louise Leonie Francis	No. 107 of 2023
Jered Jagroo	No. 116 of 2023
Stacey Ann Aberdeen	No. 124 of 2023
Destiny Denisha Pascal	No. 134 of 2023
Amilcar Branche	No. 136 of 2023
Keisha Andene Chase	No. 141 of 2023
Shadae Samantha Byfield	No. 156 of 2023
Pretania Danique Edwards	No. 161 of 2023

Regulations were passed under Statutory Instrument, No. 53 of 2023 for the purposes of the Money Laundering (Prevention) Act, Cap. 12.20. Additionally, the Guidance Notes Regulations were revoked under Statutory Instrument, No. 54 of 2023, the Declaration of Source of Funds (Forms) Regulations were revoked under Statutory Instrument, No. 55 of 2023 and the Guidelines for Conducting Other Business Activity Regulations were revoked under Statutory Instrument, No. 56 of 2023. A resolution was passed as Statutory Instrument, No. 70 of 2023 for the issue of savings bonds under the National Savings and Development Bonds Act, Cap. 15.25 Regulations were also made under the National Utilities Regulatory Commission Act, Cap. 9.01 for the appeals tribunal under Statutory Instrument, No. 121 of 2023.

Fifteen Price Control Orders were passed under the Distribution and Price Control Act, Cap. 13.09 in Statutory Instrument Nos. 36, 45, 49, 62, 72, 81, 97, 108, 122, 129, 135, 138, 145, 157 and 165. Two proclamations were made under the Constitution of Saint Lucia, Cap. 1.01 for the proroguing of Parliament under Statutory Instrument, No. 41 of 2023 and the appointment of a session of Parliament under Statutory Instrument, No. 42 of 2023. Under the Public Finance Management Act, Cap. 15.01, Regulations were made under Statutory Instrument, No. 52 of 2023 and Resolutions were passed to establish the Anti-Crime Initiative Fund by Statutory Instrument, No. 69 of 2023; to transfer funds from the Consolidated Fund to the Contingencies Fund by Statutory Instrument, No. 99 of 2023; to borrow for capital or current expenditure for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the St. Jude Hospital Project by Statutory Instrument, No. 117 of 2023, to enhance the resilience of the Saint Lucia Fire Service by Statutory Instrument, No. 131 of 2023, to support the Youth Economy Project by Statutory Instrument, No. 132 of 2023, for the Education Rehabilitation Climate-Linked Facility by Statutory Instrument, No. 150 of 2023, to finance the Patience Community Water Supply Project by Statutory Instrument, No. 151 of 2023 and to authorize the Minister of Finance to Guarantee a Student Loan Line of Credit on behalf of the Saint Lucia Development Bank by Statutory Instrument, No. 160 of 2023.

Public Procurement Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 133 of 2023 were passed to complement the Public Procurement Act, Cap. 15.10 as well as Registration of Supervised Entities Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 39 of 2023 under the Registration of Supervised

Entities Act, No. 12 of 2023. Regulations made under the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority Act, Cap. 8.13 were amended by Statutory Instrument, No. 40 of 2023. To supplement the Security Interest in Movable Property Act, No. 21 of 2023, Regulations were passed to provide for electronic access to the register under Statutory Instrument, No. 147 of 2023. Vieux-Fort South was designated an escalated crime area in Orders made as Statutory Instrument, Nos. 51 and 77 for the purposes of the Suppression of Escalated Crime (Police Powers) Act, No. 6 of 2023. Avanit HYLAS 2 Limited was exempted by an Order made as Statutory Instrument, No. 163 of 2023 with respect to an aeronautical and maritime mobile satellite service under the Telecommunications Act, Cap. 8.11.

