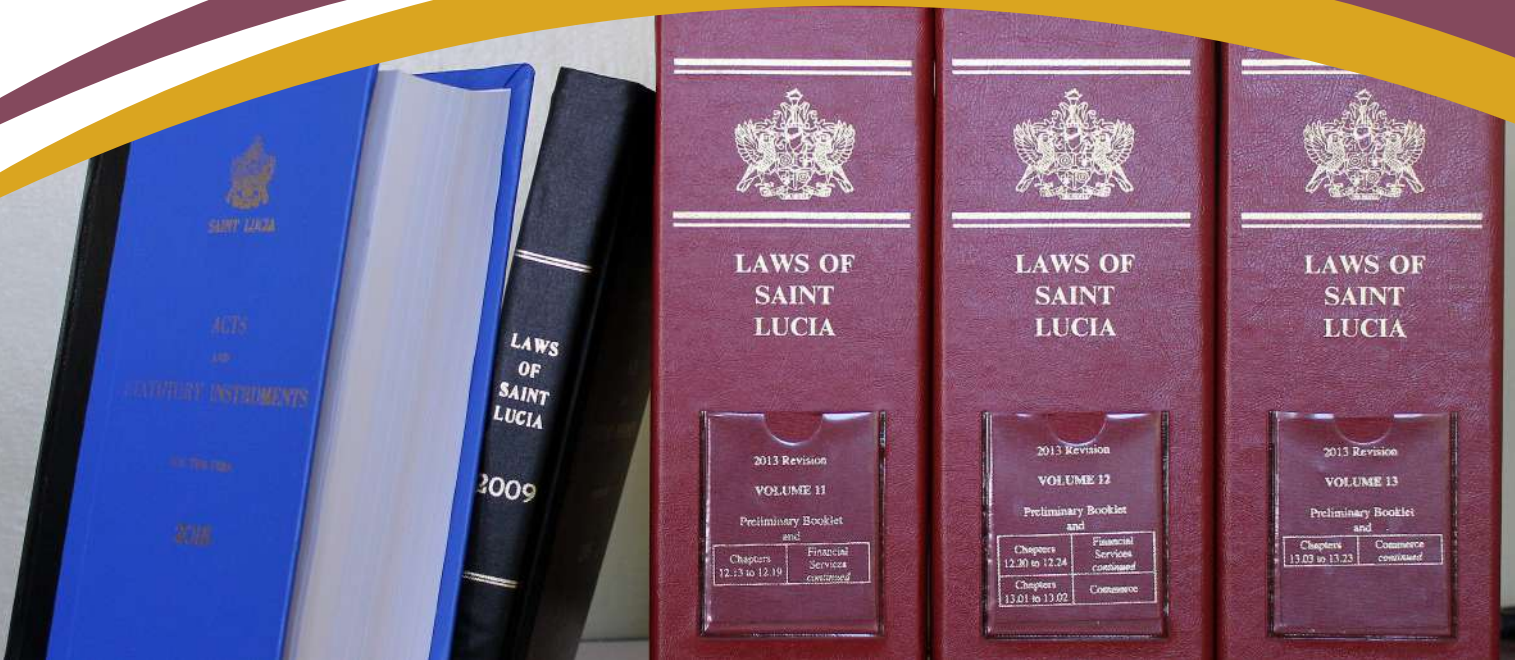




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I wish to extend sincere thanks to the Heads of Department and Staff for completion of this Annual Report. I must applaud Permanent Secretary Juliana Alfred's leadership on this project and Mr. Viannie Aimable for the graphic support.

Honourable Leslie V. Mondesir

31.5.23

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.
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4. Professionalism – we are committed to professional best practices in the public service and aim to foster seamless synergy with other Government Departments and Ministries.
5. Transparency – we will be open and accountable in our activities.

MESSAGE FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



The Attorney General's Chambers had another productive year and it is with great pleasure that I report to the Government and citizenry on our accomplishments over the period. I readily admit that one of the highlights of this year was Saint Lucia's accession to the Caribbean Court of Justice.

It has indeed been a long twenty-two year journey from the date Saint Lucia signed the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice in February 2001 to the passing in the House of Parliament, the **Constitution of Saint Lucia (Amendment) Act, No. 2 of 2023** in February 2023, by virtue of which our Constitution was amended to reflect the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) as being Saint Lucia's Court of final appellate jurisdiction.

The Attorney General's Chambers played an integral role in achieving this feat in various ways. Our Legislative Drafters were tasked with conducting a review of our legislation and making the necessary amendments to achieve the outcome and our own then Senior Crown Counsel Mr. Rene Williams sat on the CCJ Ascension Committee under the Chairmanship of Sir Dennis Byron. This committee undertook a series of town hall meetings around the Island on a CCJ public education campaign.

Mr. Williams has since been appointed as a High Court Judge assigned to the jurisdiction of Antigua and Barbuda and the Attorney General's Chambers congratulates him on this appointment and thanks him for his many years of dedicated service to Chambers and by extension the Government of Saint Lucia.

Under similar circumstances presented in the years 2020 – 2021, the Government of Saint Lucia found it necessary that legislation be drafted to cater to specific threats facing the island. In the years prior, that threat was COVID – 19, today the island faces the threat of an upsurge in criminal activity, particularly gun violence.

In this regard the Legislative Drafting Unit was tasked with drafting the Suppression of Escalated Crime (Police Powers) Bill which was passed in March of 2023 and became the **Escalated Crime (Police Powers) Act, No.6 of 2023**. Pursuant to this Act, an area can be designated an escalated

crime area and the police is empowered by the Act within that area to undertake certain measures to suppress crime which the police would otherwise not have had.

In more positive updates Chambers continues the process to finalize its strategic plan. This plan will highlight the key performance indicators that will provide the basis for the monitoring of our work programme. Further, Chambers under the leadership of the Permanent Secretary Ms. Juliana Alfred, with Senior Crown Counsel Ms. Kozel Creese and the NAMLOC Unit, continues to ensure that Saint Lucia remains compliant with the FATF standards. As part of their efforts, Saint Lucia will apply for re-rating of some of the FATF 40 recommendations, having received some partially compliant and noncompliant ratings in our 2021 Mutual Evaluation Country Report.

The Advice & Litigation Unit noted a significant increase in requests as compared to previous years, including those for legal opinions. During the period under review, the Advice & Litigation Unit also successfully led the country's review of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). Saint Lucia is currently in the final stages of this assessment and a summary of the review will be published upon completion of the review process.

The Legislative Drafting Unit has diligently prepared 13 Bills which have passed through Parliament and have become law for the period April 2022 - March 2023. Two of these are the notable pieces of legislation which were

referenced previously. It is expected that for this upcoming period, the Legal Drafters will continue to provide support to the Government of Saint Lucia in drafting laws which implement the policy directive of the Government.

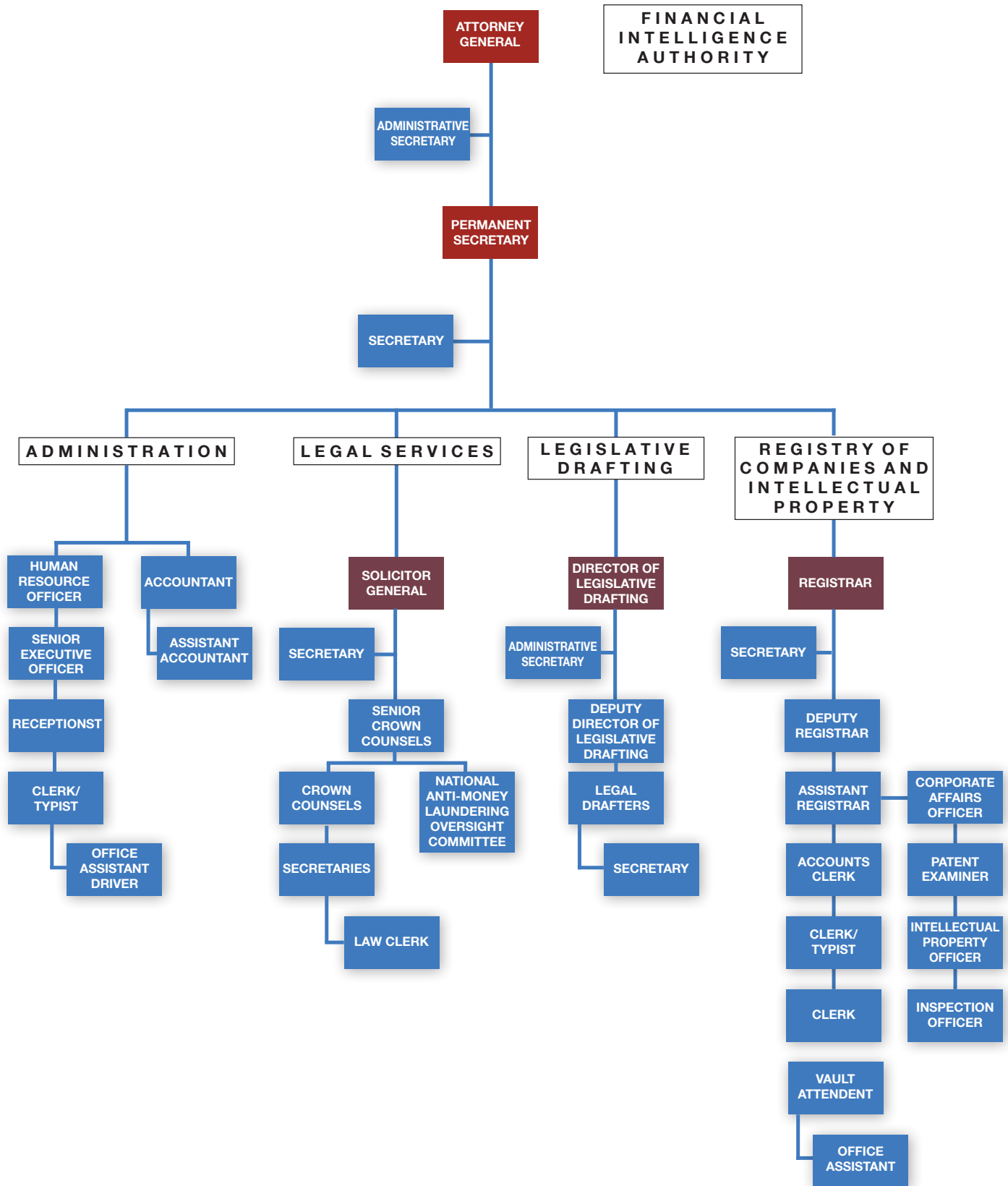
The Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property remains the main revenue earner of Chambers and it has also taken time to undertake community outreach. In 2022, ROCIP hosted a successful event to recognize young persons from twelve secondary schools on the island at a "Student Creativity Showcase."

The Marriage Licence Unit also continues to contribute favourably to our revenue stream.

I must commend the Administration and Accounts teams, who remain in the background providing critical support to all units. I am thankful for the contribution of every team member here at the Attorney General's Chambers and remain grateful for their continued efforts in providing support to the Government and people of Saint Lucia.



Honourable Leslie V. Mondesir
Attorney General



PROFILE CORNER: REGISTRY OF COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY UNIT

World Intellectual Property Day 2022

Student Creativity Showcase

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 in which the Registry takes advantage to execute this mandate is the celebration of World Intellectual Property Day which is celebrated every year on April 26. ROCIP joins many Intellectual Property Offices around the world in promoting activities to celebrate 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 2022, ROCIP celebrated the talents and achievements of the youth in Saint Lucia under the theme IP and Youth: Innovating for a better future as part of the annual celebration. ROCIP recognized youth emanating from twelve secondary schools on island at a “Student Creativity Showcase” which was designed to highlight the creativity of students with talents ranging from entrepreneurship to inventions to authorship in various works. The students were awarded personalized plaques which recognized their creativity and achievement and were given packages with IP literature and paraphernalia. The tokens were intended



to be a motivation to the youth to build their skills with a view of creating a better future for themselves, their families and the world at large.

Team ROCIP worked hard to ensure a successful event. Hats off to all the team members in the various schools that participated at the Student Creativity Showcase. List of awardees below:

Name of student	School
Asha Henry	Bocage Secondary School
Samuel Chalon	Patricia James Secondary School
Caryn Khadoo	Vieux Fort Comprehensive Secondary School
Ermanie Benett	Grande Riviere Secondary School
Le-Marnie Lewis	Leon Hess Comprehensive Secondary School
Katrina Belas	Ciceron Secondary School
Daisy Christophe	Anse Ger Secondary School
Shadee Stephen	Babonneau Secondary School
Melanie Paul	Clendon Mason Memorial Secondary School
Raiven Gabriel	Castries Comprehensive Secondary School
Abigail Numa	Entrepot Secondary School
Kimani Frederick	Beaufield Comprehensive Secondary School
Michael Aineel Fletcher	Choiseul Secondary School
Tomy Adolf	Stanley Jon Odlum Memorial Secondary School
Shakim Faisal	Micoud Secondary School
Brianna David	Saint Lucia Seventh-Day Adventist Academy

IP Essay competition

Another highlight of the celebrations marking World IP Day 2022 was the IP Essay competition held among students of the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College. Candidates were given the opportunity to write a 500-word essay on the topic, “The youth of today are the innovators, creators and entrepreneurs of tomorrow. How can the tools of the Intellectual Property system be used by them to create a better and more sustainable future?”



Mr. James Bell emerged the winner of the competition, capturing the prize of a laptop and Ms. Daja Kangal secured second place with a winning of a tablet. At a handing over ceremony both students expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the competition and of course, they vowed to make good use of the prizes in their studies.

IP Open Day

ROCIP collaborated with other agencies in an Intellectual Property “open day” on the grounds of the Hewanorra House at Pointe Seraphine, Castries. The Small Business Development Centre (SBDC) (formerly the Small Enterprise Development Unit) of the Ministry of Commerce, the Eastern Caribbean Collective Organization for Music Rights (ECCO) and Export Saint Lucia collaborated with ROCIP in educating and distributing intellectual property and entrepreneurial literature and paraphernalia to the general public, and in particular, to young entrepreneurs and those aspiring to start their own business. The sensitization efforts were well received by patrons and students who expressed interest in various areas of innovation and business.

Attendees were treated to a spontaneous musical performance by two students who received awards at the Student Creativity Showcase held earlier that day. The Registrar did interviews with the media on the activities that the office held to mark World IP Day.

CarIPI IV Sub-PSC Meeting and Training Workshop

Saint Lucia hosted the CarIPI IV Sub-PSC CARIFORUM Meeting and Intellectual Property Training Workshop on 25 - 28 October, 2022 for regional intellectual property offices. CarIPI is an international cooperation project funded by the European Union and co-funded and implemented by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). The project aims to upgrade and harmonize the systems for IP creation, protection, administration and enforcement in line with the EPA provisions, and contributes to regional integration in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

The objectives of the meeting were to review the status of the CarIPI project, and to endorse the IV Annual Work Plan, setting out the objectives to be carried out by the

project in the next 18 months, from 1st November 2022 to 30th April, 2024. The Sub - PSC meeting resumed in person after a two-year deviation to a virtual setting as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The focus of the workshop was on three areas of intellectual property, namely, trademarks, designs and geographical indications. The overall objective was designed to create a network of strengthened and more efficient IP institutions, delivering timely, high quality and accessible intellectual property rights (IPR) administration and enforcement services, benefiting medium to small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). The Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property participated in a promotional media production on TM Class, an EUIPO online tool used by many IPOs around the world, including Saint Lucia, in the trademark examination process. The former Deputy Registrar, Ms. Liz Joseph, represented the Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property at that event.

