

Chief Justice Appointed



On January 24, 2008, Justice of the Court of Appeal Ivor Archie became Trinidad and Tobago's 16th Chief Justice during a brief ceremony at President's House in Port of Spain. As Head of the Judiciary, Archie is now the third-highest ranking public official in Trinidad and Tobago

Chief Justice Archie was born on August 18, 1960 in Tobago. He attended Scarborough Anglican Boys' School and Bishop's High School. He later attended St. Mary's College in Port of Spain to complete Advanced Level studies.

Having attained a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering (Upper Second Class Hons.) from the University of the West Indies, Archie successfully read for a degree in law at the University of Southampton after which he proceeded to the Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad. He was admitted to the Bar in 1986.

Between 1990 and 1995, Trinidad and Tobago's new Chief Justice held government positions in the Cayman Islands, first as Crown Counsel and then Senior Crown Counsel. He was appointed Solicitor General from 1995 to 1998. In 1998, he was appointed to the High Court of Trinidad and Tobago and then to the Court of Appeal in 2004.

In addition to his judicial responsibilities, the Chief Justice served as Chairman of the Board of the Judicial Education Institute and also participated in important Court projects, such as the implementation of the New Rules of the Supreme Court. The Chief Justice is a Fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute and a qualified trainer of those responsible for the design and delivery of Judicial Education Programs.

With interests that range from theology to lawn tennis, the new Chief Justice is also a member of the well-known Lydians choir. He is married with two children.