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OFFICIAL PRESS STATEMENT FROM THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BRYAN SYKES, OJ, CD, ON THE PASSING OF HER HONOUR SASHA-MARIE ASHLEY

JAMAICA, Kingston: It is with profound sadness and a heavy heart that I acknowledge the passing of Her Honour Judge Sasha-Marie Ashley, Senior Parish Court Judge for the Hanover Parish Court, whose untimely death has deeply shaken the Judiciary of Jamaica. Judge Ashley was an outstanding judicial officer who served the people of Jamaica with distinction, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to justice.

Throughout her service in Hanover, St. James, Clarendon and Westmoreland, she demonstrated an admirable balance of firmness, fairness, and humanity, qualities that earned her the respect of litigants, attorneys, court staff, and her judicial colleagues alike. Beyond her professional excellence, Judge Ashley was a warm and vibrant presence within the Judiciary family. Her collegial spirit, quiet strength, and genuine care for others enriched every court in which she served. The news of her passing has therefore been received not only as the loss of a valued colleague, but as the loss of a cherished friend.

This tragedy is made all the more painful by the fact that her life and judicial career were still unfolding, marked by promise, purpose, and service. Many among us worked closely with her, learned from her, and were inspired by her dedication to the administration of justice.



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On behalf of the Judiciary of Jamaica, I extend deepest condolences to Judge Ashley's family, loved ones, and all who mourn her passing. We share in your grief and hold you in our thoughts and prayers during this time of immense sorrow.

As a Judiciary, we also acknowledge the emotional impact of this loss on our judges and court staff across the island. Judge Ashley's contribution to the justice system will not be forgotten, and her legacy of service will remain a lasting part of the institution she served with honour. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

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