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MAKING STRIDES &
**UPHOLDING THE
RULE OF LAW**

JOURNEY
**THROUGH A
SUCCESFFUL YEAR**



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STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATIONS: THE MINISTRY WELCOMES TWO NEW *Communication Officers* *

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance public engagement and information dissemination, the Ministry onboarded two Communications Officers to support its strategic initiatives.

Their addition marks a significant step in strengthening the Ministry's outreach, ensuring timely and transparent communication with the public. Contributing to the 2024 Year-End Review Magazine, the officers have played a key role in capturing the Ministry's milestones, projects, and achievements in just a short few months.



Their expertise will be instrumental in amplifying the Ministry's work as it continues to serve the people of St. Kitts and Nevis.

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EXPANDING OUR DIGITAL PRESENCE: THE LAUNCH OF THE MINISTRY'S

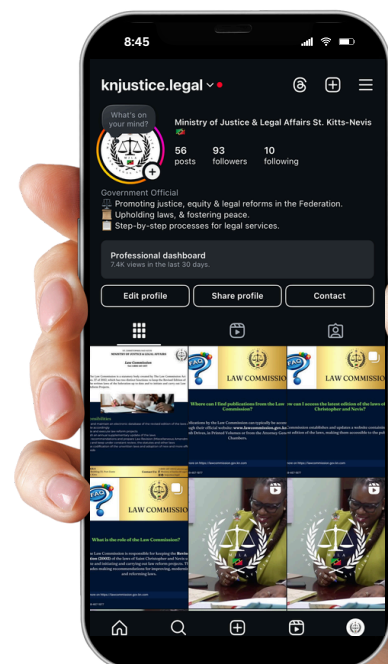
Social Media *

WELCOME TO AGO MJLA'S DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

In a move to enhance public engagement and transparency, the Ministry officially launched its social media pages in **October**. These platforms serve as a direct channel for sharing important updates, legal insights, and key initiatives, ensuring that citizens stay informed about the Ministry's work. By leveraging digital communication, the Ministry aims to foster greater awareness, accessibility and interaction with the public.

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WORKSHOPS

TARGETED FINANCIAL SANCTIONS SENSITIZATION

Workshop



This initiative provided key stakeholders with critical insights into the legal framework surrounding financial sanctions, equipping them with the knowledge needed to prevent illicit financial activities. The workshop reinforced the Ministry's commitment to upholding transparency, safeguarding the financial system, and ensuring national and international compliance standards are met.



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, CRIMINAL MEDIATION, AND CHILD JUSTICE

Workshop

The Ministry, in partnership with the UNDP Pace Justice Project, funded by the European Union, hosted an **intensive three-day workshop, from November 11th-13th, 2024**. This initiative brought together legal professionals and stakeholders, to explore alternative dispute resolution methods, enhance mediation skills, and strengthen child justice frameworks.

The workshop highlighted the Ministry's commitment to fostering a more inclusive and rehabilitative justice system in St. Kitts and Nevis.

In attendance were police officers, judges, lawyers, and court staff





“JUSTICE IN SCHOOLS”

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT *Public* EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

His Lordship, The Honourable Chief Justice Mario Michel, visited the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College on St. Kitts, and the Nevis Sixth Form College on Nevis on **November 13th, as part of The ECSC “Justice in Schools” public education campaign.**

The programme aims to enhance the public understanding of the court’s history, milestones, and operations across all nine Member States and Territories, while making information easily accessible.

The ECSC believes that this engagement will help students form a better impression of the judiciary and gain a clearer understanding of the court’s judicial branches, and the justice system of the Eastern Caribbean.



A TOTAL OF 36 BILLS
WERE PASSED IN
PARLIAMENT IN 2024

WIPO X IPOSKN



On November 14th and 15th, the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO), in partnership with the Intellectual Property Office of St. Kitts and Nevis, hosted an inspiring workshop themed **“Empowering Caribbean Youth Through Training in Comic Development”**, on both St. Kitts and Nevis.



Students from high schools across the Federation, participated in interactive sessions, learning the fundamentals of intellectual property and storytelling.

The two-day initiative highlighted the importance of creativity, innovation, and the protection of intellectual property while nurturing the next generation of storytellers and artists.



THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT (ECSC) PUBLIC EDUCATION

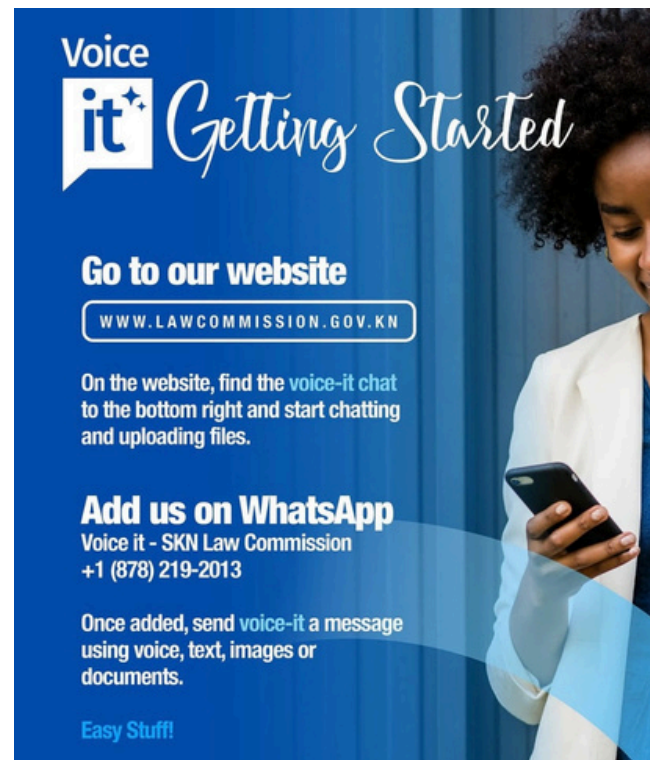
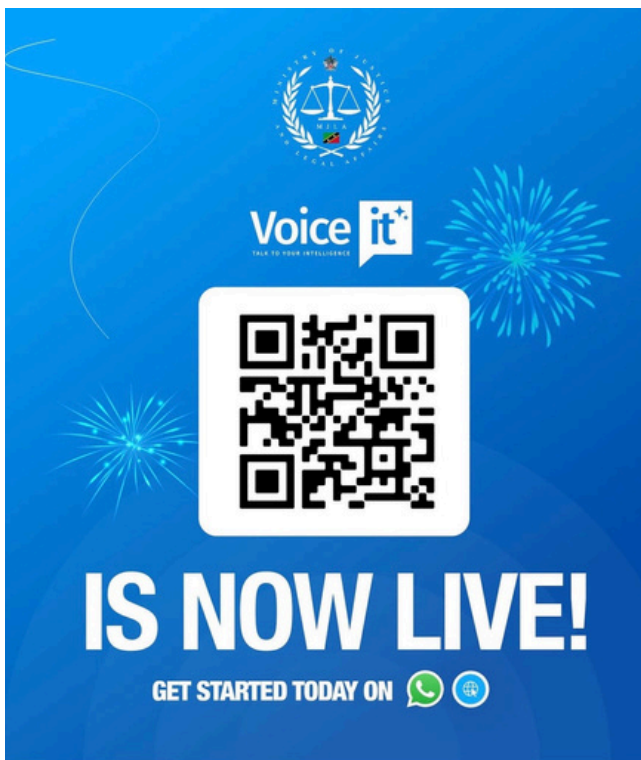
Lecture Series

The event titled **“Justice Without Borders: The Legal Practitioner’s Perspective and the ECSC Reality”**, was led by The Honourable Garth Wilkin, Attorney General and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs of St. Kitts and Nevis, where our country hosted the first lecture series on November 12th, 2024.

Attendees were transformed to the future of justice and how it plans to evolve with the integration of AI into legal practices. The launch of Voice-It, the innovative tool for handling legal queries and procedural inquiries was also announced for the first time.



REVOLUTIONIZING LEGAL ACCESS WITH



THE AI-POWERED LEGAL INFORMATION TOOL

Designed to enhance public access to laws and legal processes in St. Kitts and Nevis, using voice, text, images or documents, **ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.**

This innovative platform is accessible via WhatsApp, a web-based chat application, and soon on the Ministry's new website. It allows users to effortlessly obtain legal information.

Represents a major step in improving efficiency, transparency, and public engagement in the justice system.



THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ST. KITTS & NEVIS MET WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE EMBASSY OF FRANCE. *

The potential of strengthening our formal Communication Channels, Mutual Legal Assistance Capacity and Prosecution Mechanisms were discussed, to deter criminal gangs from operating between our Federation and neighboring French Territories, such as St. Martin, St. Barths, Guadeloupe and Martinique. A commitment was made to work together, from the Justice perspective, to fight this war on organized crime in our subregion.

SIXTH MEETING OF THE ECCU ATTORNEYS GENERAL AND CHIEF PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL

The Attorney General of St. Kitts and Nevis, gave the keynote address under the theme "Achieving Growth and Resilience- A New Vision for the Legal System in the ECCU".



CIVIL ASSET RECOVERY *Workshop*

The Attorney General of St. Kitts and Nevis, presented the welcoming remarks at the Civil Asset Recovery Workshop for the Attorney General's Chambers, Director of Public Prosecutions Office, White Collar Crime Unit, Customs and Excise Department, Police, Coast Guard and Inland Revenue Department.

This was a partnership between the Ministry and the USA Embassy in Bridgetown, implemented by the USA Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) and the USA National Center for State Courts (NCSC).

CIVIL ASSET RECOVERY IS THE ACT OF SEIZING ASSETS WHICH WERE GAINED THROUGH CRIMINAL ACTIVITY



CLOSING CHAPTER 2024

Embracing 2025



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As we reflect on a year of progress, collaboration and transformation, the ministry remains committed to **enhancing accessibility, efficiency, and transparency** within the justice system. **2024 has been a year of impact**- and the journey continues.

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