Tourism Incentive Orders were passed under the Tourism Incentives Act, Cap. 15.30 for Almondale Apartments by Statutory Instrument, No. 58 of 2023; Sea Spray Cruises Limited by Statutory Instrument, No. 61 of 2023; Prugus Palace by Statutory Instrument, No. 65 of 2023; Island ATV Ltd. by Statutory Instrument, No. 71 of 2023; Cutting Edge Tech Incorporated by Statutory Instrument, No. 78 of 2023; Drive Vacations (St. Lucia) Limited by Statutory Instrument, No. 110 of 2023; International Pony Club by Statutory Instrument, No. 111 of 2023; Da Vybe Entertainment Centre by Statutory Instrument, No. 113 of 2023; Villa Jasiri by Statutory Instrument, No. 118 of 2023; Spinnakers (St. Lucia) Limited by Statutory Instrument, No. 126 of 2023; The St. Lucian Hub by Statutory Instrument, No. 142 of 2023 and Harbor View Manor by Statutory Instrument, No. 155 of 2023. An Exemption Order was passed as Statutory Instrument, No. 104 of 2023 under the Tourism Levy Act, Cap. 15.36. Orders were made under the Tourism Stimulus and Investment Act, Cap. 3.18 to grant tourism stimulus and investment incentives to Caribe Invest Capital Ltd. by Statutory Instrument, No. 35 of 2023; Tamarind Village Inc. by Statutory Instrument, No. 43 of 2023; Malabar Beach Limited by Statutory Instrument, No. 44 of 2023; Almondale Apartments by Statutory Instrument, No. 59 of 2023; STEFFS (SLU) Ltd. by Statutory Instrument, No. 60 of 2023; Kimatri Hotel by Statutory Instrument, No. 66 of 2023; Iyanola Properties Inc. by Statutory Instrument, No. 67 of 2023; Sal Sanctum Limited by Statutory Instrument, No. 79 of 2023; Highlands Cove Inc. by Statutory Instrument, No. 114 of 2023; Lakmow LLC Ltd. by Statutory Instrument, No. 115 of 2023; Villa

Jasiri by Statutory Instrument, No. 119 of 2023; KM Holdings Ltd. by Statutory Instrument, No. 120 of 2023; Hebah Limited by Statutory Instrument, No. 153 of 2023 and Harbor View Manor by Statutory Instrument, No. 154 of 2023.

An exemption under the Travel Tax Act, Cap. 15.12 was given effect by Statutory Instrument, No. 75 of 2023. By virtue of the Value Added Tax Act, Cap. 15.42 Orders were passed under Statutory Instrument Nos. 74, 91, 92, 93, 96, 102 and 159 and Resolutions under Statutory Instrument Nos. 83, 84, 86, 87, 101 and 149. Vesting Orders were passed under the Saint Lucia National Housing Corporation Act, Cap. 5.11 by Statutory Instrument, No. 48 of 2023 and the Invest Saint Lucia Act, Cap. 15.42 by Statutory Instrument, No. 125 of 2023.

	Notices	Orders	Proclamations	Regulations	Resolutions	Rules
Citizenship by Investment Act, Cap. 1.20					1	
Commencement Orders		3				
Customs Duties Act, Cap. 15.04		2				
Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Act, Cap. 2.01						3
Electricity Supply Act, Cap. 9.02		1				
Excise Tax Act, Cap. 15.07		14				
Firearms Act, Cap.14.12	1					
Fiscal Incentives Act, Cap. 15.16		8				
Health and Citizens Security Levy Act, No. 16 of 2023						
Income Tax Act, Cap. 15.02		4				
Legal Profession Act, Cap. 2.04		9				
Money Laundering (Prevention) Act, Cap. 12.20				4		
National Savings and Development Bonds Act, Cap. 15.25					1	
National Utilities Regulatory Commission Act, Cap. 9.01				1		
Distribution and Price Control Act, Cap. 13.09		15				
Proclamations			2			
Public Finance Management Act, Cap. 15.01				1	8	
Public Procurement Act, Cap. 15.10				1		
Registration of Supervised Entities Act, No. 12 of 2023				1		
Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority Act, Cap. 8.13				1		
Security Interest in Movable Property Act, No. 21 of 2023				1		
Suppression of Escalated Crime (Police Powers) Act, No.6 of 2023						



Telecommunications Act, Cap. 8.11		1				
Tourism Incentives Act, Cap. 15.30		12				
Tourism Levy Act, Cap. 15.36		1				
Tourism Stimulus and Investment Act, Cap. 3.18		14				
Travel Tax Act, Cap. 15.12		1				
Value Added Tax Act, Cap. 15.42		5			8	
Vesting Orders		2				
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>