Other events took place including a meet and greet cocktail and a social trip to the Sulphur Springs in Soufriere. Participants expressed their deep gratitude to the Saint Lucian hosts for the execution of a successful meeting.

As it relates to the services provided during the period, the tables below provides an overview of statistics related to registration of Business Names, Companies, Partnerships and Trade Marks.

Statistics

Total Number of Registrations 2022			
Business Names	Companies	Partnerships	Trade Marks
1,739	314	Nil	321

Comparative Statistics Registrations for 2020 - 2022			
	2020	2021	2022
Business Names	1,322	1,745	1,739
Companies	243	290	314
Partnerships	Nil	1	Nil
Trade Marks	256	286	321

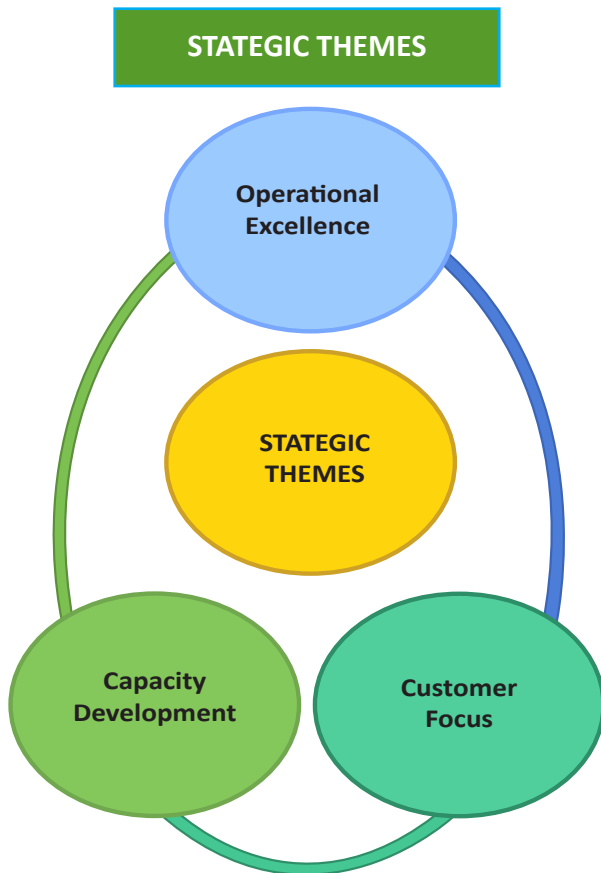
ADMINISTRATION UNIT

Strategic Plan

The most significant activity led by the Administration Unit was the consultations on its four year strategic plan for the Attorney General's Chambers. This process also included the revision of our mission, vision and values as previously illustrated. Some of the key deliverables for the Strategic Plan include:

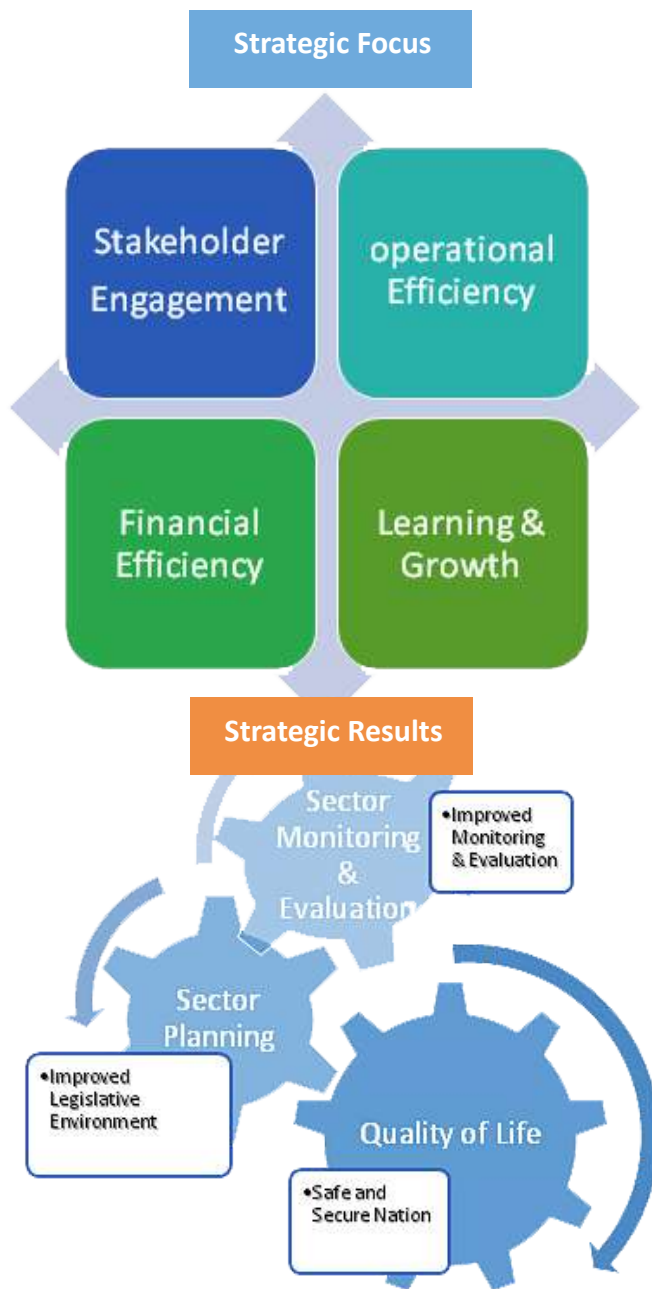
- greater synergy with relevant stakeholders
- improved staff performance
- adherence to professional best practices
- increase integration of technology into operations

The overview of the strategic plan is displayed below.



As Chambers transitioned from the previous year's challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Administration Unit continued to assist with the return to normalcy.





In 2022, the Administration Unit provided support to the Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property in the following initiatives: -

- i. World Intellectual Property Open Day under the theme: IP and Youth: Innovating for a better future on April 26, 2022. The Permanent Secretary delivered remarks at the opening ceremony. Chambers staff also supported a public exhibition which was hosted by ROCIP.
- ii. The European Union Intellectual Property office (EUIPO) hosted a four (4) day meeting and workshop

in St. Lucia at the Bay Gardens hotel from October 25 – 28, 2022. The Administration Unit provided logistical support in terms of transportation and gift packages for participants and the Permanent Secretary delivered remarks.

- iii. A field trip to Soufriere was organized by the Permanent Secretary for the overseas participants to visit the Sulphur Springs on October 28, 2022.

Advice and Litigation:

- National Risk Assessment Workshop – 15-16 November, 2022. The Permanent Secretary delivered remarks and logistical support was provided by the Administration Unit.
- United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) 7-8 December, 2022. The Permanent Secretary delivered remarks and the Administrative Unit provided ground transportation and gift packages to the participants.

Training/Workshops

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

- Training in Mandarin was done by Ms. Aleysha Edwin from March – October 2022.
- Ms. Etha Francis participated in a virtual training session in Resilient Grieving Session on March 30, 2022, from the Employee Assistance Unit (EAP).
- Stress Management Public Service Course by Mrs. Louiana Hippolyte in April, 2022
- Staff at Attorney General's Chambers graduated and received certificates in February 2022 on the completion of the UWI Paralegal Course which commenced in the previous year.
- Capacity Building sessions were held in April, 2022 for management and staff to learn key skills, behaviours and strategies to develop a growth mindset. The Modules of emotional intelligence, improving work ethics, stress management and resilience were undertaken with staff.
- Management Master classes were conducted in May, 2022 for Heads of Department. This was facilitated by Mrs. Cynthia Alexander.
- Emotional Health Care session undertaken in June, 2022 for all Staff.

- Strategic Planning workshop for Heads of Department was facilitated by Ms. Perle Alcindor in August, 2022.

Staff Promotions/Acting Appointments

Name	Acting Appointments/Promotions
Carla Williams	Acting Appointment as Supernumerary Clerk
Aurelia Evans	Promoted to Assistant Accountant I
Aleysha Edwin	Promoted to Secretary III
Jevani Joseph	Acting Appointment as Secretary I
Shamara Avril	Acting Appointment as Corporate Affairs Officer & Secretary I
Kerrine Jn. Pierre-Allembert	Acting Appointment as Secretary II
Kanasha Simond	Acting Appointment as Intellectual Property Officer I
Zhane Florent	Acting Appointment as Clerk III
Lisa Narcisse	Acting Appointment as Secretary II
Nakisha Haynes	Acting Appointment as Secretary III

Staff events

- General Staff Meeting held at Finance Administrative Centre on June 8th, 2022 with a social thereafter.
- Staff were treated to staff recognition and appreciation Day on June 24th, 2022.
- Staff Creole Brunch held on October 28th, 2022 at the Attorney General's Chambers.
- Gala Christmas Dinner held at Sandals Golf & Country Club in Cap Estate on December 12th, 2022.
- Independence activity – Health and Wellness fair held on February 24, 2023 for Staff at Chambers.

Farewell

- Management and staff bid farewell to Ms. Melissa Inglis, Ms. Liz Joseph and Mr. Kareem Alleyne, during the period the officers were presented with tokens of appreciation for their service to Chambers. A karaoke session was also held in their honor.
- Management also bid farewell to Ms. Sharon Paul and Mr. Tito Holder. Ms. Paul was presented a token of appreciation as she proceeded on retirement and Mr. Tito Holder, in recognition of his contribution to work at Chambers.
- Management and staff also 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 long years of service to Chambers.



ACCOUNTS UNIT

APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023

Introduction

The overall performance of Chambers during the period April 2022 to March 2023 surpassed the yearly revenue projections of \$1,776,855 by \$126,796, totaling \$1,903,651.

Chambers had some unsteady performances with revenue collections against its budgeted projections. This was particularly noticeable for the Administration section, where the main revenue earner of marriage licenses under-performed (refer Table 2.1).

The significant contributor to this positive performance is the Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP). ROCIP has maintained positive variances throughout the year with the exception of May 2022 and December 2022 recording negative variances of \$925 and \$17,432 respectively (Table 1.1 refers).

It is also important to note that the Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property has plans to enhance revenue collections through the introduction of the following:

- Patent Legislation and processing of patent applications.
- New Business Names Legislation:
 - Registered business names will be obligated to renew their registration annually at a fee;
 - Introduction of penalties and other sanctions for failure to comply with certain provisions.
- Modernization of Saint Lucia's copyright law, this will promote voluntary registration which will allow copyright holders to obtain a certificate of voluntary registration at a fee of \$100.00.

Chambers, remains optimistic that it will continue to collect the revenues forecasted for the upcoming fiscal period and maintain the positive outlook.

Revenue

Actual revenue vs. Budgeted revenue (April 2022 to March 2023) ROCIP

	ACTUAL REVENUE	BUDGETED REVENUE	VARIANCE
April 2022	115,714	113,450	2,264
May 2022	125,877	126,802	(925)
June 2022	131,624	123,078	8,546
July 2022	121,775	93,142	28,633
August 2022	113,534	89,865	23,669
September 2022	117,095	109,807	7,288
October 2022	103,285	69,264	34,021
November 2022	134,967	97,454	37,513
December 2022	74,299	91,731	(17,432)
January 2023	93,279	87,131	6,148
February 2023	104,611	92,346	12,265
March 2023	175,718	167,620	8,098
Total	1,411,778	1,261,690	150,088

Table 1.1



The Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) according to Table 1.1 above surpassed its forecasted revenue collection by \$150,088. Chambers expects this performance to continue and possibly improve if some of the initiatives highlighted earlier are implemented.

Line graph Actual revenue vs. Budgeted revenue (April 2022 to March 2023)

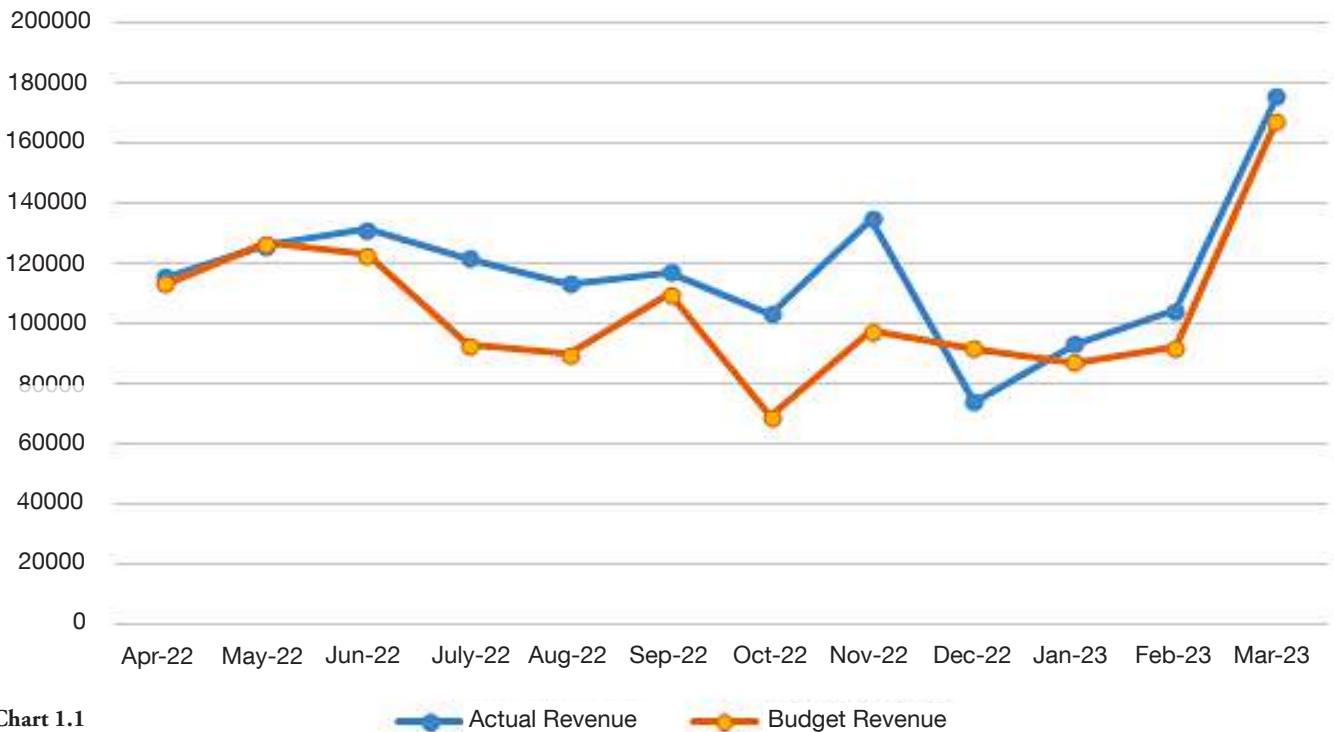


Chart 1.1

—●— Actual Revenue —●— Budget Revenue



Chart 1.1 is a graph of the information contained in Table 1.1 actual revenue versus budget revenue for April 2022 to March 2023 for the Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP).

