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### **Historic Sitting of Court of Appeal in Western Jamaica**



**Judges of the Court of Appeal**

**Division One of the Court of Appeal will be sitting in the western section of the island at the Resident Magistrate's Court Building in Lucea, Hanover December 9-13, 2013. This special sitting of the Court of Appeal is historic, as the adjudications of that court have never been held outside of the corporate area since its inception in 1962.**

The panel of judges for this sitting of the Court will be -

- The Hon. Mr. Justice Seymour Panton - President of the Court of Appeal
- The Hon. Mr. Justice C. Dennis Morrison – Judge of Appeal
- The Hon. Mr. Justice Patrick Brooks – Judge of Appeal

Each day the sitting will commence at 9:30am. The matters listed for hearing are from both the Supreme and Resident Magistrate's Courts in both criminal and civil matters. The adjudication on appeals in Western Jamaica signals the response to calls from the Cornwall Bar Association



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to take the process of justice beyond the boundaries of the Corporate Area. This unprecedented move is expected to ease the burden on litigants from the western section of the country. For added convenience, litigants will be able to access the services of a Sub-Registry of the Court of Appeal at the Lucea Courthouse, instituted for the special one week sitting of the Court. Persons wishing to file documents in any other matter for the Court of Appeal may also do so at the Sub-Registry during this period.

The Court of Appeal was established in 1962 and (save for the fact that appeals lie to the Privy Council) is the final appellate body and the highest court in the country, charged with the responsibility of reviewing the decisions of the lower courts and tribunals, against which complaints are made.

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