

Ms. Turkessa Blades

Currently Lecturing:

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

- Corporate and Business Law (F4)

Academic Profile:

- Registered Mediator, Mediation Board of Trinidad & Tobago
- The Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators - Grad ICSA – (UK Programme)
- Called to the Bar of The Supreme Court of Judicature of Trinidad & Tobago
- Hugh Wooding Law School - Council of Legal Education
- University of The West Indies, Faculty of Law, Bachelor of Laws

Training & Development:

a. Participated in the UWI Inaugural Oil and Gas Law Conference on “**Key Legal Issues in Oil and Gas Law: A Caribbean Perspective**” held on the 30th April 2015 and the 1st May 2015.

b. Participated in the Workshop on “**Establishing a Mentorship Programme: Its Challenges, Solutions and Lessons learned from the National Mentorship Programme**” conducted by Ministry of National Security, 15th January 2014;

c. Participated in the Workshop on the “**Mediators’ Forum Part 1: Dealing with Emotions in Family Mediation**” conducted by the Mediation Board of Trinidad and Tobago, 29th March 2014.

d. FIDIC form of Contract Training; November 2009.

- e. Certificate in “**Project Management for non-Project Management Professionals**” conducted by the Arthur Lok Jack Institute in conjunction with the Project Management Institute, July, 2007.
- f. Attended a Workshop on the “**OSH Act addressing the implications for Companies and Insurers**”, March 2007
- g. Participated in the Workshop conducted by the Organisation of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OCCUR) on “**Public Participation & Communications in Caribbean Utility Regulatory Process**” – April 2006
- h. Certificate of Participation on “**Advanced Mediation Workshop- Mediation Training**” – conducted by John L. Woods Jr. of NS&J group at the Dispute Resolution Centre, Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry & Commerce (September 2005)
- i. Certificate of Participation on “**Mediation Skills Workshop- Mediation Training**” – conducted by John L. Woods Jr. of NS&J group at the Dispute Resolution Centre, Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry & Commerce (July 2005)
- j. Certificate of Participation on “**The Emerging Environmental Legal Regime in Trinidad and Tobago**”- November 2004
- k. One-Day Seminar on “**Understanding Key Labour Legislation**” – conducted by the Employers’ Consultative Association – August 2004
- l. Attended updated Training on “**The Role of the Company Secretary**” – Conducted by The Institute of Directors – June 2004
- m. Participated in the Workshop conducted by the Organisation of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OCCUR) on “**The Role of Administrative Law in Utility Regulation**” – June 2004
- n. Certificate of Achievement in recognition of completion of the **ADR Workshop in Alternative Dispute Resolution** – A Project of the Faculty of Law, University of Windsor (2003);
- o. Certificate of Participation on **Procurement and Disbursement** – Conducted by the Inter-American Bank (2000);
- p. Certificate of Achievement on **the Mediation Programme** – Conducted by the University of Berkley in conjunction with The School of Business and Computer Science (1999)

Experience:

Ms. Turkessa Blades - has been a part time lecturer at the School of Business and Computer Science for over ten (10) years lecturing Business and Corporate Law modules and has produced a pass rate of 85% per class.

Ms. Blades has been a practicing Attorney at Law, in the Courts of Trinidad and Tobago for over 18 years operating within the Corporate Law environment, as an Advocate and also providing Corporate Secretarial Duties in several public and private enterprises.

As a strong advocate for the practice of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Ms. Blades is also a registered Mediator who practices not only with corporate disputes, but Ms. Blades also practices extensive mediation within the Family Law environment.