Actual revenue vs. Budgeted revenue (April 2022 to March 2023) ADMIN

	ACTUAL REVENUE	BUDGETED REVENUE	VARIANCE
April 2022	55,670	29,101	26,569
May 2022	59,613	36,612	23,001
June 2022	48,510	42,342	6,168
July 2022	38,435	47,903	(9,468)
August 2022	37,164	51,447	(14,283)
September 2022	35,130	42,671	(7,541)
October 2022	34,112	43,806	(9,694)
November 2022	42,925	55,542	(12,617)
December 2022	45,638	46,356	(718)
January 2023	28,293	24,528	3,765
February 2023	27,260	49,669	(22,409)
March 2023	39,123	45,288	(6,165)
Total	491,873	515,265	(23,392)

Table 2.1

Marriage licenses is the main revenue stream for the Administration Unit of Chambers, which can sometimes be an unpredictable source of revenue. During the fiscal period marriage licenses and sale of publications under performed by \$22,635 and \$2,157 respectively contributing to the overall adverse variance of \$23,392 as per Table 2.1. The other revenue streams are Apostilles and Adoptions fees with positive variances of \$700 and \$800.

Line graph Actual revenue vs. Budgeted revenue (April 2022 to March 2023)

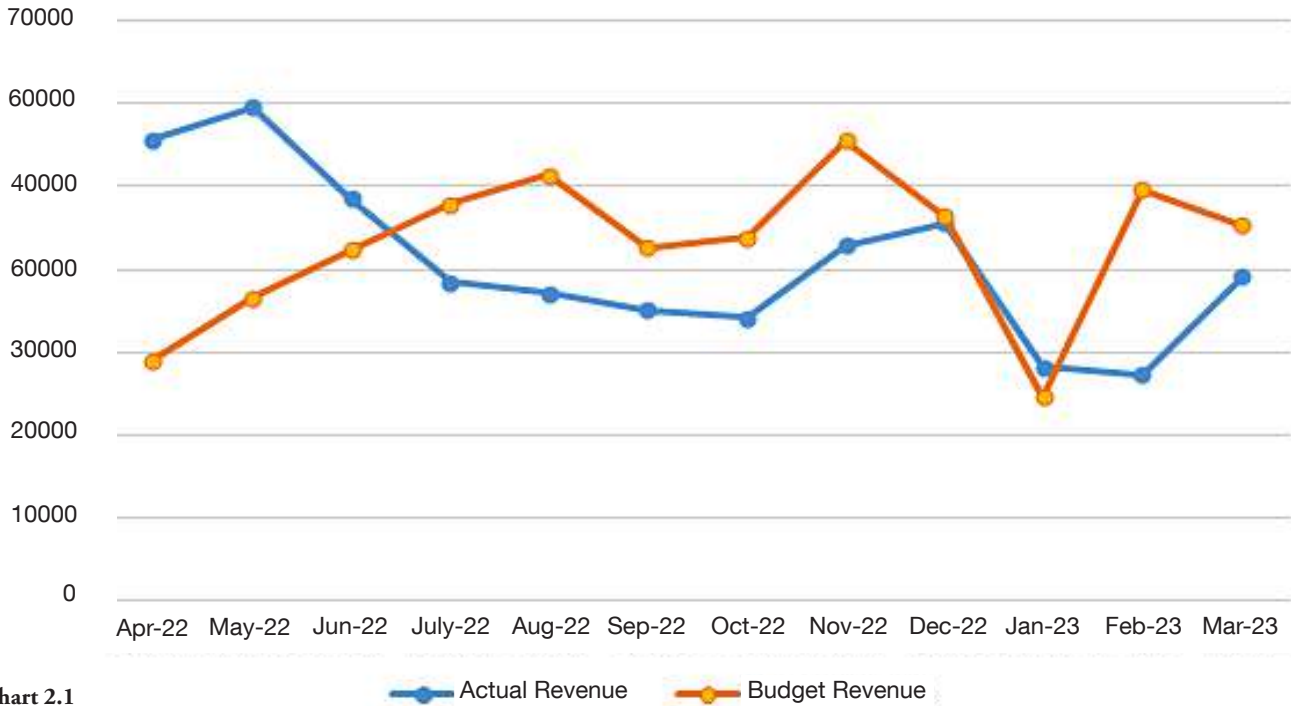


Chart 2.1

Chart 2.1 Actual revenue versus budget revenue for April 2022 to March 2023 for Chambers, Administration Unit.

Actual revenue vs. Budgeted revenue (April 2022 to March 2023) CHAMBERS

	ACTUAL REVENUE	BUDGETED REVENUE	VARIANCE
April 2022	171,384	142,551	28,833
May 2022	185,490	163,414	22,726
June 2022	180,134	165,320	14,814
July 2022	160,210	141,045	19,165
August 2022	150,698	141,312	9,386
September 2022	152,225	152,478	(253)
October 2022	137,397	113,070	24,327
November 2022	177,892	152,996	24,896
December 2022	119,937	138,087	(18,150)
January 2023	121,572	111,659	9,913
February 2023	131,871	142,015	(10,144)
March 2023	214,841	212,908	1,933
Total	1,903,651	1,776,855	126,796

Table 3.1

The Attorney General's Chambers surpassed its revenue projections by \$126,796, barring any major adverse events it is expected to maintain this type of performance.

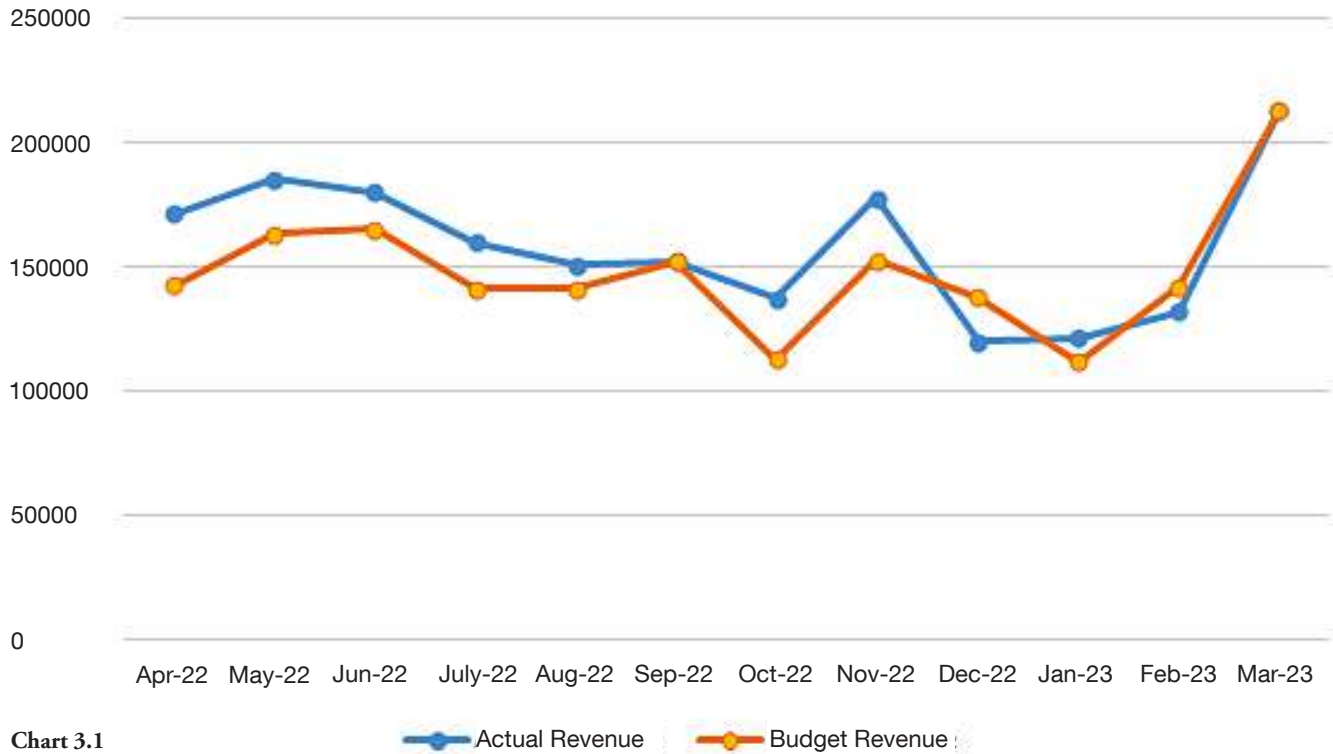


Chart 3.1 Actual Revenue vs Budget Revenue for April 2022 to March 2023 for Attorney General's Chambers.

Summary of revenue performance for April 2022 to March 2023

Revenue	Projection	Actual	% Collected	% Not collected	Balance
Marriage Lic.	496,460	473,825	95.44%	4.56%	22,635
ROCIP	1,261,690	1,411,778	111.90%	-11.90%	-150,088
Adoption	8,000	8,800	110.00%	-10.00%	-800
Apostle	4,450	5,150	115.73%	-15.73%	-700
Sale of Laws	6,255	4,098	65.52%	34.48%	2,157
	1,776,855	1,903,651			-126,796

LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING UNIT

INTRODUCTION

During the financial year April 2022 to March 2023, the Legislative Drafting Unit continued to pursue the mission and vision of the Attorney General's Chambers by drafting laws specified in the Throne Speech and Budget Speech and on the instruction of Ministries, Departments and other Government Agencies and interpreting the laws when requested. Additionally, the Legal Drafters were in attendance at the sittings of Parliament when draft legislation was presented and passed to provide assistance as it relates to the contents of the draft legislation.

The public obtained access to the 2019 Supplement to the Revised Edition of the Laws which is now available on the website of the Attorney General's Chambers. The 2020 Supplement to the Revised Edition of the Laws was completed as well.

A change occurred in the staffing of the Unit as one Legal Drafter resigned in December, 2022. At present the Unit consists of a Director of Legislative Drafting, Deputy Director of Legislative Drafting and three Legal Drafters. All the Legal Drafters in the Unit have pursued and obtained the LLM in Legislative Drafting. The Unit therefore has competent Legislative Drafters.

This Report focuses on the laws published by the Unit for the financial year.



PUBLISHED LAWS**ACTS**

Title of Act	Commencement Date	Purpose
APRIL 2022		
1. Appropriation Act, No. 13 of 2022	9 May, 2022	Provides for the services of the State of Saint Lucia for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 2023.
JULY 2022		
2. International Banks (Amendment) Act, No. 14 of 2022	27 July, 2022	Amends the International Banks Act, Cap. 12.17 to insert definitions for the terms effective consolidated supervision, financial services regulator, physical presence and shell bank. Section 5 of the Act was amended include physical presence and a new provision added to the Act on limitation on activities.
AUGUST 2022		
3. Recording of Court Proceedings Act, No. 15 of 2022	10 August, 2022	Provides for the recording and transcribing of court proceedings and repeals the Recording of Court Proceedings Act, Cap. 4.16.
4. Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission Agreement Act, No. 16 of 2022	10 August, 2022	Provides for the implementation of the Agreement establishing the Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission.
5. Youth Economy Act, No. 17 of 2022	10 August, 2022	Provides young people an economic space to turn hobbies into entrepreneurship and skills into businesses, to establish the Youth Economy Agency, for the Youth Economy Programme and to facilitate the development of a youth economy project and provide special incentives.
6. Firearms (Amendment) Act, No. 18 of 2022	12 August, 2022	Amends the Firearms Act, Cap. 14.12 to change the definitions of appropriate authority, prohibited weapon and firearm and to insert new definitions for Board and Chairperson. A new part was added to the Act to provide for a Firearms Licensing Board. The penalties for the offences were changed and a new offence that prohibits weapons and ammunition created. The provisions relating to the restriction on manufacturing, selling, transferring, lending, repairing, modifying, testing or proving a firearm or ammunition and prohibition on removal or alteration of markings on a firearm or ammunition were replaced. New provisions were added to the Act to restrict exposure for sale or transfer and possession of a firearm; prohibit disposal or destruction of a firearm or ammunition and prohibit against illicit trafficking in firearms or ammunition. A provision for the controlled delivery of firearms and ammunition was also included in the Act.

ACTS

Title of Act	Commencement Date	Purpose
7. Special Prosecutor Act, No. 19 of 2022	16 August, 2022	Provides for the Special Prosecutor, the investigation and prosecution of corrupt conduct of public officers and public officials and for the appointment of the Special Prosecutor.
NOVEMBER 2022		
8. Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, No. 20 of 2022	14 November, 2022	Amends the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Cap. 8.01 in section 28 to increase the age of 70 years to 75 years.
9. Income Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 21 of 2022	14 November, 2022	Amends the Income Tax Act, Cap. 15.02.
10. Security Interest in Movable Property Act, No. 22 of 2022	14 November, 2022	Provides for the use of movable property as collateral for credit; the creation of a security in movable property and third-party effectiveness of a security interest; the establishment of an online Register of Security Interests in Movable Property and for the registration of a security interest in movable property; the rules for determining priority of a security interest as against competing claimants; the rights and obligations of a grantor, secured creditor and third-party obligor and the enforcement of a security interest and applicable laws.
DECEMBER 2022		
11. St. Jude Hospital (Amendment) Act, No. 23 of 2022	12 December, 2022	Amends the St. Jude Hospital Act, Cap. 11.20 to make provision for the guarantee of borrowing for the St. Jude Hospital.
12. Virtual Asset Business Act	28 December, 2022	Provides for the regulation and supervision of a virtual asset business in or from Saint Lucia.



During the months of January to March, 2023 the following 13 Acts were enacted by Parliament:

<p>JANUARY</p>	<p>Agreement for the Establishment of a Partnership between Member States of the Caribbean Community and the African Export-Import Bank Act, No. 1 of 2023 – This Act provides for giving legal effect to the provisions of the Agreement for the Establishment of a Partnership between Member States of the Caribbean Community and the African Export-Import Bank.</p>
<p>FEBRUARY</p>	
<p>MARCH</p>	<p>Constitution of Saint Lucia (Amendment) Act, No. 2 of 2023 – The Constitution of Saint Lucia, Cap. 1.01 is amended to change as the final appellate court the Caribbean Court of Justice rather than the Privy Council.</p> <p>Fisheries (Amendment) Act, No. 3 of 2023 – The Fisheries Act, Cap. 7.15 is amended to introduce new provisions for the designation of a marine management authority and for that authority to make bye-laws.</p> <p>Money Services Business (Amendment) Act, No. 4 of 2023 – In this Act, the Money Services Business Act, Cap. 12.22 is amended to provide the Financial Services Regulatory Authority the ability to monitor a money services business in Saint Lucia and take action against a person carrying on a money services business without a licence.</p>

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Money Laundering (Prevention) (Amendment) Act, No. 5 of 2023 – Amendments made to the Money Laundering (Prevention) Act, Cap. 12.20 were in relation to the modification of certain definitions, increasing the penalties and strengthening customer identification measures and reporting of a suspicious transaction relating to terrorist financing and proliferation financing. In addition, virtual asset businesses, international mutual funds are considered to be financial institutions for the purposes of the Act and new provision is made for politically exposed persons and self-laundering. Mutual legal assistance to be proved by the Financial Intelligence Authority (the Authority) with respect to terrorist financing and proliferation and the Authority is exempted from taxes, duties and levies.

Suppression of Escalated Crime (Police Powers) Act, No. 6 of 2023 – A police officer is provided with additional powers to suppress escalated crime in Saint Lucia.

Constitution of Saint Lucia (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, No. 7 of 2023 – By this Act the Constitution of Saint Lucia, Cap. 1.01 is altered so that the Deputy Speaker may be elected from members of the House of Assembly who are not members of Cabinet or Parliamentary Secretaries or from persons who are not members of the House of Assembly.

Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Act, No. 8 of 2023 - In this Act, the Anti-Terrorism Act, Cap. 3.16 is amended to insert new definitions for the terms financial institution and specified entity and provide for in-house policies for the designation of a specified entity to be developed by the Financial Intelligence Authority and competent authorities. There is a new requirement for a competent authority to submit information to the Financial Intelligence Authority and for the Attorney General to propose names for listing and de-listing. The penalty provided in the Act is increased and new offences created. Added to the Act are provisions on financing of travel; cancellation of a licence or certificate; basic expenses for a specified entity; basic expenses for a specified entity listed on the 1267 or 1988 lists; application for review of freezing order by an affected person; requirement to freeze funds; freezing of funds in extreme urgency and communication of a specified entity, de-listing and unfreezing of funds and other property.

Companies (Amendment) Act, No. 9 of 2023 – The Companies Act, Cap. 13.01 is amended to provide generally for a register of shareholders, for the keeping of records by a company that has been dissolved, struck off the register or otherwise ceases to exist for a period of 5 years and for the keeping of records not only documents by the Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property. Information sharing by the Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property is also addressed in the amendment so that information on a body corporate may be provided to government agencies. Penalties have also increased for certain offences under the Act.

Extradition (Amendment) Act, No. 10 of 2023 – In the amendment to the Extradition Act, Cap. 2.10 dual criminality is removed as a condition for extradition.

Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) Act, No. 11 of 2023 – The Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, Cap. 3.03 is amended to change the title of the Act to Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal and Related Matters Act and to expand the application of the Act to all countries and not only to Commonwealth countries.

Registration of Supervised Entities Act, No. 12 of 2023 – Provision is made in this Act for the registration of specified persons engaged in other business activity for greater supervision of those business activities which present a risk for money laundering and other criminal conduct.

Credit Reporting Act, No. 13 of 2023 – This Act provides for a fair and accurate credit reporting system within the financial system in order to assure objective credit decisions; enables credit information sharing and reporting; provides for the regulation of the conduct of credit reporting and credit reporting services; provides safeguards for data protection for customers of credit providers and provides for a single space in the regulation of credit reporting.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

As reflected in the table below 185 Statutory Instruments were passed from April to December, 2022.

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
10	17	9	26	17	19	14	50	23	185

Instructions for the drafting of these laws were received mainly from the Attorney General; Cabinet; the Departments of Custom, Finance, Infrastructure, Ports and Transport; the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank; the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, the Ministries of Commerce, Education, Justice and Tourism and the Saint Lucia National Housing Corporation. The legislation passed by these Government agencies is set out below:

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CIVIL CODE (MARRIAGE LICENCE) (FEES) ORDER	LEGAL PROFESSION (ELIGIBILITY) ORDERS
<p>The Civil Code (Marriage Licence) (Fees) Order was amended by Statutory Instrument, No. 58 of 2022 effective 11 May, 2023. In the amendment a new provision is inserted in the original Order for the opening hours for submitting an application for a marriage licence and the fees specified in the Schedule were replaced so that the fee for an application made more than one day before the date of the wedding is \$335 and the fee for an application made one day or less before the date of the wedding is \$540.</p>	<p>In accordance with section 16(1) and (2) of the Legal Profession Act, Cap. 2:04 and on being satisfied that an individual is eligible to be admitted by the High Court to the practice of law in Saint Lucia, the Attorney General declared eligible to the practice of law in Saint Lucia, the following persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desiree Toni Valentine by Statutory Instrument, No. 39 of 2022 which came into force on 4 April, 2022. • Leonette Lattriz Headley by Statutory Instrument, No. 46 of 2022 effective 19 April, 2022. • Satcha Subhas Chandra Seamus Kissoon by Statutory Instrument, No. 54 of 2022 effective 9 May, 2022. • Shari-Ann Walker by Statutory Instrument, No. 55 of 2022 effective 9 May, 2022. • Shanice Risha Ramdhan by Statutory Instrument, No. 56 of 2022 effective 16 May, 2022. • Seantelle Alicia Parris by Statutory Instrument, No. 65 of 2022 effective 31 May, 2022.

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CIVIL CODE (MARRIAGE LICENCE) (FEES) ORDER	LEGAL PROFESSION (ELIGIBILITY) ORDERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanessa Shatana Fennel by Statutory Instrument, No. 71 of 2022 effective 7 June, 2022. • Carlyle Kevin Rogers by Statutory Instrument, No. 74 of 2022. • Chantal Allison Thomas-Marshall by Statutory Instrument, No. 85 of 2022 effective 19 July, 2022. • Hugh Charlesworth Marshall by Statutory Instrument, No. 86 of 2022 effective 19 July, 2022. • Kema Makecia Loushauna Makeba Benjamin by Statutory Instrument, No. 87 of 2022 effective 19 July, 2022. • Douglas Leonard Mendes by Statutory Instrument, No. 91 of 2022 effective 20 July, 2022. • Korah Manellva Antoinette Galloway by Statutory Instrument, No. 106 of 2022 effective 15 August, 2022. • Jessica Cecile Theobalds by Statutory Instrument, No. 113 of 2022 effective 29 August, 2022. • Rashda Lani Zahra Daisley by Statutory Instrument, No. 114 of 2022 effective 29 August, 2022. • Kaycia Akita Ellis-Bourne by Statutory Instrument, No. 196 of 2022 effective 28 November, 2022.
SPECIAL PROSECUTOR (FORM OF OATH OF AFFIRMATION) REGULATIONS	BACKING OF WARRANTS (DESIGNATION OF REQUESTING COUNTRY) ORDER
<p>Pursuant to section 31 of the Special Prosecutor Act, No. 19 of 2022 the Attorney General made the Special Prosecutor (Form of Oath or Affirmation) Regulations (effective 22 August, 2022) setting out the form of the oath or affirmation of an appointment and secrecy.</p>	<p>Made in accordance with section 2 of the Backing of Warrants Act, Cap. 3:15, the Attorney General designated the United Kingdom as a requesting country for the purpose of the Act in Statutory Instrument, No. 112 of 2022.</p>

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CENSUS ORDERS	CENSUS REGULATIONS
<p>A census was taken on the 17 May, 2022 that was facilitated through the passing of the Census Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 56 of 2022 (the Order) (effective 11 May, 2022) and made by Cabinet under section 2 of the Census Act, Cap. 17.02. The Order contains provisions respecting the date of the census, persons with respect to whom information is to be furnished and persons by whom information to be furnished. The particulars to be stated in the census returns were also specified in the Order. The Order revoked the Census Order, Statutory Instrument No. 18 of 2001.</p>	<p>Census Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 57 of 2022 (the Regulations) (effective 11 May, 2022) were made under section 5 of the Census Act, Cap. 17.02 by Cabinet to provide for the census information to be furnished, particulars to be furnished on the taking of the census and the census form. Additionally, the Regulations provide for the division of the country into enumeration districts, the appointment; assignment and termination of supervisors and enumerators in an enumeration district and the duties of a supervisor. The duties of an enumerator are also provided for in the Regulations. A supervisor and an enumerator must make a written declaration according to the Regulations. Duties are imposed on a person to give information to an enumerator with respect to himself or herself and other persons under the Regulations. In the Regulations, the destruction or mutilation of documents is prohibited. The Census Regulations, Cap. 17.02 are revoked.</p>
CUSTOMS (SERVICE CHARGE) ORDERS	FISCAL INCENTIVES ORDERS
<p>Cabinet under section 6 of the Customs (Service Charge) Act, Cap. 15.06 made these Orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customs (Service Charge) (Variation of Service Charge) (Goods) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 66 of 2022 made on 31 May, 2022 effective 1 June, 2022. • Customs (Service Charge) (Variation of Service Charge) (Goods) (No. 2) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 135 of 2022 made on 30 September, 2022 effective 1 September, 2022. • Customs (Service Charge) (Variation of Service Charge) (Members of the House of Assembly) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 157 of 2022 effective 14 November, 2022. 	<p>Fiscal incentives were granted by Cabinet in exercise of the powers under sections 5 and 6 of the Fiscal Incentives Act, Cap. 15.16 via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal Incentives (Aeroprint St. Lucia Limited) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 53 of 2022 (effective 9 May, 2022). • Fiscal Incentives (Orbtronics) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 81 of 2022 effective 4 July, 2022. • Fiscal Incentives (Eco Plastics and Industrial Tires Conversions (E.P.I.C) Incorporated) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 129 of 2022 effective 26 September, 2022. • Fiscal Incentives (Heineken Saint Lucia Limited) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 130 of 2022 effective 26 September, 2022. • Fiscal Incentives (Tenderoni Foods Inc.) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 136 of 2022 effective 10 October, 2022

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CUSTOMS (SERVICE CHARGE) ORDERS	FISCAL INCENTIVES ORDERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal Incentives (Saint Lu Woodworking Ltd.) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 141 of 2022 effective 17 October, 2022. • Fiscal Incentives (329 Heavy Industries Inc.) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 210 of 2022 effective 12 December, 2022 • Fiscal Incentives (Eden Herbs Ltd.)(Amendment) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 218 of 2022 effective 28 December, 2022.
IMMIGRATION (PROHIBITED IMMIGRANT) ORDERS	ALIEN LANDHOLDING (LICENSING) (EXEMPTION) ORDERS
<p>Cabinet under section 4(3)(c) of the Immigration Act, Cap. 10.01 declared the following persons as a prohibited immigrant and directed that the persons be removed from Saint Lucia by the stipulated time in the following Orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menelik Jean Michel Surena of Le Marin, Martinique by Statutory Instrument, No. 97 of 2022 effective 21 July, 2022. 	<p>Exemptions were granted by Cabinet in exercise of the power under section 25(1) of the Alien Landholding (Licensing) Act, Cap. 15.37 in the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alien Landholding (Licensing) (Exemption) (Onica Alicia Charles) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 101 of 2022 effective 27 July, 2022.
INVEST SAINT LUCIA VESTING ORDERS	AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES INCENTIVES ORDERS
<p>In accordance with section 26(2) of the Invest Saint Lucia Act, Cap. 15.24 Cabinet made the Invest Saint Lucia (Micoud) Vesting Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 126 of 2022 effective 12 September, 2022.</p>	<p>Cabinet empowered under section 9(2) of the Agriculture and Fisheries Incentives Act, Cap. 7.15 made effective 28 November, 2022 in relation to an approved agricultural or fisheries project in Statutory Instruments Nos. 158 to 195.</p>

DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS

CUSTOMS DUTIES ORDER
<p>Schedule 4 of the Customs Duties Act, Cap. 15.04 is amended by the Customs Duties (Amendment of Schedule 4) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 150 of 2022 made by the Minister responsible for customs under section 10 of the Customs Duties Act, Cap. 15.04 on 7 November, 2022 effective 28 October, 2022.</p>

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EXCISE TAX ORDERS	RESOLUTIONS
<p>Excise tax rates for motor spirit (gasoline), diesel oil and kerosene AV Jet Fuel were changed by the Minister of Finance under section 20 of the Excise Tax Act, Cap. 15:07 in the following Orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 6) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 52 of 2022 (effective 2 May, 2022). • Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 7) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 64 of 2022 (effective 23 May, 2022). • Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 8) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 73 of 2022. • Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 9) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 83 of 2022 effective 4 July, 2022. • Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 10) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 100 of 2022 effective 25 July, 2022. • Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 11) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 110 of 2022 effective 15 August, 2022. • Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 12) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 123 of 2022 effective 5 September, 2022. • Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 13) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 133 of 2022 effective 26 September, 2022. • Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 14) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 139 of 2022 effective 17 October, 2022. • Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 15) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 154 of 2022 effective 7 November, 2022. 	<p>The following Resolutions were passed by the Minister of Finance in 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital or current expenditure – Renewable Energy Sector Development Project, Statutory Instrument, No. 60 of 2022 effective 16 May, 2022. • National Savings and Development Bonds Act – Resolution of Parliament to Raise Funds by the Issue of Savings Bonds, Statutory Instrument, No. 62 of 2022 effective 16 May, 2022. • Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital or current expenditure to finance the implementation of National Development Projects, initiatives and COVID-19 Mitigation measures, Statutory Instrument, No. 91 of 2022 effective 19 July, 2022. • Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital or current expenditure – Operating Expenses in the Health Sector Related to the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic, Statutory Instrument, No. 92 of 2022 effective 19 July, 2022. • Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital or current expenditure – Implementation of the Unleashing of the Blue Economy of the Caribbean Project, Statutory Instrument, No. 93 of 2022 effective 19 July, 2022. • Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital or current expenditure – Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States Data for Decision Making Project, Statutory Instrument, No. 94 of 2022 effective 19 July, 2022.

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EXCISE TAX ORDERS	RESOLUTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 16) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 199 of 2022 effective 28 November, 2022. Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 17) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 217 of 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to write off debt owed to the Government by Fond St. Jacques Credit Co-operative Society Ltd. for the Mocha Housing Development Project, Statutory Instrument, No. 95 of 2022 effective 19 July, 2022. Value Added Tax Act – Resolution of Parliament to approve draft Value Added Tax (Amendment of Schedule 3) (No. 2) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 148 of 2022 effective 31 October, 2022. Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital and current expenditure to finance safety nets for vulnerable populations affected by COVID-19, Statutory Instrument, No. 201 of 2022 effective 5 December, 2022. Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital and current expenditure to support the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Sector post COVID-19, Statutory Instrument, No. 202 of 2022 effective 5 December, 2022. Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital or current expenditure to provide Budgetary support for the fiscal year 2022/2023, Statutory Instrument, No. 204A of 2022 effective 9 December, 2022.
INSURANCE (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 4) REGULATIONS	EASTERN CARIBBEAN ASSET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) ORDER
<p>The Minister responsible for finance in accordance with section 167(1)(c) of the Insurance Act, Cap. 12.08 amended Schedule 4 of the Act in the Insurance (Amendment of Schedule 4) Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 128 of 2022 effective 19 September, 2022.</p>	<p>The Eastern Caribbean Asset Management Corporation (Amendment of Schedule) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 137 of 2022 made 10 October, 2022 and effective 29 March, 2022 is made by the Minister responsible for finance under section 11 of the Eastern Caribbean Asset Management Corporation Act, Cap. 19.25 to amend the Schedule to the Act.</p>

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VALUE ADDED TAX ORDERS	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES (DECLARATION OF HEAD OFFICE COMPANY) ORDER
<p>In accordance with section 109 of the Value Added Tax Act, Cap. 15.42 the Minister responsible for finance made the Value Added Tax (Amendment of Schedule 3) (No. 2) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 152 of 2022 effective 7 November, 2022. The Order allowed personal items, food clothing, toys and other household commodities, contained in barrels to be imported from 1 November, 2022 to 28 February, 2023 free of tax. Additionally, the import of toys, food supplies and care packages by a member of the House of Assembly for the benefit of children, the vulnerable and needy persons in the constituency of the member of the House of Assembly free of tax was allowed for the period 1 November, 2022 to 31 January, 2023.</p>	<p>The Minister responsible for finance in accordance with section 113A of the International Business Companies Act, Cap. 12.14 made the International Business Companies (Declaration of Head Office Company) (Sandals Resorts Management Limited) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 219 of 2022 effective 28 December, 2022.</p>
<p>CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT REGULATIONS By virtue of section 40(1) of the Citizenship by Investment Act, Cap. 1.20 the Minister responsible for finance made the Citizenship by Investment (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 222 of 2022.</p>	

