

Lorris Ganpatsingh

Overview

Lorris has been a consultant to Lennox Paton since November 2008, having worked in the legal profession for over 40 years. He sat on the Bahamian Court of Appeal for eight years and before that was a Supreme Court Judge in The Bahamas. He also served as a Justice of the High Court of Guyana for 12 years.

He has gained a wide range of experience at the appellate level, having dealt with criminal and civil cases. He's also been involved in numerous arbitrations and has adjudicated on many important local and international decisions. These include *Oracle Fund Ltd v. Fortis Fund Services*, *Grupo Torras S.A. v. Al-Sabah (Trustee of)*, *Central Bank of Ecuador*, *Globe-X Canadiana Ltd* and *Samuel Knowles v. Commissioner of Police*.

His dissenting judgment in *Rhyna v. The Transport and Harbors Department* is widely cited in published texts as a *locus classicus* on the law of negligence.

Background

Lorris practised as general counsel for the bauxite industry in Guyana before his appointment as a High Court Judge in Guyana. He has had many years practising forensic advocacy, both at the private Bar, and as a prosecutor in the Chamber of the Department of Public Prosecutions in Guyana between 1971-1977. He has acquired considerable experience at the criminal Bar. He served as Crown Counsel and Senior Crown Counsel before being appointed Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions.

Lorris then served in industry between 1977-1983, specialising in maritime, commercial, corporate law, civil law and equity. He also has experience in labour and employment law, dealing with extraditions, banking and insurance, building and construction, insolvency, personal injury, equity and trusts, constitutional and family law.

Practice Areas

- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Insolvency & Restructuring

Memberships & Professional Affiliations

Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Served as a director and legal advisor on various corporate boards in banking, insurance, tobacco and purchasing.

Member of the Bar of England and Wales, and Guyana, since 1969.

Member of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple.

Member of the Rotary Club.