



Dear Members,

This has been an extraordinary year for the legal profession, and for CILPA. Despite the challenges of the Covid pandemic, CILPA's work on behalf of the legal profession has continued at pace. I am confident that CILPA will continue to flourish following the election of the new Council.

CILPA's achievements for the legal profession over the past year have been significant. CILPA has played an important role in the development of key legislation and made a significant contribution in the areas of professional training for attorneys and education reform for law students. CILPA has also supported the wider Cayman community through its volunteering and sponsorship efforts.

Development of New Legislation

Thanks to the considerable work of CILPA members, the Legal Services Act 2020 was passed after more than 50 years without legal services reform. We now look to the new CILPA Council to work with the Government on the Commencement of the Act and promulgation of the regulations.

The Limited Liability Partnership Act finally commenced, some 3 years post-enactment. This important legislation will enable existing firms to convert from traditional partnerships to limited liability partnerships, and permit new firms of two or more partners to avail themselves of the benefits of limited liability from the very outset of the practice.

CILPA also played a significant role in the passing of legislation needed to support our economy through the Covid crisis; including the Notaries Public (Virtual Conduct of Notarial Acts) Regulations, 2020 and the Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Act, 2020.

Training & Education Reform

CILPA has been active in training attorneys on regulatory developments. Our CFATF subcommittee arranged and/or facilitated seminars on Countering the Financing of Terrorism, Sanctions and Proliferation Finance. CILPA has also advanced the profession's education reform initiative through its work to redevelop the Professional Practice Course (PPC) at the Truman Bodden Law School. This will enable PPC students to undertake training in areas of cross-border transactional practice for the first time in 2022.

Community Efforts

CILPA has been an active member of the wider Cayman Islands community through its volunteering and sponsorship initiatives. These include the Prison Literacy Programme at HMP

Northward and HMP Fairbanks, as well as supporting the work of the Cayman AIDS Foundation. For further details of CILPA's work on these initiatives, or to get involved, please contact any member of the CILPA Council.

Expressions of Gratitude

I am immensely proud of the work done by the outgoing CILPA Council and extend my sincere thanks to all members who contributed to CILPA's work. They include Council members Richard Barton, Erik Bodden, Wanda Ebanks, Cline Glidden, David Ritch and Alasdair Robertson, as well as members of CILPA's CFATF Subcommittee and Education Subcommittee, led by Kendra Foster and Alexandra Woodcock, respectively. Thank you for your outstanding work and commitment to advancing the interests of the profession.

Best wishes to all CILPA members, and to the new Council as CILPA continues its work on behalf of the legal profession.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Collins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Collins

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