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, PORTS AND TRANSPORT

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (DESIGNATION OF INSPECTORS) ORDERS
<p>The Licensing Authority designated persons as inspectors for the purposes of section 16(2) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Cap. 8.01 in Statutory Instrument, No. 41 of 2022 which came into force on 11 April, 2022 and Statutory Instrument, No. 84 of 2022 which came into force on 18 July, 2022.</p>

EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK

PAYMENT SYSTEM (EASTERN CARIBBEAN AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE SYSTEM) RULES
<p>The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank under section 33 of the Payment System Act, Cap. 12.24 made the Payment System (Eastern Caribbean Automated Clearing House System) (Amendment) Rules, Statutory Instrument, No. 121 of 2022 Made 5 September, 2022 effective 1 November, 2021 to amend Schedule 5 of the Payment System (Eastern Caribbean Automated Clearing House System) Rules, Cap. 12.24 to change the criteria for participation and the form of an application for membership</p>

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT (COURT PROCEEDINGS FEES) (SAINT LUCIA) RULES
<p>The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Court Proceedings Fees) (Saint Lucia) (Amendment) Rules were published on 4 April, 2022 and amends the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Court Proceedings Fees) (Saint Lucia) Rules, Statutory Instrument, No. 103 of 2017 (the Rules). Schedule 1 of the Rules were replaced to provide new High Court Civil Proceedings Fees. The fees in Schedule 6 of the Rules for a transcript of court proceedings with respect to civil proceedings fees were also replaced. Transcript of court proceedings criminal proceedings fees set out in Schedule 7 of the Rules were changed as well.</p>

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

MICRO AND SMALL SCALE BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DECLARATION OF A SMALL SCALE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE) ORDERS	PRICE CONTROL ORDERS
<p>The Minister of Commerce made Orders to declare a small scale business enterprise under section 5 of the Micro and Small Scale Business Enterprises Act, Cap. 13.19 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relating to Aeroprint St. Lucia Limited in Statutory Instrument, No. 61 of 2022 effective 16 May, 2022. • Relating to Orbtronic in Statutory Instrument, No. 76 of 2022. 	<p>The Minister of Commerce as empowered by section 29 of the Distribution and Price of Goods Act, Cap. 13.09 changed the price of:</p> <p>(a) gasoline (unleaded) Diesel Oil, Kerosene and Liquefied Propane Gas under the following Orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. 6 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 51 of 2022 effective 2 May, 2022. • No. 7 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 63 of 2022 effective 23 May, 2022. • No. 9 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 72 of 2022 effective 13 June, 2022. • No. 10 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 82 of 2022 effective 4 July, 2022. • No. 11 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 83A of 2022 effective 15 July, 2022. • No. 12 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 99 of 2022 effective 25 July, 2022. • No. 13 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 109 of 2022 effective 15 August, 2022. • No. 14 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 122 of 2022 effective 5 September, 2022. • No. 16 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 132 of 2022 effective 26 September, 2022. • No. 18 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 138 of 2022 effective 17 October, 2022. • No. 20 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 153 of 2022 effective 7 November, 2022.

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

MICRO AND SMALL SCALE BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DECLARATION OF A SMALL SCALE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE) ORDERS	PRICE CONTROL ORDERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. 21 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 198 of 2022 effective 28 November, 2022. • No. 22 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 216 of 2022 effective 19 December, 2022. (b) Flour in No. 15 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 128 of 2022 effective 19 September, 2022 and No. 23 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 220 of 2022 effective 28 December, 2022. (c) Baby fruit juices, powdered chocolate cocoa, corned beef, margarine chilled, margarine shelf, mackerel, oil edible, salted biscuits, sardines, tea (black), tuna, toilet soap (bar) and toothpaste in No. 8 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 67 of 2022 effective 1 June, 2022 and No. 17 Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 134 of 2022 effective 30 September, 2022. (d) Schedule A goods controlled by percentage mark-up in the Price Control (Amendment) (No. 19) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 151 of 2022 effective from 28 October, 2022 to 31 October, 2022. (e) Bread and Flour in the Price Control (Amendment) (No. 24) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 221 of 2022 effective 28 December, 2022.
STANDARDS (FEES) REGULATIONS	
<p>In accordance with section 37(f) of the Standards Act, Cap. 13.25, the Minister responsible for standards made an amendment to the Standards (Fees) Regulations, Cap. 13.25 in the Standards (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 50 of 2022 (effective 29 April, 2022) to change the fee for compulsory standards pre-entry and pre-shipment compliance inspection programme specified in the Schedule of the Regulations.</p>	

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

ACCREDITATION ORDER	OFFSHORE HIGHER EDUCATION LICENSING AND INCENTIVES ORDER
The Minister responsible for education as empowered under section 66 of the Accreditation Act, Cap. 18.11 made the Accreditation (Amendment of Schedule 2) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 107 of 2022 (effective 15 August, 2022) to add The Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine as a recognized accreditation authority in Schedule 2 of the Act.	In accordance with section 29(2) of the Offshore Higher Education Licensing and Incentives Act, Cap. 18.09 the Minister responsible for education amended Schedule 1 of the Act (Accrediting Bodies for respective Institutions) to include The Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine for Medical Schools in the Offshore Higher Education Licensing and Incentives (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 108 of 2022 (effective 15 August, 2022).

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

COMPANIES REGULATIONS

The Companies Regulations, Cap.13.01 were amended by the Minister responsible for justice in accordance with section 535 of the Companies Act, Cap. 13.01 in the Companies (Amendment) Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 155 of 2022 effective 7 November, 2022.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

PASSPORT (FEES) REGULATIONS

Passport fees under the Passport (Fees) Regulations, Cap. 10.03 were modified by the Minister responsible for home affairs under section 10 of the Passport Act, Cap. 10.03 in the Passport (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 98 of 2022 effective 22 July, 2022.

MINISTRY OF TOURISM

TOURISM INCENTIVE ORDERS	TOURISM STIMULUS AND INVESTMENT ORDERS
<p>The Minister of Tourism, with the approval of Cabinet, granted under sections 3, 5 and 13 of the Tourism Incentives Act, Cap. 15:30 tourism incentives to the following companies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stonyhill (St. Lucia) by Statutory Instrument, No. 45 of 2022 effective 9 April, 2022. • ATT Limited by Statutory Instrument, No. 75 of 2022. • Cameron Inc. by Statutory Instrument, No. 89 of 2022 effective 16 July, 2022. • MAKE LTD. by Statutory Instrument, No. 90 of 2022 effective 19 July, 2022. • Bay Side Palace Inc. by Statutory Instrument, No. 102 of 2022 effective 2 August, 2022. • Era Secrets of the South by Statutory Instrument, No. 115 of 2022 effective 29 August, 2022. • ATV Direct by Statutory Instrument, No. 116 of 2022 effective 29 August, 2022. • Sandy Bay Management Limited by Statutory Instrument, No. 124 of 2022 effective 12 September, 2022. • Adeline's Art Café by Statutory Instrument, No. 143 of 2022 effective 24 October, 2022. • Jenelle Ernest by Statutory Instrument, No. 145 of 2022 effective 24 October, 2022. • Guy's Limited by Statutory Instrument, No. 146 of 2022 effective 24 October, 2022. • Ciceron Management Limited by Statutory Instrument, No. 149 of 2022 effective 31 October, 2022. • Divine Tropical Boutique Resort & Spa by Statutory Instrument, No. 206 of 2022 effective 12 December, 2022. • Serenity on the Green by Statutory Instrument, No. 207 of 2022 effective 12 December, 2022. • Kwency Griffith by Statutory Instrument, No. 214 of 2022 effective 12 December, 2022. 	<p>Approved developments were given to the following companies under section 11 of the Tourism Stimulus and Investment Act, Cap. 15:03:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel Chocolat Estates Ltd. by Statutory Instrument No. 44 of 2022 effective 19 April, 2022. • Cameron Inc. by Statutory Instrument, No. 88 of 2022 effective 19 July, 2022. • Moule A Chique Village by Statutory Instrument, No. 103 of 2022 effective 2 August, 2022. • Rahjim Albertinie by Statutory Instrument, No. 131 of 2022 effective 26 September, 2022. • Adaline's Art Café by Statutory Instrument, No. 142 of 2022 effective 24 October, 2022. • Jenelle Ernest by Statutory Instrument, No. 144 of 2022 effective 24 October, 2022. • Interceptor Hospitality Ltd. by Statutory Instrument, No. 197 of 2022 effective 28 November, 2022. • Sunrod Property Inc. by Statutory Instrument, No. 205 of 2022 effective 12 December, 2022. • Cap Maison Management Limited by Statutory Instrument, No. 208 of 2022 effective 12 December, 2022. • Divine Tropical Boutique Resort & Spa by Statutory Instrument, No. 209 of 2022 effective 12 December, 2022. • Golf Park 124 Ltd. by Statutory Instrument, No. 211 of 2022 effective 12 December, 2022. • Stonefield Limited by Statutory Instrument, No. 212 of 2022 effective 12 December, 2022. • Pura Vida Chateau by Statutory Instrument, No. 213 of 2022 effective 19 December, 2022. • 4 Pillars Ltd. by Statutory Instrument, No. 215 of 2022 effective 19 December, 2022.

SAINT LUCIA NATIONAL HOUSING CORPORATION

VESTING ORDERS

In accordance with section 48(3) of the Saint Lucia National Housing Corporation Act, Cap. 5:1, the Saint Lucia National Housing Corporation, with the approval of Cabinet made the following vesting Orders:

- Saint Lucia National Housing Corporation (La Ressource, Vieux-Fort) (No. 1) Vesting Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 104 of 2022 effective 8 August, 2022.
- Saint Lucia National Housing Corporation (La Ressource, Vieux-Fort) (No. 2) Vesting Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 105 of 2022 effective 8 August, 2022.
- Saint Lucia National Housing Corporation (Micoud) Vesting Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 125 of 2022 effective 12 September, 2022.
- Saint Lucia National Housing Corporation (La Ressource, Vieux-Fort) (No. 3) Vesting Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 140 of 2022 effective 17 October, 2022.
- Saint Lucia National Housing Corporation (La Ressource, Vieux Fort) (No. 4) Vesting Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 203 of 2022 effective 5 December, 2022.
- Saint Lucia National Housing Corporation (La Ressource, Vieux Fort) (No. 5) Vesting Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 204 of 2022 effective 5 December, 2022.



The following Statutory Instruments were completed in the months of January, 2023 to March, 2023:

JANUARY		TOTAL
	Legal Profession (Eligibility) (Frank Edouard Walwyn) Order, No. 1 of 2023	13
	Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Agreement (Amendment) of Schedule) Order, No. 2 of 2023	
	Customs (Service Charge) (Amendment of Schedule) Order, No. 3 of 2023	
	Data Protection Act (Commencement) Order, No. 4 of 2023	
	Price Control (Amendment) (No. 1) Order, No. 5 of 2023	
	Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 1) Order, No. 6 of 2023	
	Tourism Stimulus and Investment (Nehemiah Moore) Order, No. 7 of 2023	
	Companies (Amendment) Regulations, No. 8 of 2023	
	Community Tourism Development (Form of proposal for partnership agreement) Regulations, No. 9 of 2023	
	Legal Profession (Eligibility) (Tia Marie Austin) Order, No. 10 of 2023	
	Price Control (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, No. 11 of 2023	
	Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 2) Order, No. 12 of 2023	
	Criminal Code (Detention of Suspects During Police Investigations) (Other Indictable Offence) Notice, No. 13 of 2023	
FEBRUARY	Fiscal Incentives (Lubeco (1991) Ltd.) (Amendment) Order, No. 14 of 2023	

FEBRUARY		TOTAL
	Telecommunications (Aeronautical and Maritime Mobile Satellite Service) (Exemption) (Starlink Internet Services Limited) Order, No. 15 of 2023	8
	Telecommunications (Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Service) (Exemption) (Thales Avionics Inc.) Order, No. 16 of 2023	
	Telecommunications (Aeronautical and Maritime Mobile Satellite Service) (Exemption) (ViaSat, Inc.) Order, No. 17 of 2023	
	Price Control (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, No. 18 of 2023	
	Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 3) Order, No. 19 of 2023	
	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Designation of Inspectors) Order, No. 20 of 2023	
	Accreditation Act (Commencement) Order, No. 21 of 2023	
MARCH		
	Tourism Stimulus and Investment (Windjammer Landing Company Limited) Order, No. 22 of 2023	13
	Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital or current expenditure – Building Capacity and Resilience in the Health Sector to Respond to the Coronavirus – 2019 Project, No. 23 of 2023	
	Tourism Incentives (Nehemiah Moore) Order, No. 24 of 2023	
	Price Control (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, No. 25 of 2023	
	Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 4) Order, No. 26 of 2023	
	Fiscal Incentives (AMICI Italian Food Factory Ltd.) Order, No. 27 of 2023	

MARCH		TOTAL
	Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to borrow for capital or current expenditure – Building Public Health Resilience – Coronavirus Disease 2019 Response Project, No. 28 of 2023	
	Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to Authorize the Minister of Finance to Guarantee borrowing by the Millennium Heights Medical Complex, No. 29 of 2023	
	Public Finance Management Act – Resolution of Parliament to Authorize the Minister of Finance to Guarantee borrowing by St. Jude Hospital, No. 30 of 2023	
	Suppression of Escalated Crime (Police Powers) (Designation of Vieux-Fort South as an Escalated Crime Area) Order, N. 31 of 2023	
	National Lotteries Authority (Trou Sallee) Vesting (Revocation) Order, No. 32 of 2023	
	Tourism Stimulus and Investment (Daron Charles Investments Incorporated) (Amendment) Order, No. 33 of 2023	
	Community Tourism (Appointment of the Board of the Community Tourism Agency) Notice, No. 34 of 2023	
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LAWS ON COVID-19

Laws on COVID-19 continued to be passed to deal with the pandemic in the months of April, June, August and September as highlighted below:

COVID-19 (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) (PHYSICAL DISTANCING) ORDERS	
PURPOSE	ORDER AND PERIOD
Physical distancing continued to be 3 ft. from another person, businesses, establishments and offices were allowed to take measures to ensure that the physical distancing was adhered to and educational institutions were able to operate in accordance with the Education Act, Cap. 18.01.	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) (No. 6) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 47 of 2022 effective 28 April, 2022 for the period 30 April, 2022 to 3 June, 2022
	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) (No. 7) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 68 of 2022 effective 2 June, 2022 for the period 4 June, 2022 to 1 July, 2022.
	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) (No. 8) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 78 of 2022 effective 1 July, 2022 for the period 2 July, 2022 to 27 August, 2022.
	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) (No. 9) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 112A of 2022 effective 28 August, 2022 for the period 28 August, 2022 to 10 September, 2022.
PURPOSE Revoked Statutory Instrument, No. 112A of 2022.	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Physical Distancing) (No. 9) (Revocation) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 117 of 2022 effective 1 September, 2022.
COVID-19 (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) (PROHIBITION OF ASSEMBLY) ORDERS	
PURPOSE There were restrictions on the holding or attending of a social event or recreational activity consisting of between 200 to 300 persons.	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Prohibition of Assembly) (No. 6) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 48 of 2022 effective 28 April, 2022 for the period 30 April, 2022 and 3 June, 2022
	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Prohibition of Assembly) (No. 7) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 69 of 2022 effective 2 June, 2022 for the period 4 June, 2022 to 1 July, 2022.
COVID-19 (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) (PROTOCOL) (PUBLIC OMNIBUS) REGULATIONS	
A public omnibus could not operate on a road with more than 3 passengers in each row.	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Protocol) (Public Omnibus) (No. 4) Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 49 of 2022 effective 28 April, 2022 for the period 30 April, 2022 to 3 June, 2022.
	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Protocol) (Public Omnibus) (No. 5) Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 70 of 2022 for the period 4 June, 2022 to 1 July, 2022.

