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FORMAL ORDER OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL LEGAL COUNCIL MADE ON COMPLAINT NO. 6 OF 2021

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SUPREME COURT

IN THE MATTER OF B. ST. MICHAEL HYLTON, O.J., K.C. v HANNAH HARRIS-BARRINGTON, AN ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION ACT 1971

PANEL:

MR. PETER CHAMPAGNIE, K.C.

MRS. GLORIA LANGRIN
MS. KATHERINE FRANCIS

DECISION DELIVERED ON THE 1ST FEBRUARY 2023

UPON THE APPLICATION made under section 12 (1) (a) of the Legal Profession Act and dated the 26th January 2021 along with supporting Affidavit sworn on the 26th January 2021 and coming on for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee on the 5th June 2021, 3rd July 2021, 25th September 2021, 30th October 2021, 24th November 2021, 28th February 2022, 24th May 2022, 29th June 2022, 8th September 2022, 6th October 2022, 3rd November 2022, 7th December 2022 and 17th January 2023,

AND UPON the Complainant, Mr. B. St. Michael Hylton, K.C. (hereinafter called "the Complainants") appearing with Counsel Mrs. Symone Mayhew, K.C. and having given sworn evidence on oath.

AND UPON the Attorney-at-Law, Mrs. Hannah Harris-Barrington (hereinafter called "the Attorney") only appearing on some of the above dates,

AND UPON DUE CONSIDERATION of the sworn evidence of the Complainant, coupled with documentary evidence,

AND UPON the Committee finding the Attorney guilty of professional misconduct pursuant to section 12(1) (a) of the Legal Profession Act on the 17th January 2023,

AND UPON the Attorney having been given the opportunity to file submissions and/or affidavit evidence in mitigation of sanction and the Attorney having failed and/or refused to do so.

THE COMMITTEE FINDS THAT:

The Attorney has breached Canons 1b, 5b, 5a, 5c and 8b of the Legal Profession (Canons of Professional Ethics) Rules.

THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY HEREBY ORDERS THAT: -

Pursuant to Section 12 (4) of the Legal Profession Act:

- 1. The Attorney, Mrs. Hannah Harris-Barrington is suspended as an Attorney-at-Law for a period of one year, effective February 1, 2023.
- 2. The Attorney Mrs. Hannah Harris-Barrington is to pay costs to the General Legal Council in the sum of \$150,000.00.
- 3. The Attorney, Mrs. Hannah Harris-Barrington is fined the sum of \$500,000.00 to be paid to the Complainant.

CHAIRMAN OF PANEL

Dated 1st February 2023