MARISSA F. LONGSWORTH, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT-BCCI

About Marissa Longsworth:

Marissa Longsworth was born in Jamaica, and is a naturalized Belizean. She is an Attorney-at-Law with over 11 years' overall experience in practice in Belize and Jamaica. Apart from general practice areas, her specializations are Intellectual Property Law, as well as Internet Law, which includes E-Commerce, E-Governance, and Telecommunications Policy. She is also a Notary Public and a Court-Connected Arbitrator for Belize. She will serve as a Deputy Chairperson on the Cayman Islands Government's 'Trade Mark Appeals', 'Design Rights' and 'Copyright' tribunals for a second term ending in 2027. She was appointed in 2022 by the Government of Canada as the Honorary Consul of Canada resident in Belize.

Ms. Longsworth serves on the Belize Chamber of Commerce & Industry (the BCCI) as Immediate Past President, and has been a member of the BCCI's Executive since 2016.

She attended St. Catherine Academy, and then received her Associate's Degree at St. John's College Junior College, in Belize City. A graduate of the University of the West Indies (UWI) Cave Hill Faculty of Law with Honours, she went on to complete a Master of Laws degree with Merit specializing in Internet Law & Policy in 2014 from Strathclyde University based in Glasgow, Scotland. She is certified in Intellectual Property Management and Advanced Copyright & Related Rights from the United Nations' World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Her work experience in Jamaica includes time with the Gleaner Company (Media) Limited in their legal department and as a tutor at the Faculty of Law of the University of the West Indies. She also spent almost 3 years as the Manager of the Copyright & Related Rights Directorate at the Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO), a statutory body of the Government of Jamaica.