COVID-19 (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) (PROTOCOL) (PUBLIC OMNIBUS) REGULATIONS	
	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Protocol) (Public Omnibus) (No. 5) Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 80 of 2022 effective 1 July, 2022 for the period 2 July, 2022 to 27 August, 2022.
	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Protocol) (Public Omnibus) (No. 7) Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 112C of 2022 effective 26 August, 2022 for the period 28 August, 2022 to 10 September, 2022.
PURPOSE Revoked Statutory Instrument, No. 112C of 2022.	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Protocol) (Public Omnibus) (No. 7) (Revocation) Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 119 of 2022 effective 1 September, 2022.
COVID-19 (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) (TESTING AND QUARANTINE) REGULATIONS	
PURPOSE For testing and quarantine requirements.	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Testing and Quarantine) (No. 4) Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 79 of 2020 effective 1 July, 2022 for the period 2 July, 2022 to 27 August, 2022.
	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Testing and Quarantine) (No. 5) Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 112B of 2022 effective 26 August, 2022 for the period 28 August, 2022 to 10 September, 2022.
PURPOSE Revoked Statutory Instrument, No. 112B of 2022.	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Testing and Quarantine) (No. 5) (Revocation) Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 118 of 2022 effective 1 September, 2022.
COVID-19 (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) (WEARING OF MASK) REGULATIONS	
	COVID-19 (Prevention and Control (Wearing of Mask) Regulations, Statutory Instrument, No. 120 of 2022 effective 1 September, 2022 from 5 September, 2022.
COVID-19 (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) ACT	
EXPIRED	2 October, 2022.

2020 SUPPLEMENT TO THE REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS

According to section 10(3) of the Revised Edition of the Laws Act, Cap. 1.07 (the Act) the Attorney General may make an Order to declare that a revised edition of the Laws of Saint Lucia specified in the Order will come into force on the date appointed in the Order. Further, section 13(5) of the Act states that a replacement, insertion, deletion or amendment under section 13 has no effect unless made under an Order under section 10(3) of the Act. Additionally, section 13(6) of the Act provides that a revised edition in whatever format, marked with the latest revision date is deemed to be the authoritative revised edition of the laws to which section 19(4) applies.

Parliament, under section 10(4) of the Act, authorized the Attorney General to make the Order in the 2020 Supplement to the Revised Edition of the Laws, Statutory Instrument, No. 147 of 2022 (effective 31 October, 2022). The 2020 Supplement to the Revised Edition of the Laws of Saint Lucia came into force according to the 2020 Supplement to the Revised Edition of the Laws (Commencement) Order, Statutory Instrument, No. 156 on 7 November, 2022. The Acts passed in 2020 were incorporated into the 2020 Supplement as follows:

Act	Chapter Number	Act	Chapter Number	Act	Chapter Number	Act	Chapter Number
Alien Landholding (Licensing) Act, No. 1 of 2020	15.37	National Insurance Corporation (Amendment) Act, No. 2 of 2020	16.01	Tourism Stimulus and Investment (Amendment) Act, No. 3 of 2020	3.18	Citizenship by Investment (Amendment) Act, No. 4 of 2020	1.20
Labour (Amendment) Act, No. 5 of 2020	16.04	Appropriation Act, No. 6 of 2020	Spent	Gaming, Racing and Betting (Amendment) Act, No. 7 of 2020	13.13	Styrofoam and Plastic Food Services Containers (Prohibition) (Amendment) Act, No. 8 of 2020	11.24
COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) Act, No. 9 of 2020	11.25	Companies and Intellectual Property (Registry) (Amendment) Act, No. 10 of 2020	13.03	Tourism Levy Act, No. 11 of 2020	15.20	Saint Lucia Tourism Authority (Amendment) Act, No. 12 of 2020	15.32
Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) Act, No. 13 of 2020	15.10	Public finance Management Act, No. 14 of 2020	15.01				

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

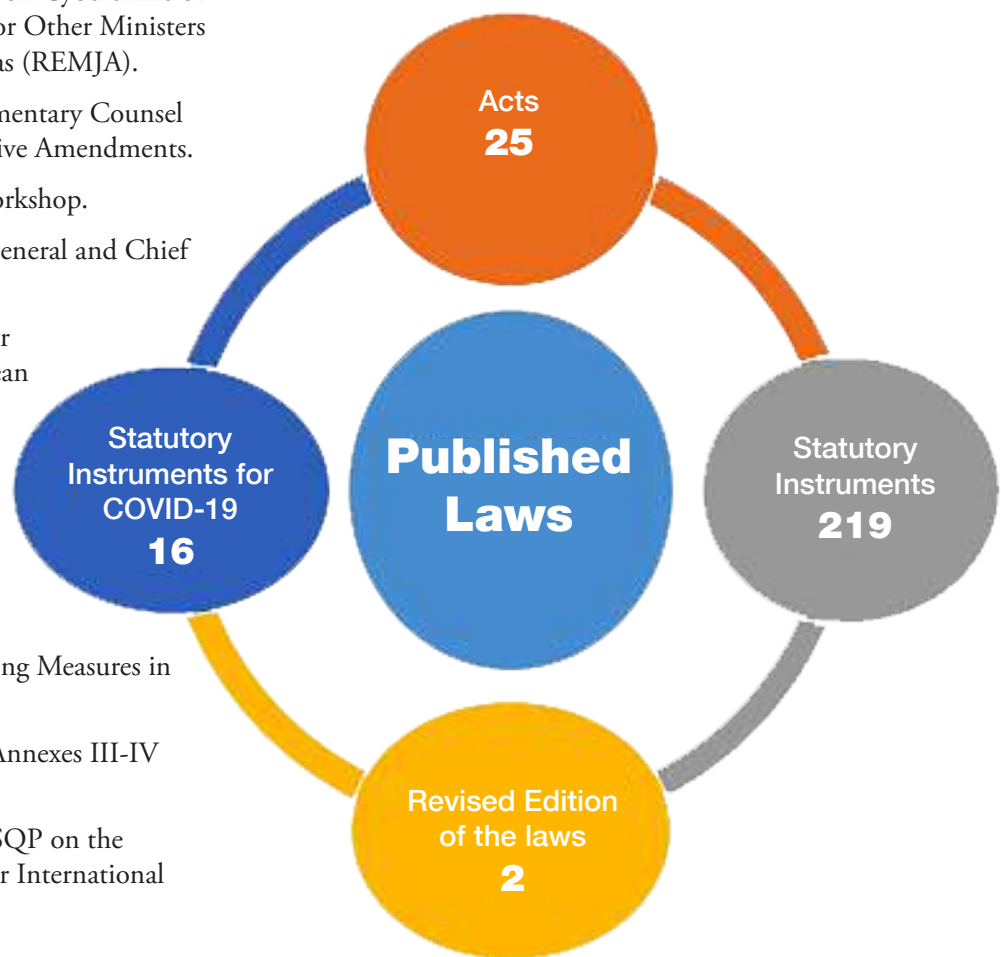
Some of the meetings attended by staff of the Legislative Drafting Unit during the financial year are:

- Carib-SMART Preparatory Phase Project Regional Inception Meeting facilitated by the International Maritime Organization.
- National Validation Session on Strengthening the Enabling Environment in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States for the Reduction of Marine Litter (ReMLit).
- 10th Meeting of the Working Group on Cybercrime of the Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA).
- 15th Meeting of OECS Chief Parliamentary Counsel ECCAA and Civil Aviation Legislative Amendments.
- National Maritime Sensitization Workshop.
- 5th Joint Meeting with Attorneys General and Chief Parliamentary Counsels.
- Regional Workshop on Ballast Water Management for the Wider Caribbean Region.
- Commonwealth Law Reform Exchange Programme.
- Meeting of Impact Justice Trained Legislative Drafters and Drafting Consultants.
- Cooperation and Confidence Building Measures in Cyberspace Master Class.
- Regional Workshop on MARPOL Annexes III-IV including Port Reception Facilities.
- Regional Workshop for Caribbean SQP on the Legal and Regulatory Framework for International Safeguards Implementation.

- Regional Workshop on MARPOL Convention Annexes III to V and the Regional Workshop Supporting Implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention in the Wider Caribbean Region.

Conclusion

At the end of the financial year April, 2022 to March, 2023 the Legislative Drafting Unit published 262 laws as shown below:



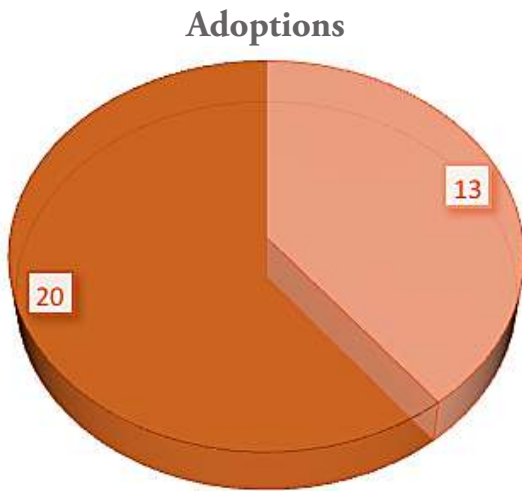
ADVICE AND LITIGATION UNIT

Adoptions

It was previously reported in Chambers' 2021 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, Protection and Adoption) 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.

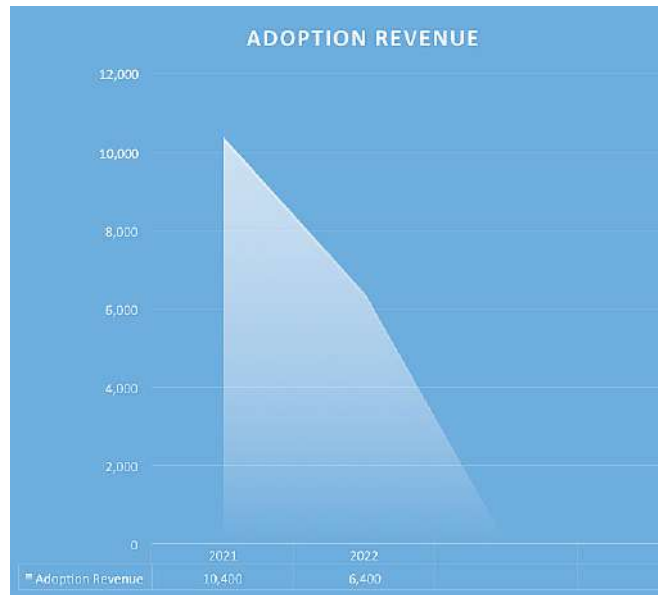
In that regard, Chambers recorded receipt of twenty (20) adoption applications in 2022, which resulted in approximately fifty-four percent (54%) increase in adoption applications over the preceding year, 2021. The Pie Chart 1 below illustrates the relevant data.

Pie Chart 1 – Adoption applications received by the Attorney General's Chambers for 2022 compared to the preceding year, 2021



Chambers received six thousand, four hundred dollars (\$6,400.00) in revenue from tutor ad hoc fees in relation to eight (8) applications in respect of which tutor ad hoc reports were filed. As a result, this reflects approximately a thirty-eight percent (38%) decrease in the adoption's revenue for 2022. Chart below illustrates the relevant data.

Chart showing the decrease in revenue from adoptions received by the Attorney General's Chambers for the year 2022 compared to the preceding year, 2021



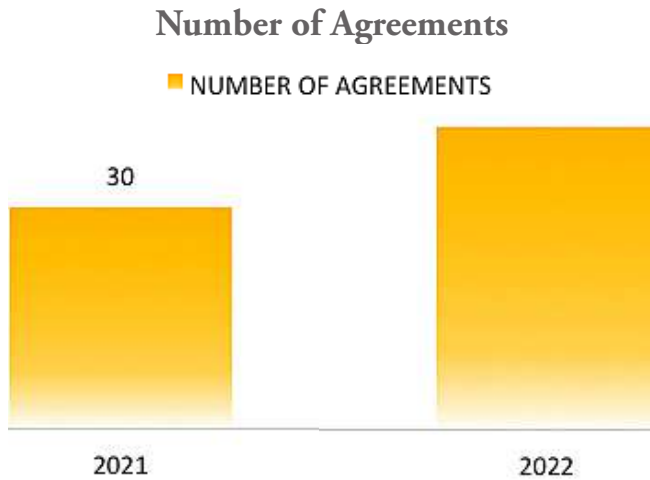
It is expected that the number of adoption applications and the revenue to be earned therefrom will stabilize in future reporting periods until the full implementation of the new adoption regime contemplated under the Child (Care, Protection and Adoption) Act, Cap.

Agreements/Contracts

Contracts involving the Government are generally vetted and approved by the Office of the Attorney General, prior to execution. This ensures that, prior to the signing and consequential binding of the Government to the terms of the agreement, the relevant Departments are provided with the necessary legal advice to guide the legal relations between the parties.

Chambers received a total of forty-one (41) such documents for vetting in the year 2022 compared to thirty (30) in the year 2021. Reference is made to Bar Chart 1.

Bar Chart 1



Apostilles

Apostilles are issued 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. (Refer to Tables 1 and 2).

There was an increase in the number of apostilles signed by the Solicitor General in 2022. The number increased from sixty-four (64) apostilles to eighty-five (85) being executed in the 2022, 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.

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.

APOSTILLES 2021

Table 1

Birth Certificates	34
Marriage Certificate	4
Unmarried certificate	3
Power of Attorney	5
Deed	2
Certificate of Character	2
Affidavit	2
Seller Wire Proceeds	2
Statutory Declaration	3
Death Certificate	1
Certificate of Trustees	1
Warrant	1
Consent Certificate	1
Companies Act	1
Notarial Certificate	1
Death Certificate	1
TOTAL	64

APOSTILLES 2022

Table 2

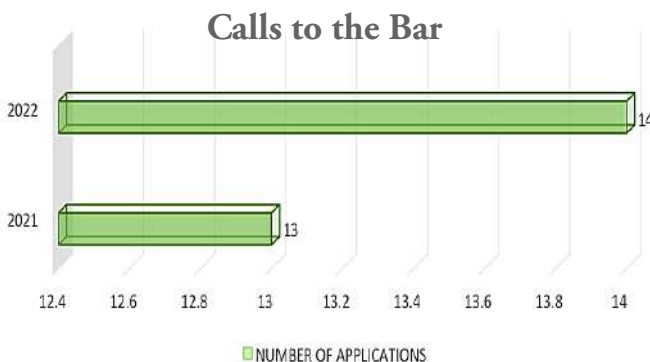
Birth Certificates/Baptism Certificate	25
Marriage Certificate	20
Unmarried Certificate	7
Certificate of Good Standing	6
Certificate of Character	2
Statutory Declaration	2
Certificate of Incorporation	2
Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association	2
Police Record	1
Certificate of Making 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
TOTAL	85

Calls to the Bar

It is a requirement pursuant to section 16 (3) of the Legal Profession Act, Cap. 2:04 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 2022 increased by approximately eight percent (8%). The Bar chart below provides an illustration of the number of applications received. (Reference is made to Bar Chart 2).