**Total Statutory Instruments: 126**

A list of the Statutory Instruments passed in 2023 is presented in the Appendix

### LAWS PASSED FROM JANUARY TO MARCH 2024

In January, February and March 2024, the Legislative Drafting Unit completed the following legislation:

<b>January</b>	<b>Statutory Instruments 1-7 of 2024</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Statutory Instruments 1-7 of 2024</b>
	1. Customs Duties (Amendment of Schedule) Order		12. Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital and current expenditure to support the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Skills and Innovation Project
	2. Price Control (Amendment) (No. 1) Order		13. Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital and current expenditure for Recovery and Resilience-Building Policy-Based Loan
	3. Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 1) Order		14. Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital or current expenditure – Community Tourism Programme
	4. Tourism Stimulus and Investment (Bel Jou (St. Lucia) Limited) Order		15. Civil Aviation (Units of Measurement for Air and Ground Operations) Regulations
	5. Price Control (Amendment) (No. 2) Order		16. Civil Aviation (Air Navigation Services Fatigue Management) Regulations
	6. Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 2)		17. Civil Aviation (Certification of Air Navigation Services) Regulations
	7. Saint Lucia Tourism Authority (Board of Directors) (Amendment)		18. Aliens Landholding (Licensing) (Exemption) (Arlette Eriste) Order
<b>February</b>	<b>Statutory Instruments (8-22 of 2024)</b>		
	8. Legal Profession (Eligibility) (Gabrielle Anne Gelline)		
	9. Price Control (Amendment) (No. 3) Order		
	10. Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 3) Order		
	11. Credit Reporting Regulations		

February	Statutory Instruments 1-7 of 2024
	19. Tourism Stimulus and Investment (Lucien Business Services Ltd.) Order
	20. Tourism Incentives (Soufriere Hotwire Rides Inc.) (Amendment) Order
	21. Tourism Incentives (St. Lucia Helicopters Limited) Order
	22. Fiscal Incentives (Orbtronics Ltd.) Order
March	Acts
	Tourism Development Act, No. 1 of 2024
	STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS 23-42 OF 2024
	23. Value Added Tax Act – Resolution of Parliament to approve draft Value Added Tax (Amendment of Schedule 3) Order
	24. Tourism Incentives (Hibiscus Tours St. Lucia Ltd.) Order
	25. Tourism Stimulus and Investment (Kidz Klub Limited) Order
	26. Price Control (Amendment) (No. 4) Order
	27. Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 4) Order
	28. Citizenship by Investment (Amendment) Regulations
	29. Special Development Areas (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order
	30. Value Added Tax (Amendment of Schedule 3) Order
	31. Fiscal Incentives (Ski Ice Limited) Order
	32. International Business Companies (Declaration of Head Office Company) (Cabot Pointe Developments Inc.) Order
	33. Price Control (Amendment) (No. 5) Order
	34. Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 5) Order

March	Statutory Instruments 23-42 of 2024
	35. Public Finance Management (Amendment) Regulations
	36. Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Designation of Inspectors) Order
	37. Waste Management (Appointment of Agent for the Solid Waste Management Authority) Notice
	38. Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority (Seaport Tariff) (Amendment) Regulations
	39. Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital or current expenditure – Saint Lucia Sustainable Recovery Development Policy Financing
	40. Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to establish the Tourism Development Fund
	41. Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to Authorize the Minister of Finance to Guarantee borrowing by the National Lotteries Authority to finance a youth and sports infrastructure programme
	42. Public Finance Management (Public Asset Management) Regulations

At the end of March 2024, one Act was passed and 42 Statutory Instruments were published.

