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Press Release

Opening of the New Law Year 2026

On Monday, 12th January 2026, the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court will mark the commencement of the New Law Year with its traditional Ceremonial Opening proceedings under the theme “**The ECSC: Justice that Endures - Anchored in Independence, Strengthened through Trust.**” This year, the host Member State is the Commonwealth of Dominica, where the first scheduled sitting of the Court of Appeal in 2026 will take place.

In **St. Christopher & Nevis**, the church service will be held at the Wesley Methodist Church, Seaton Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts on Monday 12th January 2026 at 7:45 a.m. The celebration will continue with a procession that starts at the Wesley Methodist Church and continues to Church Street, Liverpool Row, Fort Street, West Independence Square Street and concludes at the S. W. Tapley Seaton Court Annex on East Independence Square Street. The inspection of the Guard of Honour will be conducted in front of the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands (opposite the War Memorial/Cenotaph). This will be followed by **the Special Sitting at 10:00 a.m.**

Unlike in the past four years, there will be simultaneous sittings in the other eight (8) Member States and Territories of the OECS. The Acting Chief Justice, Her Ladyship the Hon. Mde. Margaret Price Findlay, will deliver the feature address, appearing live from the Court in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

The church service will be broadcasted via ZIZ and streamed live via the S.Kitts and Nevis Information Services (SKNIS) media platforms and social media pages. The Acting Chief Justice’s address will be streamed live via the S.Kitts and Nevis Information Services (SKNIS). It will also be live-streamed via the Court’s Website and Facebook Page and UWITV.

The public is encouraged to participate in the Ceremonial Opening of the Law Year 2026 by attending either the church service or by watching and listening via the various media platforms.

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC) was established in 1967 by the West Indies Associated States Supreme Court Order No. 223 of 1967. The ECSC is a superior court of record for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), including six independent states: Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and three British Overseas Territories (Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, and Montserrat). It has unlimited jurisdiction in each Member State.

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