

PORT AUTHORITY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



RE: CV2018-03315 PORT AUTHORITY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO V. NYREE ALFONSO, INTERCONTINENTAL SHIPPING LIMITED AND JOHN POWELL.

1. In 2018 the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (PATT) and the Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago (AGTT) as Claimants commenced proceedings in the High Court action **CV2018-03315 PORT AUTHORITY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO V. NYREE ALFONSO, INTERCONTINENTAL SHIPPING LIMITED AND JOHN POWELL.**
2. By those Court proceedings the Claimants sought, among other things declaratory relief against Nyree Alfonso in her capacity as an Attorney at Law for acting in breach of her fiduciary duties owed to her client, the PATT, during the period December 30, 2013 to June 30, 2014 by procuring the award of a contract to a company ICSL as her agent for the hiring of the M.V. Superfast Galicia to the PATT. The Claimants also joined ICSL as Second Defendant and John Powell as Third Defendant in the proceedings and claimed, among other things, damages and compensation from all three Defendants.
3. Those Court proceedings were brought against all three Defendants after carefully considered advice received from eminent Senior Counsel.
4. On September 26, 2023, the High Court delivered its judgment dismissing the Claimants' case against the Defendants. Senior Counsel has advised that this judgment be appealed immediately with a very good chance of success. This appeal is to be filed imminently. The Claimants note the media commentary on the Court's decision in the Daily Express, including that which states **"...Alfonso blames Govt 'spite' for case"**. Save to say this allegation of spite is self-serving and without foundation. The Claimants will allow due process of the law to take its course on their appeal.

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