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**PRESS RELEASE**

His Excellency The Governor-General Sir S W Tapley Seaton, GCMG, CVO, QC, JP, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, Dr. The Honourable Timothy Harris graciously approves the following National Awards to Citizens of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis:

<b>COMPANION OF THE STAR OF MERIT</b>	<b>SPHERE OF ACTIVITY</b>
Mr. Alphonso Barker	Business Entrepreneurship/Culture
Mr. Kenneth Kelly	Business Entrepreneurship
Mr. Alphonso Bridgewater	Sports Administration/Public Service
Mr. Creighton Pencheon	Culture
Mr. J. Calvin Fahie	Policing/Community Service
Mr. Elston ' <i>Ellie Matt</i> ' Nero, MH	Musical Excellence Locally, Regionally, Internationally
Mrs. Sylvine Henry	Public Service/ Community Service
Mr. Hilton Clarke	Education/ Community Service
Mr. Adrian Lam	Musical Production/ Community Service
Ambassador Sydney Osborne	Education/ Public Service

**MEDAL OF HONOUR**

**SPHERE OF ACTIVITY**

Mrs. Ellenita Nathaniel	Education/ Community Service
Mr. Sylvester Hodge ( <i>King Socrates</i> )	Calypso/Music
Mr. Walston Shield ( <i>King Starshield</i> )	Calypso/Music
Mrs. Jacqueline Leader ( <i>Singing Jackie</i> )	Calypso/Music
Mr. Errol Dolphin ( <i>King Arrow</i> )	Calypso/Music
Mr. Loinel Gumbs ( <i>Mansion Bull</i> )	Culture

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After attending the Convent High School and the St Kitts Nevis Grammar School, Mr Alphonso Barker was well equipped to go out into the world of work.

His first employment was in the private sector at S. L Horsford & Co. Ltd. His home at West Square was a household name as it was there in 1948 to 1952, the family's radio transmitted the cricketing powers of our great West Indies Cricket Teams.

Al Barker participated admirably in cricket, football, table tennis and athletics. A lover of history, literature and music. He joined the Mutual Improvement Society (The "MIS") founded in 1901 which taught its members the skills of conversation, debate and oratory. In due course he became President of this historic literary Institution located at Lower Market Street. It was there in 1937 that Marcus Garvey spoke on his visit to St. Kitts. The MIS has played a leading role in the nurturing of outstanding St. Kitts politicians, statemen and professionals.

Al was also a founding member of the Endeavour Ballroom Dance Club in Basseterre and was at one time its principal tutor and President and its finest ballroom dancer.

Al's love of commerce and his devotion to the concept of private sector enterprise, in the early 1960's established a commercial business partnership of Barker and Kelly with Mr Kenneth Kelly, a partnership which lasted forty-five (45) years. The partnership included a shipping agency, supermarket and wines and spirits wholesalers. It was a business of the highest competitive quality, operated with efficiency and with a human face. It was a leader in the commercial field.

He served as President of the St Christopher Heritage Society, the 4H Advisory Council. He was a Carnival Band Leader, Captain and principal dancer of the Clown Band and later a principal sponsor. He was a Past President of the St. Kitts Rotary Club.

An outstanding citizen of our Country.



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Mr Kenneth N. Kelly is an astute business entrepreneur whose contribution is worthy of commendation.

From humble beginnings and by dint of hard work and diligent application have become financially successful by virtue of business acumen and personal interaction.

Mr Kelly and his business partner Mr Alphonso Barker are pioneers in successfully managing a business partnership for nearly forty (40) years. The acclaimed supermarket of BARKER and KELLY on George Street was one of their enterprises - Mr Kelly was the face of the operation interacting with the public as they shopped. In the process he also embarked upon several other successful endeavours such as Mattingly Land and Housing Development, today a showpiece and upmarket housing development.

He served from 1990 as a Director of St Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Trading and Development Company Limited and continues to lend his experience in land sales and development in several other areas in St Kitts.

A devoted Catholic and longstanding supporter of other Organisations, KENNETH KELLY is worthy of national recognition.

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The Alphonso Bridgewater that we have come to know is a composite of the consummate athlete, student, scholar, community developer/organizer cum voluntary worker, social worker, cultural activist/coordinator, sports coach, sports administrator, sports commentator/analyst, youth worker, teacher—rather, educator—events manager, social planner, social scientist, planning consultant and more...

This is not a case of “Jack of all trades and master of none”. Alphonso Bridgewater excelled in each instance – be it the volunteer sector, the public service or the sport sector.

#### Education:

- Graduate of the legendary Basseterre Boys' School
- Graduate of the St. Kitts and Nevis Grammar School/Basseterre High School
- *Graduated from the St. Kitts and Nevis Teachers' Training College as a Certificated Trained Teacher (Cert. TT) from the University of the West Indies (UWI)*
- *Certificate in Physical Education and Sports (Centre Regionale d'Education Physique et Sportive, CREPS, Guadeloupe)*
- *FIFA Qualified Coach*
- Attended the Mount Carmel International Training Centre (MCTC), Haifa, Israel (1978/79) and graduated with a *Certificate in Community Development accredited by the University of Haifa*
- **Attended the University of Manchester (UK) and graduated with a Post-Graduate Diploma in Community Development and Adult Education (1980-81)**
- **Completed a Post-Graduate Diploma in Community Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London , England (1985/86)**
- **Completed studies and graduated (1986-87) from the LSE with a Masters of Science (M Sc.) in Social Planning**
- *Fluent in French and Spanish (written and spoken)*

