

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGAL CONSULTANT

PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES

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Organisation Profile for:



**Titan Chambers
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INTRODUCTION

Titan Chambers is a new boutique legal services provider founded to provide efficient and effective legal advice and other complementary services to its clients.

APPROACH TO PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES

Our Chambers has customer service and appreciation at its core. We focus not only on the prompt delivery of effective legal services with an immeasurable level of accuracy, but along the way we build strong and durable client relationships. We don't just work for our clients, we work with them and take care of their needs.

Primary legal services will be undertaken by an experienced team led by Attorney-at-Law, Saelese Haynes. Ms. Haynes spent three and a half years as a Legal Officer at the Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs (now Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries) where she was involved in negotiating, preparing and executing complex contracts with third parties including Production Sharing Contracts with multinational firms. She has recently completed a three-month contract with Paria Fuel Trading Company Limited where she was responsible for reviewing and vetting contracts, Board documents and other legal documents for that company and advising the company on various matters requiring legal intervention on a day-to-day basis.

Other Members of our Chambers have a breadth of experience in multiple areas of law including, *inter alia*, Contracts, Conveyancing, Corporate and Commercial matters, Oil, Gas and Mineral matters, Litigation, Industrial Relations, Risk Management and Compliance.

Our Attorneys are:

1. Saelese Haynes
2. Lana Benoit
3. Fayola Cooper
4. Brian Sanya Mondoh
5. Francois Benoit (Door Tenant).

A bio-sketch of our Head of Chambers and her CV follow.

PERSONNEL OVERVIEW

Saelese Haynes

Saelese Haynes is an Attorney-at-Law of eight years' call. She has been called to the Bar of England and Wales and to the Bar of Trinidad and Tobago and she is the Head of Chambers at Titan Chambers.

Ms. Haynes spent three and a half years as a Legal Officer at the Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs (now Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries "MEEI") where she was involved in negotiating, preparing and executing complex contracts with third parties, including Production Sharing Contracts with multinational firms. During her tenure, she was responsible for preparing Cabinet Notes, Memoranda and Opinions on a variety of matters, attending to active litigation matters, resolving day-to-day legal issues within the MEEI and she served as a part of the secretariat to several committees such as an inter-Ministerial committee to evaluate the legislative changes required to alleviate illegal mining, and the Standing Committee on Energy.

Ms. Haynes is also a member of the International Bar Association ("IBA") and its Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law as well as the current National Representative to the IBA. In 2016, she contributed to its 2016 Journal on Energy and Natural Resources Law with an article entitled "Supply of energy and resources: its effect on economic and political stability and the effect of geopolitical issues on such supply".¹ She has also attended and contributed to EITI Corporate Governance and other workshops.

In 2016, Ms. Haynes joined the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (HDC) as in-house Counsel. While at the HDC, she handled and supervised a number of conveyancing matters, both where the HDC was in the process of acquiring property as well as for the allocation of such. She also represented the HDC in numerous matters at the High Court and Petty Civil Courts, both with and without Counsel.

In 2018, Ms. Haynes founded Titan Chambers to streamline and further explore areas of the law where she has a keen interest and to promote a client centric approach to the provision of legal services.

¹ Saelese Haynes (2016) "Supply of energy and resources: its effect on economic and political stability and the effect of geopolitical issues on such supply". *Journal of Energy & Natural Resources Law*, 34:3, 361-368, DOI: 10.1080/02646811.2016.1184927.