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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Sheldon Sookram Appointed as Legal Officer – Strategic Litigation at Caribbean Centre for Human Rights (CCHR).

The Caribbean Centre for Human Rights (CCHR) is delighted to announce the appointment of **Sheldon Sookram** as **Legal Officer** for **Strategic Litigation**, a key role within the organization. This significant addition to CCHR's team is made possible through the generous support of our donors, **United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees (UNHCR)** and **Open Society Foundation (OSF)**, whose contributions continue to empower our mission to advance human rights across the Caribbean.

Mr. Sookram will be based at CCHR's head office at Plaza de Montrose, Chaguanas, where he will lead efforts to advance impactful human rights litigation and advocacy across the Caribbean region.

Mr. Sookram brings a robust legal background, with extensive experience in public law, constitutional law, and judicial review. Having worked with prominent legal firms and institutions, including **Vivek Lakhani-Joseph and Associates**, **Alexander Jeremie and Company**, and **Freedom Law Chambers**. Mr. Sookram has successfully handled matters



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(Strategic Litigation)



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involving workers' rights, personal injury, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, and more. His work has spanned drafting pleadings, witness statements, legal opinions, and court advocacy.

**CCHR's Executive Director**, Mary Jo Marsden, commented:

*"Sheldon's appointment marks a significant step forward for the Caribbean Centre for Human Rights. His expertise in strategic litigation will be critical in addressing systemic human rights violations and ensuring greater accountability across the region. Sheldon has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to justice, and we are thrilled to have him on board."*



Mr. Sookram holds a **Bachelor of Laws (Hons.)** from the University of the West Indies (UWI) and a **Legal Education Certificate (LEC)** from Hugh Wooding Law School, where he was recognized for his outstanding academic achievements. He is currently pursuing a **Master's in Corporate and Commercial Law**.

His passion for human rights advocacy is evident through his past

involvement in the **Hugh Wooding Law School Human Rights Committee** and his representation of Trinidad and Tobago at the **Global Young Leaders Conference** in Washington, D.C., and New York.

In his new role, Mr. Sookram will focus on advancing CCHR's **Strategic Litigation** initiatives, targeting systemic issues through high-impact legal action aimed at protecting and promoting human rights throughout the Caribbean.

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*The Caribbean Centre for Human Rights (CCHR) is dedicated to promoting and protecting the fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals across the Caribbean. Co-founded in 2006 by Diana Mahabir-Wyatt, CCHR works through education, advocacy, and legal support to build a region where human rights are respected and upheld.*