

Lawyer Greg Christie to be Sworn in as Contractor General
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Jamaican lawyer Greg Christie has been appointed the new Contractor General and will officially be sworn in by Governor General, His Excellency the Most Hon. Sir Howard Cooke, at King's House on Wednesday (Nov. 30).

He will replace Dr. Derrick McKoy, who served for seven years and opted not to renew his commission.

Mr. Christie, who is a Caribbean and British trained lawyer, was most recently employed as Vice President and Assistant General Counsel with the Global Commodities Business Unit of the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation in Florida.

His 13-year tenure with Kaiser saw Mr. Christie functioning in a range of legal and non-legal senior management capacities for the corporation's global bauxite mining, alumina manufacturing and aluminum smelting operations in Jamaica, the United States and Ghana.

At Kaiser, the Jamaican-bred lawyer was the management executive in charge of Kaiser Jamaica's corporate, legal, government and public affairs functions, and he otherwise held several senior management positions at the corporate business level in the areas of commercial services, strategic projects, business process re-engineering, supply chain management and quality systems implementation and audits.

Prior to joining Kaiser, Mr. Christie served as a law lecturer, a legal consultant, an attorney, and is the founder and chairman of a Jamaican credit reporting firm.

He has lectured full-time for 10 years at the Law Faculty of the University of the West Indies (UWI) in Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago in the disciplines of corporate, criminal, insurance, international and aviation law, and for three years at the Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad as a lecturer in insurance, banking, credit and securities law.

Mr. Christie has also worked throughout the Caribbean as a legal consultant, handling various consultancy assignments for private and public sector organisations, including the United Nations.

Mr. Christie is a graduate of Campion College and the former College of Arts, Science, and Technology (CAST). He is the holder of the LL.B (Hons.) Degree from UWI, the C.L.E. professional qualification from the Hugh Wooding Law School and the LL.M. Masters Degree in corporate, insurance and international law from the University of London.

Mr. Christie's diverse and extensive background in corporate management and law, together with his work in the Jamaican bauxite industry and experience in the management of strategic projects and commercial and procurement services, have all contributed to his selection as the most suitable and ideal candidate to be appointed Contractor General.

New Contractor General Pledges to Perform With Integrity

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Governor General, His Excellency the Most Hon. Sir Howard Cooke (left), presents Attorney-at-Law, Gregg Christie with his instrument of appointment during a swearing in ceremony at King's House this morning (November 30). Mr. Christie will assume duties as Contractor General tomorrow (December 1).

New Contractor General, Greg Christie, has pledged to carry out his new task with "unbridled integrity, impartiality, transparency, and forthrightness" noting that, "high ethical conduct would be the moral cornerstone of the office of the Contractor General during my tenure".

Mr. Christie, who was sworn into office by Governor General, His Excellency the Most Hon. Sir Howard Cooke at King's House this morning (Nov.30), assured that he had taken his oath with solemnity and deep sincerity and would "faithfully and scrupulously uphold at all times the interest of Jamaica and its people in the day to day discharge of my functions as Contractor General".

He further expressed gratitude for the confidence reposed in him, stating that he accepted the appointment with great humility. " I am privileged and honoured to have been asked

to serve my country in this most important capacity," Mr. Christie said.

The new Contractor General, who replaces Derrick McKoy, will take up office tomorrow (December 1).

Sir Howard, who presented the instruments of authority to Mr. Christie, said the new appointee had a reputation for hard work and for making sure that "everything goes right".

"We have heard of your good work not only in this country. but elsewhere in the world. You have the capacity and the integrity, the goodwill and the uprightness necessary for this job," the Governor General stated.

An attorney-at-law, Mr. Christie was previously vice-president and assistant general counsel with the Global Commodities Business Unit of the Kaiser Aluminium and Chemical Corporation in Florida. He has also lectured full-time for 10 years at the University of the West Indies (UWI) Law Faculty in Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad.

Under the provisions of the Contractor General Act, the Contractor General is authorized to monitor the grant, issue, suspension or revocation of certain licences and similar documents issued or granted by a public body or an officer thereof.

The Contractor General may, if he considers it necessary or desirable, conduct an investigation into any or all of the following matters: the registration of contractors; tender procedures relating to contracts awarded by public bodies; the award of any government contract; the implementation of the terms of any government contract; the circumstances of the grant, issue, use, suspension or revocation of any prescribed licence; the practice and procedures relating to the grant, issue, suspension or revocation of prescribed licences.

The Contractor-General may adopt whatever procedure he considers appropriate to the circumstances of a, particular case and, subject to the provisions of the Act, may obtain information from such person and in such manner and make such enquiries as he thinks fit.