

# Cintra Sooknanan

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## *Work Experience*

2008- Present

Member of the Trinidad and Tobago Law Association

Associate, Mair and Company, Attorneys at Law  
50 Richmond Street, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

- Litigation including Telecom, Securities, Employment, Entertainment and Matrimonial
- Corporate Commercial
- Intellectual Property
- Conveyancing
- Energy Law
- Wills, Probate and Estates

Director (since 2009), member (since 2002); Trinidad and Tobago Computer Society

- Consultation and comment on Telecom and ICT regulations, issues and developments
- Regular membership of over 200 and annual Software Freedom Day activities
- Representative at numerous ICT events, including ICANN meetings, policy discussions and working groups; CTU Internet Governance Hubs; Cariforum ICT Sector Conferences; and Civil Society Forums
- Affiliated with LACNIC and Software Freedom Day International

Applicant of the Internet Society Chapter of Trinidad and Tobago (Chapter in formation)

- Coveting membership, Drafting Bye-laws and Incorporation Documents
- Participation in ISOC activities, including at ICANN No. 39 and No. 40

2007-2008

Attachment as Trainee Attorney, Lex Caribbean, Trinidad Offices

- Corporate, Conveyancing, Litigation, Intellectual Property Departments

2006-2007

Mentoring Programme, Knights and Sons Solicitors, Staffordshire, England  
Legal Research Intern, Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago, Hall of Justice

2002-2005 Law Clerk for Mr. Dave de Peiza, Attorney at Law; Technician at PC Systems Ltd.

## *Additional Training and Accomplishments:*

- 2011 Telecom Management, ITEC Programme at CETTM, Mumbai, India  
Licensing, Interconnection, Costs & Pricing Regulation Frameworks under a Converged/Unified Technology and Licensing Environment- CTO  
Placement at ICTA, the Telecommunication Authority of Mauritius  
ICANN's Joint Applicant Support Working Group Member  
Internet Society Next Generation Leaders E-Learning Programme by DiploFoundation  
WIPO-KIPO-KAIST-KIPA Advanced International Certificate Course
- 2010 Stitt Feld Handy Group Alternative Dispute Resolution Training
- 2009 ICT Telecommunications Regulation in Practice Conference- CANTO/CTO  
Attack and Contingency Planning for ccTLDs- ICANN  
Commonwealth People's Forum- CHOGM  
Civil Society Forum- Summit of the Americas  
Putting a value on Intellectual Capital- Trinidad & Tobago Coalition of Service Industries (UPOV) Registration and protection of plant varieties- IPO, Trinidad & Tobago  
Trinidad and Tobago, Prime Minister's awards for Innovation and Invention  
LACNIC Caribbean 2 (Security, IPv6 and IXPs)  
Regional framework for Protection of Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources- WIPO/IPO, Trinidad & Tobago
- 2004 Holy Name Convent Secondary School Website Project
- 2001 Announcer's Broadcasting; Holy Name Convent Secondary School House Captain

**Education:**

**2007-Present**

- Staffordshire University (External) - LLM in Legal Practice Management
  - o Knowledge management implementation in Legal Firms (Thesis)
  - o Awareness of management issues
  - o Strategic issues affecting legal practice
  - o Appreciation of effective management and efficient delivery of services
  - o Appreciation of consequences of not adopting efficient and effective management
  - o Introduce and appraise the importance of quality issues in legal practice
  - o Development of strategies to deal with external change on practice development

**2006-2007**

- Staffordshire University - Post Grad Diploma in Legal Practice Course (Commendation)
  - o Commercial Law
  - o Business law and Practice
  - o Commercial Property
  - o Property Law and Practice
  - o Civil and Advanced Civil Litigation
  - o Criminal Litigation
  - o Advocacy
  - o Legal Research and Letter Writing
  - o Business and Solicitor Accounts
  - o Professional Conduct
  - o European and Human Rights Law
  - o Succession

**2004-2006**

- University of London (External) - Bachelor of Laws/ LLB degree
  - o Contract Law
  - o Law of Tort
  - o Land Law
  - o Law of Trusts
  - o Law of Evidence
  - o Constitutional Law
  - o Public Law
  - o English Legal Systems
  - o Criminal Law
  - o European Union Law

**2001-2004**

- University of London (External) - BSc Computer and Information Systems (Upper Second Class Honours)
  - o Mathematics for Computing
  - o Database Systems
  - o E-Commerce
  - o Human Computer Interaction
  - o Information systems- Foundations of e-business
  - o Data Communications and Enterprise Networks
  - o Java and Object-Oriented Programming
  - o Software Engineering and Development
  - o Programming : Advanced Topics & Techniques
  - o Mathematical Techniques of Operational Research
  - o Decision Support and Executive Information Systems
  - o Project (Open-Source solutions for Library Systems)
  - o Accounting Information Systems
  - o Information Systems Management
  - o Algorithmic Graph Theory
  - o Computing & the Internet

**1994-2001**

- Cambridge University GCE A', AO' and O' Level                      5 Passes
- Caribbean Examinations Council O' Level                              7 Passes

**Other Experience:**

- o Legal Research, Microsoft Office, Logic Programs, Internet Oriented Programs
- o Microsoft Visual Basic 6.0, Turbo Pascal 7.0 for DOS, QuickBasic 4.5 for DOS
- o Web Page Design, Database Creation & Management, Network Structure & Implementation

**Hobbies:**

Scuba Diving, Travelling, Tennis, Scrabble

**Referees:**

Provided upon request