



Senator Hazel Thompson-Ahye HBM

Senator Hazel Thompson-Ahye, attorney-at-law, mediator, women's and child rights advocate, graduated from The University of the West Indies with LLB Honours in 1980 and the Council of Legal Education Hugh Wooding Law School with the Legal Education Certificate (L.E.C) in 1982. She received an LL.M Degree with Merit in Family Law from University of London and a Master of Science Degree in Restorative Practices from International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP) in Pennsylvania. She holds a Certificate of Completion with Distinction in Gender and Development Studies from UWI, Barbados, a Certificate in Development, Law and Social Justice from the Graduate School of Development Studies, Institute of Social Studies, the Hague, and several certificates in mediation skills and restorative practices. She received training in facilitating restorative justice conferences from New Zealand Restorative Justice Network and the IIRP.

She was a Board member of many organizations, including, the Children's Authority, Legal Aid and Advisory Authority and St. Dominic's Children's Home. She was Director of the Legal Aid Clinic, Hugh Wooding Law School, Trinidad and Tobago for 14 years and Senior Tutor at Eugene Dupuch Law School, The Bahamas, for 10 years. In 2012, she received an award from the Council of Legal Education for outstanding service to the Council. She was

Course Director in Probate Practice and Procedure and Family Law Practice and Procedure at Hugh Wooding Law School in 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 respectively. She is a founding member and Chair of Child Rights and Restorative Justice Organization (CRARJO), a vice president of the International Society of Family Law (ISFL) and is Convener of the ISFL Jubilee Conference being organized by CRARJO in Barbados in 2023.

In 2018, she received a National Award, the Hummingbird Medal Gold, for loyal and devoted service to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in the sphere of Public Service and Youth Development.

She has been an Independent Senator in the Trinidad and Tobago Parliament since 2018. She has presented papers on family law, child rights, women's rights and restorative justice at local, regional and international conferences and has published widely in those areas.