### WORKSHOPS, CONSULTATIONS AND MEETINGS

The following are the Workshops, Consultations or Meetings that the Legislative Drafting Unit participated in during the financial year:

- Radiation Safety Workshop
- WIPO Sub-Regional Workshop for OECS Member States on Patent Legislation
- FAO Regional Workshop on Animal Identification and Traceability
- Workshop on CARICOM Single ICT Space

- Stakeholder Workshop by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for the Caribbean Business Enabling Environment Reform (CBEE-R) Activity
- CARICOM IMPACS Virtual Regional Workshop on the Return and sharing of Recovered Assets
- Stakeholder Consultation on the Escazu Agreement
- Virtual Consultation Workshop: Legislative Gap Analysis for the Sustainable Development of the Blue Economy

A total of 183 laws were enacted for the financial year 2023-2024 for the period April 2023 to December 2023 consisting of 15 Acts and 168 Statutory Instruments. When compared with the Legislative Agenda and Budget Address, the Legislative Drafting Unit, has embarked on drafting of all the legislation required.





## APPENDIX 1

Name of Acts	Acts No.
Agreement for the Establishment of a Partnership between Member States of the Caribbean Community and the African Export-Import Bank Act	1
Constitution of Saint Lucia (Amendment) Act	2
Fisheries (Amendment) Act	3
Money Services Business (Amendment) Act	4
Money Laundering (Prevention) (Amendment) Act	5
Suppression of Escalated Crime (Police Powers) Act	6
Constitution of Saint Lucia (Amendment) (No. 2) Act	7
Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Act	8
Companies (Amendment) Act	9
Extradition (Amendment) Act	10
Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) Act	11
Registration of Supervised Entities Act	12
Credit Reporting Act	13
Appropriation Act	14
Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act	15
Health and Citizen Security Levy Act	16
United Nations Sanctions (Counter-Proliferation Financing) (Amendment) Act	17
Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Act	18
Income Tax (Amendment) Act	19
Income Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Act	20
Health and Citizen Security Levy (Amendment) Act	21
Public Debt Management Act	22
Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act	23
Invest Saint Lucia (Amendment) Act	24
Civil Aviation (Amendment) Act	25
Regulated Substances Act	26
Consumer Protection (Amendment) Act	27

<b>Name of Statutory Instruments</b>	<b>S.I. No.</b>
Legal Profession (Eligibility) (Frank Edouard Walwyn) Order	1
Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Agreement	2
Customs (Service Charge) (Amendment of Schedule) Order	3
Data Protection Act (Commencement) Order	4
Price Control (Amendment) (No. 1) Order	5
Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1)(No. 1) Order	6
Tourism Stimulus and Investment (Nehemiah Moore) Order	7
Companies (Amendment) Regulations	8
Community Tourism Development (Form of proposal for partnership agreement) Regulations	9
Legal Profession (Eligibility) (Tia Marie Austin) Order	10
Price Control (Amendment) (No. 2) Order	11
Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1)(No. 2) Order	12
Criminal Code (Detention of Suspects During Police Investigations) (Other Indictable Offence) Notice	13
Fiscal Incentives (Lubeco (1991) Ltd.) (Amendment) Order	14
Telecommunications (Aeronautical and Maritime Mobile Satellite Service) (Exemption) (Starlink Internet Services Limited) Order	15
Telecommunications (Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Service) (Exemption) (Thales Avionics Inc.) Order	16
Telecommunications (Aeronautical and Maritime Mobile Satellite Service) (Exemption) (ViaSat, Inc.) Order	17
Price Control (Amendment) (No. 3) Order	18
Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 3) Order	19
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Accreditation Act (Commencement) Order	21
Tourism Stimulus and Investment (Windjammer Landing Company Limited) Order	22
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Price Control (Amendment) (No. 4) Order	25
Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 4) Order	26
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Public Finance Management Act — Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital or current expenditure — Building Public Health Resilience — Coronavirus Disease 2019 Response Project	28
Public Finance Management Act — Resolution of Parliament to Authorize the Minister of Finance to Guarantee borrowing by the Millennium Heights Medical Complex.	29

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Tourism Stimulus and Investment (Daron Charles Investments Incorporated) (Amendment) Order	33
Community Tourism (Appointment of the Board of the Community Tourism Agency) Notice	34
Tourism Stimulus and Investment (Carib Invest Capital Ltd.)(Amendment) Order	35
Price Control (Amendment) (No. 5) Order	36
Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 5) Order	37
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Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority(Airport Tariff) (Amendment) Regulations	40
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Tourism Stimulus and Investment (STEFFS (SLU) Ltd.) Order	60
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