

## COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION



It is with a substantial sense of loss that The Council of Legal Education joins in offering condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the Honourable Justice Jacob Wit JCCJ.

The Honourable Justice Jacob Wit was one of the members of the inaugural panel of Judges of the CCJ having been appointed to a Justice of the Court on June 1st 2005.

Justice Wit served with distinction and brought a unique perspective thereto which no doubt was influenced by his extra-Caribbean heritage and experience.

Justice Wit has made invaluable contributions to seminal decisions of the CCJ. His scholarship is evident in decisions such as that in *Trinidad Cement Limited v Guyana*; the very first matter heard by the CCJ in its original jurisdiction and *Myrie v Barbados*. Justice wit contributed to Appellate decisions of the Court in the cases of *Attorney General et al v Jeffrey Joseph and Lennox Boyce (Barbados)*, *Marin v Attorney General (Belize)* and more recently *Mohamed Irfan Ali et al v Chief Elections Officer et al (Guyana)*. His contributions to regional jurisprudence will be indelibly and unmistakably embedded in the annals of the history of the CARICOM region, its development and its indigenous Apex Court. It is an unfortunate truth that those of us yet to accede to the Appellate Jurisdiction of the CCJ while having access to his decisions, will forever be deprived of the opportunity to experience his brilliance.

He has acquitted himself well in his time, with his work and may he rest in peace.