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I have personally been awaiting a system like this for years and I will start by saying that I am elated.

Our world has advanced tremendously with technology, the fast-paced level of communication, by email and cell phone have created higher demands on us lawyers. Clients now expect responses and communication immediately and in real time. Together with this increasing demand for efficiency in communication, we have an increase in the pace at which we are required to prepare and deliver our clients' cases and an increase in the volume of documents and material required to do so. All of this places a greater and higher demand on our judicial system.

I have assessed and reviewed this new E- Litigation system and I am comfortable to state, without a doubt, that it will only assist us in meeting those demands and making our law practice and our judicial system more efficient and manageable.

As was seen, with this amazing system, we will now be able to file documents and deliver those documents to opposing counsel from the comfort of our offices and even our homes, at any time of the day and importantly, in real time. We now have a system that will enable us to access our court cases online and manage those court cases and our schedules. It is essentially a court case managing system right there on our desktops. This could only result in greater efficiency with our deadlines and our review of our court matters. With scanners and the internet, we can upload our documents into the portal, first in draft form to ensure it is in order, and then file. A notification confirms filing and



informs opposing counsel that a document has been filed. We will no longer have to rush to a court filing desk, wait on line for stamping and entry and we will no longer have to rush to lawyers offices to deliver documents or wait for documents to be delivered to us. This provides much relief for those of us who live and have offices outside of the city and particularly in the south.

In my mind, there can be no greater efficiency in a court filing system. But there is. The system provides a calendar of your court schedules and enables you to manage your time and attendance at those court hearings. It informs you of the assigned judge and time for your matters and enables you to make your payment online.

My personal favorite is the collating of bundles for trials and heavy applications. The filed court documents are accessible in the system case file to collate documents into bundles, and to file those bundles. We will no longer have to print off, bind and tab multiple copies of bundles of documents, of hundreds and thousands of pages. It is clear that this system will inevitably result in significant time and cost savings for our clients and our firms.

Most of us now read documents online and very much so on social media. For lawyers, we also research and review our cases online. The reality is, at present, we already study and review documents in one way or another on our computers, tablets and smart phones. I have no doubt that the transition to a paperless filing system will be more seamless than many of us think and possibly transcend to paperless files in our offices and eventually alleviate concerns of storage space and disposal of boxes and bundles of paper. Not to mention the obvious eventual benefit to our environment.

I really appreciate this innovative idea of our Chief Justice and I commend her and the ECSC Court for implementing this. I truly believe it will only transform our legal practice and the administration of justice in Saint Lucia, making it faster, economical and more efficient. And I firmly believe that anyone who learns and experiences this system will



agree with me. Associates and Staff at my office have tested this system and share my level of excitement and relief.

I have attended the sessions held by the team at the ECSC headquarters and the Crimson Logic team and I commend the dedication of the Court team and for keeping us lawyers involved in this process and Crimson Logic, for this wonderful design, for taking on board our ideas to make this more efficient and practical. They were excellent teachers, patient and made this appear seamless. I have no doubt this is built to accommodate all of us, the public, lawyers and our clients.

I can hardly wait, for the roll out next month. Congratulations again to everyone responsible for conceptualizing, designing and implementing this fantastic system, which could only assist in improving our Administration of Justice, in a most significant way.

Thank you.



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