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### **PRESS STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF SANDRA JULIEN, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND MEMBER OF THE DOMINICA BAR**

The Dominica Bar Association wishes to extend its deepest condolences to the family, in particular, the mother and siblings, and friends of Ms. Sandra Julien who passed away today, Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020, after a recurrent struggle with a debilitating illness. Ms. Sandra Julien was a lawyer and member of the Dominica Bar. She held the post of the Registrar at the Companies and Intellectual Property Office in the Public Service.

Ms. Julien was called to the Dominica Bar on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2001 and worked as a legally qualified professional in the Public Service since then save for a brief period when she worked overseas. She was appointed Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property in or about 2009 and has served in that position commendably.

Sandra Julien was soft spoken and best known by her colleagues for her calm, measured and pleasant manner. She was a very good listener and often demonstrated the ability to engage any audience in empathetic conversation for extended periods with a genuine and sincere expression that conveyed the words *"I hear you, I understand"*. Nothing

seemed to get Ms. Julien flustered. She was well-liked and well-respected among the legal fraternity.

As Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property, Ms. Julien demonstrated professionalism, competence, diligence, confidence and a pleasant disposition. Her consistent willingness to assist attorneys and laypersons who sought services at the Companies and Intellectual Property Office generally rendered the outcome for these persons, a productive one. In a very understated manner, Ms. Julien demonstrated great leadership in her appointed office. She was always open to suggestions on how things could be done better and she inspired her staff to serve the public well. She appeared to have a close and respectful working relationship with those under her supervision. Some of the words that her staff members used to describe her included *"like family"*, *"loving"*, *"caring"*, *"easy going"*, *"highly respected"* and *"down-to-earth"*.

Ms. Sandra Julien was well respected among her peers in the regional and international Intellectual Property Offices and her advice was frequently sought by them.

She accepted her health diagnosis without complaint and sought treatment with a sense of purpose and positiveness; she never gave up; she never sounded down and defeated; she always expressed hope. That was on full display, even on what we now know were her last days, when members of the Dominica Bar Association visited her at the hospital on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020. She spoke with clarity, confidence and optimism. She appeared happy for the visit and did not utter a word of complaint about her condition.

Throughout her illness, Sandra Julien demonstrated fortitude, courage, faith, gratitude and optimism. Most remarkably, during this undeniably challenging period of her life, she continued to provide guidance to the Companies and Intellectual Property staff and others who requested her help, a testament of her generosity and commitment.

Sandra Julien will be deeply missed, no doubt by her family and friends, but also by her staff, colleagues and those who often sought services at the Companies and Intellectual Property Office. Her passing is a great loss to the legal fraternity not just in Dominica but

in the region. However, as people of faith, we believe that she is in a better place and in divine comfort with her Maker. Sandra Julien is gone physically from this world, but she will live on in the memories of those of us who were fortunate enough to have known her and interacted with her.

May the soul of Sandra Julien rest in blessed and eternal peace.

May the family of Sandra Julien be comforted by their faith in and love of God and by the knowledge that Sandra touched the lives of countless persons in a very positive way, and she will live on forever in our hearts and minds.

**The Dominica Bar Association**  
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