Bar Chart 2



Notarial Instruments

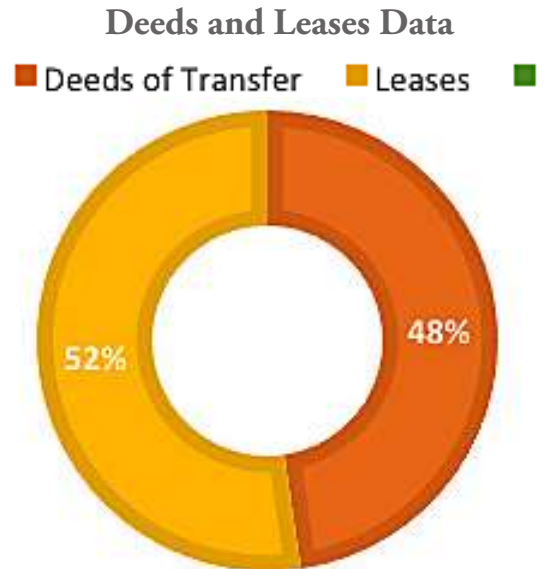
Notarial Instruments comprise of legally binding documents involving the State as it pertains to immovable property. These legally binding documents relate to leases, transfers and exchanges.

In the year 2022, there was a seventy-five percent (75%) increase in the number of such requests made as compared to the year 2021. In 2021, Chambers received a total of seventy-four (74) requests for vetting and or processing such requests whereas in the year 2022, the total number of requests submitted to Chambers increased to one hundred and thirty (130). Of the one hundred and forty (130), sixty-eight (68) were for the processing of leases and sixty-two (62) were related to deeds of transfer. (Reference is made to Pie Chart 2).

Notarial Instruments

Deeds of Transfers : 62 Leases: 68

Pie Chart 2

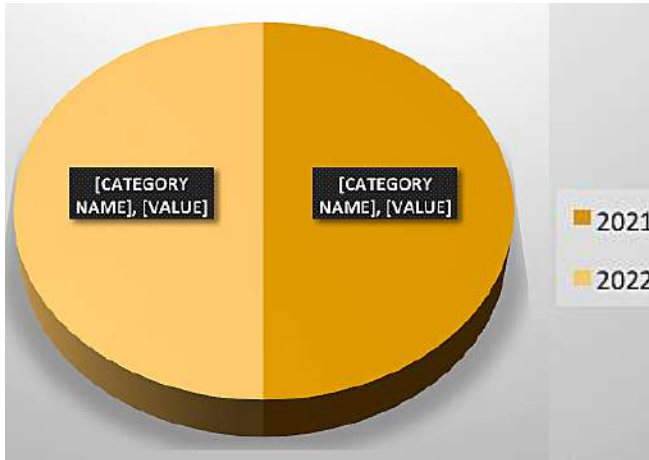


Litigation

There were forty (40) suits filed against the State same as in the year 2021 in which forty (40) matters were also served. (Refer to Pie Chart 3).

Other matters related to judicial review applications, constitutional motions, police and medical negligence matters as well as breach of contract matters.

Pie Chart 3



Non Profit Organizations

In the year under review, Saint Lucia received twenty-two (22) applications for approval for registration pursuant to section 328 of the Companies Act, Cap. 13.01 of the Revised Laws of Saint Lucia. See below Table.

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.

Nature of Business	No of Applications Received	No of Applications Approved	No of Applications Not Approved	No of Applications Closed/ Discontinued	No of Applications Pending
Educational / Professional				1	
Religious	1				1
Patriotic/Religious/Philanthropic/ Charitable/					
Educational/Scientific/Literary/ Historical/Artistic/Social/ Professional/Fraternal/Sporting	2				2
Philanthropic / Educational	1				1
Social/Educational	1				1
Philanthropic / Charitable	1				1
Religious/Charitable	2				3
Professional	1			1	2
Sporting/Educational/Cultural	1				1

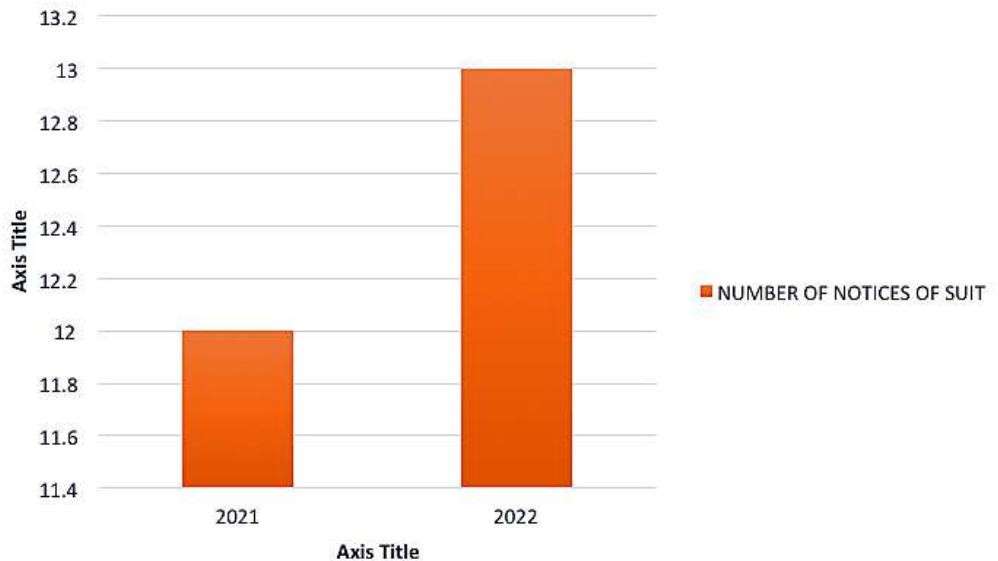
Nature of Business	No of Applications Received	No of Applications Approved	No of Applications Not Approved	No of Applications Closed/ Discontinued	No of Applications Pending
Philanthropic /Charitable/Sporting		1			
Philanthropic/ Charitable/ Educational/Social/Sporting	1	1			1
Educational/Charitable/Sporting		1			
Social/Philanthropic	1	2			
Philanthropic					2
Philanthropic/Patriotic					1
Philanthropic/Charitable/ Educational					1
Religious/Philanthropic	1				1
Cultural/Historical					1
Charitable	2	1		2	4
Religious/Educational					1
Religious	2	1		2	3
Scientific	1			1	1
Sporting	4			1	4
Cultural				1	1
Educational/Fraternal/ Philanthropic/Scientific	1				1
Total	22	7	0	9	34

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 a slight increase in the number of Notices of Suit served on the Office of the Attorney General in the year 2022 totaling thirteen (13) compared to twelve (12) in the year 2021. (Reference is made to the Chart 1).

Chart 1

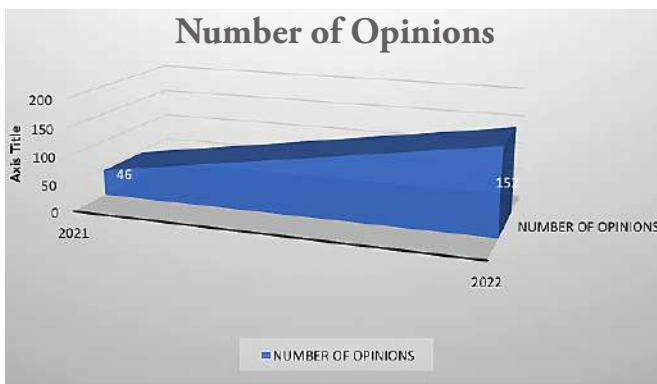


Legal Opinions

The year 2022 saw a huge increase from forty-six (46) in 2021 to one hundred and fifty-two (152) requests for opinions in 2022. (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, employment, compensation matters, acquisition of property, citizenship, trademarks, access to information, stamp duty, rectification matters, among others.

Chart 2

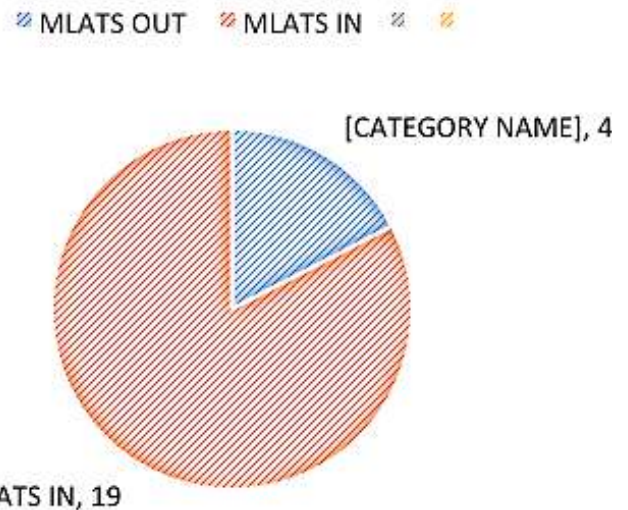


The majority of the requests were attributed to Martinique. This is understood or expected, due to Saint Lucia's geographical location as illustrated in Line Graph below. The offences for which the requests were related are as highlighted in the Table below.

In relation to requests received, it should be further 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

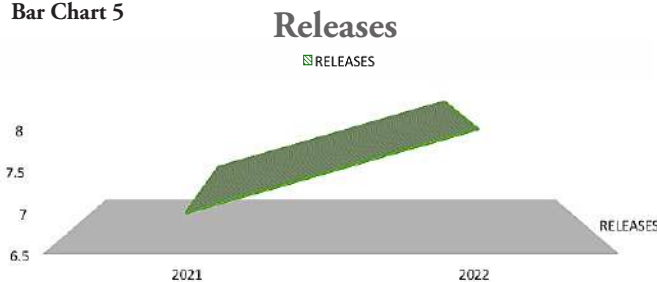
MLATS April 2022 - March 2023



Releases

Eight (8) releases were executed during 2022. This reflects the same number of releases which were previously executed in 2021. 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 2022, Saint Lucia saw a slight decrease in the number of mutual legal assistance requests. As shown in the table below there were a total of twenty-seven (27) requests processed, compared with twenty-six (26) processed in the year 2021.

Countries featured to MLATS in year 2022

Line Graph

- United States
- Embassy of France
- Republic of Cyprus
- Martinique
- Bulgaria
- Austria
- United Kingdom
- Canada
- Russia
- Antigua and Barbuda
- St. Marten
- Sint Maarten
- France
- Jamaica & Trinidad



Offences	Amount
Extradition	5
Stealing By Reason of Employment	1
Drug Smuggling/ Money Laundering	1
Money Laundering/Cash Forfeiture	1
Corruption/Money Laundering	1
Fraud & Theft	1
Fraud & Money Laundering	1
Dishonoured Cheque	1
Rape	1
Attempted Murder	1
Kidnapping and murder	
Extradition	3
Sexual Assault	1
Sudden/Unnatural Death	1
Civil Matter Commercial Division	1
Fraud	2

Service of Documents	3
Offences	Amount
Letter of Request	1
Possession of Drugs/Ammunition/ Other weapons	1
Total	27

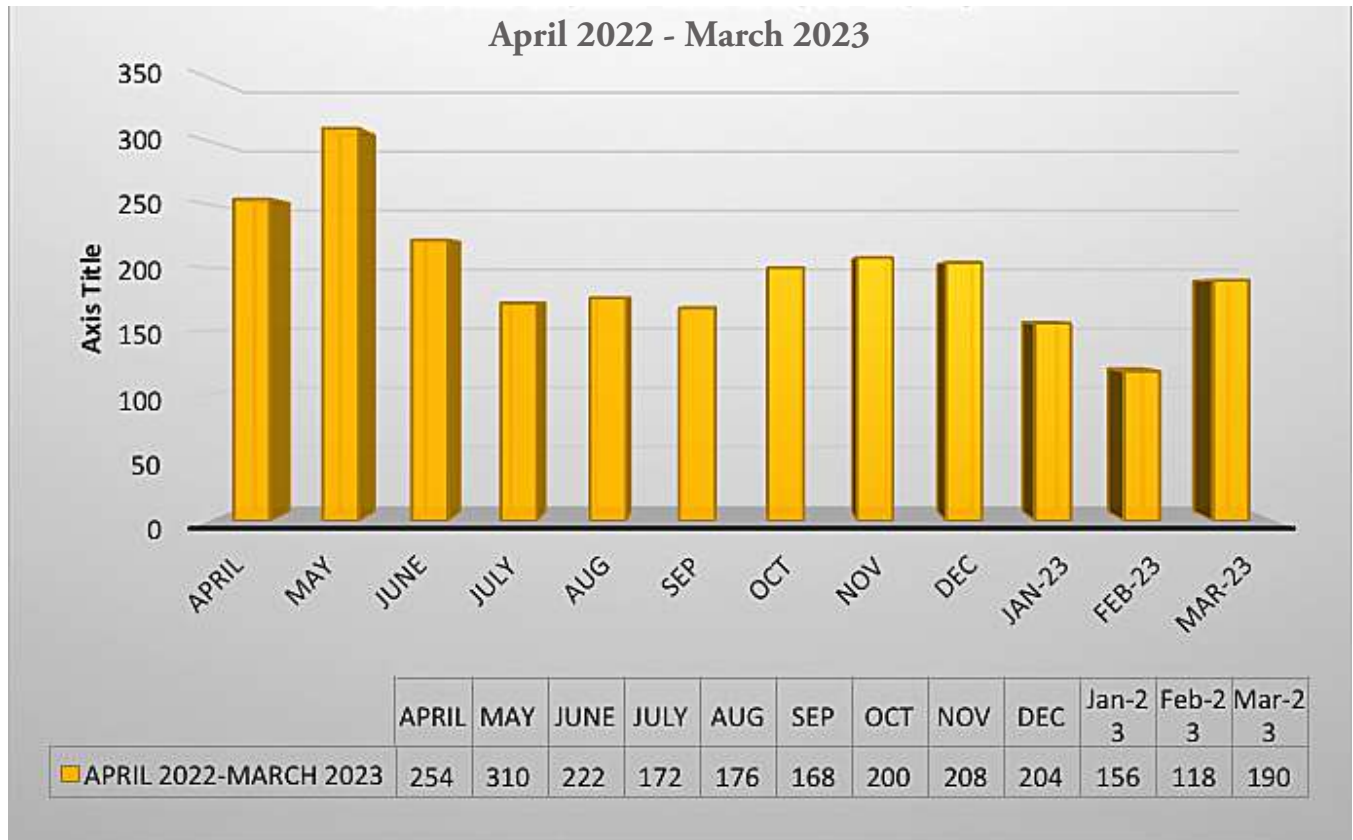
Marriage Licences

Monthly Special & Normal Licence

Marriages in Saint Lucia are governed by Sections 81-155 of the Civil Code, Cap 4.01. 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 period under review, which can be issued either as a normal or special licence.

Year in Review (April 2022-March 2023)



Applications for marriage licences are received from applicants across the globe. The table below provides an overview of the number of applicants per country.

Country	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-23	Feb -23	Mar -23
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	138	178	146	124	86	105	120	108	106	74	54	108
UNITED KINGDOM	76	91	38	28	72	46	48	68	66	39	40	57
SAINT LUCIA	21	32	30	19	14	14	24	18	18	33	14	8
CANADA	9	4			2	2	4	8	8	7	10	13
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	2				2	2	4	8	8	7		
HUNGARY												
SWISS												
GERMANY							2					
GEORGIA												1
INDIA			2									
PHILIPPINES												
FRANCE	2					1	2		2	1		
MEXICO	2											

Country	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-23	Feb -23	Mar -23
IRELAND	2	2	2									
JAMAICA	1			1								
MARTINIQUE	1		1									
CHINA		2							2			
SWITZ		1	1			1						
USVI			1									
CUBA			1									
UKRAINE			1									
SCOTLAND								2				
BAHAMAS								1	1			2
RUSSIA								1				
BRAZIL									1			
LITHOWANIAN										2		
BELIZE												1
GUYANA												1

SAINT LUCIA'S ACCESSION TO THE APPELLATE JURISDICTION OF THE CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE

Legal Background and Update

The Government of Saint Lucia signaled its intention to accede to the Appellate Jurisdiction of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ). This would end appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (JCPC). Thus, the CCJ would become Saint Lucia's highest court.

This intention was first signaled in the Honourable Prime Minister's 2022 New Year's Address. In the Budget Address delivered on 27th April 2022 the Honourable Prime Minister further committed to become the fifth CARICOM Member State to accede to the CCJ's Appellate Jurisdiction. In support of this policy an allocation was made in 2022/2023 to support activities aimed at achieving this reality.

Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers had appointed a committee chaired by former Chief Justice Sir Denis Byron. The committee's mandate was to coordinate the process of Saint Lucia's accession to the court's appellate jurisdiction and to develop a programme of public consultation on this important matter.

As required by section 41(7) of the Constitution of Saint Lucia, Cap. 1.01 (the Constitution) the Agreement of the United Kingdom is required in order to terminate appeals to the JCPC. To this end a letter requesting the United Kingdom's agreement in accordance with the constitutional provisions was transmitted to the British High Commissioner under diplomatic cover on 11th April 2022.

The United Kingdom by correspondence dated 10th August 2022 gave its non-objection for the Government of Saint Lucia to proceed with the necessary legal and constitutional steps to accede to the CCJ's appellate jurisdiction. This

non-objection was necessary in order to comply with the provisions of section 41(7)(a) of the Constitution.

A draft bill amending the Constitution to provide for appeals to the CCJ has been prepared by the Legislative Drafting Unit between August and September 2022. The bill was laid before the House of Assembly on 11th October 2022 for its First Reading.

Section 41(6)(a) of the Constitution stipulates that there must be a delay of at least ninety (90) days between the First and Second Reading of the bill. This ninety (90) period expired on 11th January 2023. Thus there has been compliance with section 41(6)(a) of the Constitution. The bill was thus enacted into law and published in the Gazette on 9th March 2023.

CCJ Accession Process

The CCJ Accession Committee (the Committee) held its inaugural meeting in March 2022, when it began the task of developing and implementing a public information programme on the importance and benefits of the CCJ to Saint Lucia, as well as information on the work of the Committee in pursuit of Accession.

From day one, the importance of conventional and social media to this journey of Accession was well emphasized.

Two Committee members - Matthew Roberts and David Vitalis - being experienced media practitioners, were operating as the de facto communications sub-committee, with the backing of the Committee. Realizing early that a public communications campaign needed to be executed as early and as professionally as possible, the Committee set about developing a communication marketing plan.

By mid-March 2022, the CCJ Accession Committee had approved a "Proposed Communication Campaign and Budget to Support Saint Lucia's Proposed Accession. It comprised TV Media Interventions (news, radio and discussions, talk shows, etc.); town hall meetings; public service announcements; social media campaigns; press releases; and collaboration with the GIS/NTN.

Development and implementation of the Communications programme was invigorated by an exchange of correspondence between the governments of the United Kingdom and Saint Lucia on the replacement of the JCPC with the CCJ as the final court of appeal for Saint Lucia.

Formulation of the Communication programme was assisted by a tour by Mr. David Vitalis, member of the



CCJ Accession Committee, of CCJ Headquarters, in Port of Spain, during June 13th to 16th, 2022, to observe operations and, more importantly, to solicit assistance by way of advice and communication material to support the public communication and education programme of Saint Lucia. The Committee was able to receive printed and digital communication products now being put to use in the on-going campaign.

It must be noted that consultation on the government's intention to accede to the CCJ's Appellate Jurisdiction formally began with a meeting between representatives of the CCJ Accession Committee and the Leader of the Opposition. This took place soon after the Committee was duly constituted last year.

The rollout of the Communication and Public Information Programme formally commenced on 15th September, 2022, with a press briefing at the studios of the GIS. The event was attended by a cross-section of the news and information media. Press kits containing resource information in print, and valuable links to digital and online resources to the CCJ website, and elsewhere, were distributed to media

representatives present. Chairman, Sir Dennis Byron, has made guest appearances on the media programmes during January 2023.

On February 11, the first in a series of Town Hall Meetings was held in the Vieux Fort Primary School, where the audience engaged the Committee in discussion on the process of accession. A similar meeting was held on 4th March 2023 at Soufriere. Town Hall meetings were also held in Castries, Soufriere, and Gros Islet during March 2023.

Generally the public feedback had been largely positive, with an anticipated partisan divide on whether a referendum is necessary; concerns about political interference in the selection of judges and outcome of cases; and financial cost of the appellate jurisdiction to Saint Lucia.

The Communications campaign endeavoured to keep the focus on the benefits of having the CCJ as our apex court in the hands of people who understand our culture and mores; the value of CCJ membership as a consolidation of our independence; how CCJ judges are appointed; and how the CCJ is funded to remove any perception of political interference.

The National Anti-Money Laundering Oversight Committee (NAMLOC)

Saint Lucia's anti-money laundering (AML), counter financing of terrorism (CFT) and counter proliferation financing (CPF) activities are administered by the National Anti-Money Laundering Oversight Committee (NAMLOC). NAMLOC is a Cabinet endorsed committee and comprises the following representatives:

- (1) Attorney General's Chambers-Ms. Juliana Alfred, Ms. Kozel Creese and Mr. Seryozha Cenac
- (2) Customs and Excise Department-Mr. Kosygin Frederick
- (3) Eastern Caribbean Central Bank-Mrs. Livia Bertin-Mark
- (4) Financial Intelligence Authority-Mr. Paul Thompson and Ms. Sheena Xavier
- (5) Financial Services Regulatory Authority-Mrs. Nathalie Dusauzay and Mr. Hemish Lesmond
- (6) Inland Revenue Department- Ms. Felicia Ellie
- (7) Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions-Ms. Kelly Thomson
- (8) Royal Saint Lucia Police Force- Mr. Kimroy Rene and Mr. Troy Lamontagne.

Mutual Evaluation Report (MER) Of Saint Lucia: Second Follow-Up Report

As part of its reporting requirements to the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF), Saint Lucia submitted its second follow up report (2nd FUR) on September 26th 2022. Saint Lucia did not apply for re-ratings at this juncture due to the substantial legislative gaps in our AML/CFT/CPF framework. The report was therefore presented at the CFATF's November 2022 Plenary for information purposes only.

Due to Covid-19 travel restrictions and exorbitant travel costs, NAMLOC agreed that Saint Lucia's delegation would not be travelling to the Cayman Islands for the November 2022 Plenary meetings. Saint Lucia explored the possibility of virtual participation but unfortunately, this option was not available.

Saint Lucia's Application for Re-Ratings: November 2023

NAMLOC has been working assiduously and has endeavoured to revise the National Risk Assessment (NRA) and the Action Plan 2023-26. This action plan is focused on remedying the deficiencies highlighted in the 2021 Mutual



Evaluation Report and engaging the relevant Departments on the same.

Saint Lucia will be seeking re-rating of technical compliance by May 2023 and NAMLOC has since identified the following Financial Action Task Force FATF Recommendations for Saint Lucia's application for re-ratings:

Recommendations	Description
1	Assessing risks and applying a risk-based approach
2	National co-operation and co-ordination
3	Money laundering offences
5	Terrorist financing offence
10	Customer due diligence
11	Record keeping
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	Designated non-financial businesses and professions (DNFBPs): Customer due diligence
23	DNFBPs: Other measures
27	Powers of supervisors
29	Financial intelligence unit
34	Guidance and feedback
35	Sanctions
37	Mutual legal assistance
38	Mutual legal assistance: freezing and confiscation
40	Other forms of international co-operation

Table showing FATF Recommendations for which Saint Lucia will be seeking re-rating in November 2023.

Legislation

In light of Saint Lucia's impending re-rating and in an effort to remove Saint Lucia from enhanced follow-up, NAMLOC has also been collaborating with the Legislative Drafting Unit and other Government Departments to ensure that Saint Lucia's legislative regime is consistent with FATF standards.

The NAMLOC has identified the following to be amended to augment Saint Lucia's AML/CFT/CPF legal framework:

- Proceeds of Crime Act, Cap. 13.01
- Anti-Terrorism Act. 3.16
- Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act (MACMA)
- The Police Act, Cap. 14.01
- Criminal Code, Cap. 3.01
- The Extradition Act, Cap. 2.10
- Maritime Areas Act, Cap. 1.16
- Integrity in Public Life, Cap. 1.19
- Money Laundering (Prevention) Act Cap. 12.20 (MLPA)
- Companies Act
- United Nations (Counter Proliferation Financing) Act

The following new legislation was introduced:

- The Virtual Assets Business Bill
- Registration of Designated Non-Financial Business and Professions Bill 2022
- The Trust Bill

Cabinet to date has approved the following amendments:

Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) to allow for:

- Expanded means through which proceeds of crime may be recovered, inclusive of Civil Recovery.

Extradition (Amendment) Bill:

- To address the issue of dual criminality as per the requirements of Recommendation 37- Mutual Legal Assistance.

Companies (Amendment) Bill 2023:

- To address deficiencies (FATF Recommendations 8, 24 and 25) Sections 181, 515, 520, 534 and 536-541 are all listed for amendment.

Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill:

- Provisions for the financing of travel, increasing penalties and cancellation and revocation of licenses.
- Provisions for the financing of travel by adding a new section to the Act which prohibits a person from financing travel of another person for the purpose of travelling to a country outside Saint Lucia to plan or participate in a terrorist act, meet with a terrorist group or provide or receive training or instruction in carrying out a terrorist act.
- To increase the penalties in the Act.
- The inclusion of a new section in the Act for the cancellation of a licence or certificate. In the new section a regulatory authority can suspend or cancel a licence or certificate of a person who is under an investigation with respect to an offence under the Act or who is charged with or convicted of an offence under the Act.

Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) Bill to:

- Enhancing the scope of the MACMA to afford the broadest range of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.
- To amend the definition of criminal matters to include all non-conviction-based matters arising out of unlawful conduct.

Virtual Assets Business Bill 2022 which provides for:

- The regulation and supervision of a virtual asset business in or from Saint Lucia and for related matters.

Registration of Supervised Entities Bill which provides for:

- The identification of Other Business Activities (OBAs) as these OBAs have to register with Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA) in order to fulfil their obligations.

Seven of the aforementioned Bills have already been enacted by Parliament as at March 2023.

National Risk Assessment (NRA)

Saint Lucia is the final stages of revising its NRA in light of the re-rating in November 2023. NAMLOC hosted three whole-day workshops during November 2022 and January 2023 with stakeholders from the public and private sectors to finalize this process.



The workshop was intended to sensitize stakeholders on Saint Lucia's current risk profile across the varying sectors and to update the NRA and attendees on progress made on Anti-Money Laundering, Counter-Financing of Terrorism and Counter Proliferation Financing (AML/CFT/CPF).

The workshop also sought to inform stakeholders on ways that money laundering and terrorist financing could be prevented. Stakeholders were also oriented on de-risking, reputational risks and the economic impact should Saint Lucia fail to address its existing deficiencies.

The following Working Groups were established to assist NAMLOC with the assessment of the various sectors:

- Legal Persons
- Non-Profit Organization
- National Risk and National Vulnerability/Terrorist Financing
- Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA)
- Banking
- Other Financial Institutions (FIs)
- Virtual Assets, Virtual Assets Service Providers (VAs & VASPs)
- Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions

Working group sessions undertook the following: (1) Data Gathering/Input data in World Bank (WB) tool. (2) Discussions on Sectoral Risks and Challenges (3) Analysis of Data/Completing the WB Tool (4) Drafting sectors' reports (5) Finalizing reports and (7) Presentation of reports from the various working groups.

The NRA report will ultimately be submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers and thereafter, disseminated to public and private stakeholders.

It is imperative that the NRA report and all relevant action plans be finalized and relevant legislation be enacted in advance of Saint Lucia's re-rating application process.

Meetings

In fulfilling NAMLOC's mandate in sensitizing stakeholders within the public and private sectors, NAMLOC members and other government agencies representatives participated in the following workshops.

Virtual Assets and Virtual Assets Service Providers

The Virtual Assets Service Providers sector is fairly new to the shores of Saint Lucia. In order to gain a better understanding

of the sector, the VASPs Subcommittee requested technical assistance from the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA). A meeting was convened with the CIMA in August 2022. Additionally, the Subcommittee engaged in a Virtual Assets/ Bitcoin Workshop offered by the World Bank on August 10th, 2022. Thereafter, the Subcommittee was able to obtain some pertinent information on the use of virtual assets in Saint Lucia via a short online survey.

World Bank Meeting

Saint Lucia has solicited the assistance of the World Bank (WB) experts in vetting the National Risk assessment (NRA) report. NAMLOC also met with the WB during March 2023 to discuss the accurate use of the WB tool and review the comments on the draft NRA report.

Audience with Cabinet

NAMLOC had a meeting with the Cabinet of Ministers in November 2022. Members provided an overview of the mandate and processes of NAMLOC. The Cabinet of Ministers were oriented on the importance of these processes including the impact on Saint Lucia's economy for non-compliance to the FATF Recommendations. The challenges encountered by NAMLOC in ensuring that deadlines for re-rating were also discussed with Cabinet. The Cabinet offered its full commitment to ensure the success of NAMLOC's work program.

Stakeholder Training Sessions

Non-Profit Organizations (NPO) and the Terrorist Financing (TF) AND National Risk Assessment Meeting

- During June 2022, NAMLOC conducted a virtual sensitization workshop on Non-Profit Organizations (NPO) and the Terrorist Financing (TF) and the National Risk Assessment tool. The workshop sought to sensitize attendees on the:
 - Importance of NPOs in the AML/CFT fight.
 - Terrorist Financing (TF) definition and (TF) process.
 - Vulnerabilities of NPOs to TF abuse.
 - Methods of TF abuse.
 - Consequences of TF abuse.
 - TF red flag indicators specific to NPOs.
 - Ways to protect NPOs from TF abuse.
 - An overview of the National NPO TF Risk

Assessment and the contribution of NPOs to that process, including:

- FATF NPOs
- Objectives of NPO TF Risk Assessment.
- NPO TF Risk Assessment Process.
- NPO TF Risk Assessment Questionnaire.

NAMLOC Public Relations (PR)

In light of the ongoing NRA process, public awareness is of paramount importance to the work of NAMLOC. NAMLOC launched its public relations campaign in November 2022 with an aim of educating the populace through the use of traditional and social media. AML/CFT/CPF issues were discussed through interviews and public service announcements (PSA).

The NAMLOC also engaged in a panel discussion on the Government Information Services (GIS) during January

2023. This discussion encapsulated themes on AML/CFT issues and provided the public with practical insight into the relevance of source of funds, customer due diligence (CDD) and other aspect of the Know Your Customer (KYC) process. This was followed by a targeted PSA on the KYC process which has been aired from January – March 2023.

NAMLOC is expected to apply for re-rating by May 2023. The basis of this application will involve:

1. Legislative amendments
2. Enactment of policy guidelines or standard operating procedures used by various Government Departments
3. Revision of NRA and Action Plans for the period 2022-2024
4. Public education campaign.





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