#### Employment:

- **Teacher** (Modern Languages, Mathematics and Physical Education and Sports) at the Basseterre Junior High School (more recently became the Washington High)
- Member of staff of the Social Development and Welfare Department where he served as Youth Worker, Youth Centre Manager (Basseterre Youth Centre), Youth and Community Development Officer, Small Business Development Coordinator, Director of Culture, **Director of Sports** , Director of the Youth and Community Development Division, **Director**, *Department of Youth and Community Development, Welfare, Sports and Culture (St. Kitts and Nevis) in the Ministry of Education, Health and Social Welfare*



- Associate Peace Corps Director (APCD) of the US Peace Corps Office, St. Kitts and Nevis
- General Manager, St. Christopher and Nevis Solid Waste Management Corporation (1996 to 2018)

**Community/NGO/ Voluntary Involvement:**

- Serving third 4-year term as Executive Member of the 42 nation Pan-American Sports Organization
- President of the St. Kitts and Nevis Olympic Committee (SKNOC)
- President of the Commonwealth Games Association (CGA) of St. Kitts and Nevis
- National Coach/Trainer of the victorious 1978 Caribbean Netball Champions (St. Kitts)
- National Coach/Trainer of the Federal Netball Team which placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the world in the World Netball Championship 1979. In this very competition three teams tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place.
- National Coach/Trainer of the Football teams participating in regional and international competitions
- National Coach/Trainer Basket Ball Team
- President, Social and Educational Association (SEA)
- Manager of the OKOLO-TEGREMANTINE ARTS THEATRE (OTAT)
- Executive Member of the St. Kitts and Nevis National Youth Council
- Member of the Mutual and Improvement Society (MIS)
- President, St. Kitts and Nevis Teachers' Training College Student Body
- President of the Faculty of Modern Languages, Basseterre Junior High School
- President of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports, Basseterre Junior High School

**Athlete/Player**

- National cricketer at level of Leeward Islands. Represented a combined senior team against the visiting County Champions of England (Glamorgan Cricket Club) and made to the headlines of the BBC Sports Round-Up for scoring 48 runs while yet in school; and helping Livingstone Sargeant to reach an unbeaten century. Also represented a national youth Team against a visiting team from Australia with the likes of Ian Chapel, Gary Gilmour who later became regulars in the senior Australia Team
- While still a teenager, was representing the nation in cricket, basketball and football.
- Captained the national teams in football and basketball for an extended period
- Captain of Orange (Malone) House at the St. Kitts-Nevis Grammar School/Basseterre High School
- Captain cricket and football teams, Basseterre Boys' School

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Well known to everyone in Saint Kitts and Nevis and beyond either as 'BRIDGES' or 'PHONSO' Mr Alphonso Bridgewater recently retired after a twenty (20) year pioneering stint as General Manager of the Solid Waste Management Corporation headquartered at Taylor's Range, Basseterre.

He has always brought innovation to any endeavour in which he has been involved and is a genuine people person.

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MR CREIGHTON PENCHEON is a retired Director of Culture. In that capacity he pioneered many areas of research into folklore and oversaw many important cultural activities and events.

Mr. Pencheon was a calypsonian who participated in many calypso competitions as The Mighty Crusader. He is also an acclaimed folk figure from Television Ads as 'Papa George' promoting conservation.

His main activity has been as a composer of calypso especially for The King Astro. King Astro's calypsos are always quite patriotic and history filled. They are a call to nationbuilding and have been successfully performed by King Astro lifting him to be a regular finalist in calypso competitions both in St. Kitts and Nevis (Carnival and Culturama).

Mr. Pencheon has also been involved in several musical groups with the guitar and drums.

A conscientious and patriotic citizen, the name CREIGHTON PENCHEON is well and truly part of this Nation's rich history.



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A holder of the Medal of Honour awarded in 2000, ELSTON ELLIE NERO is not only a legend nationally but a regional and international one.

His story hails his rise to musical fame and the designation of MAESTRO and leader of a Band to rival any other anywhere. Ellie Matt and the GI's BRASS dominated the musical landscape for over two (2) decades.

A ten (10)time Calypso King and a seven (7) time Road March Winner, King Ellie Matt every year produced classic calypsoes such as 'I love St Kitts - Viva St Kitts' played every morning at 7:30 am on ZIZ Radio. Introduced to a musical career at the age of 8 and this self-taught musician has composed over one hundred (100) songs).

In 1973 his Band, won the Caribbean Brass-O-Rama competition. Awarded the Medal of Honour by Government for his outstanding contribution to music and culture and is described as one of the Caribbean's most gifted and celebrated musical icons.

In 2016 the Organisation of American States (OAS) in pursuance of a United Nations Resolution declaring the 'Decade of People of African Descent' Ellie Matt was listed as among persons in the Americas who have excelled in the Arts and Culture with their contributions being recognised nationally or hemispherically.

He has also been inducted into the International Soca Hall of Fame.

Ellie Matt is still as he himself proclaimed - The unmatched King of Calypso.

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Mrs Sylvine Henry.

1968 started teaching at the St Peters Primary School then the Trinity School. Taught Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3 and 5. Taught Mathematics to students in the Senior Division

1971 Taught Grade 1 at the Basseterre Girls School

1972 - 1973 Entered the St Kitts-Nevis Teachers Training College

1973 - 1978 Assigned and taught Kindergarten and Grade 6 at the Irish Town Primary School

Involved in Schools Co-operative - Responsible for banking and sale of stationery

1978 - 1982 Taught Mathematics to Forms 3, 4 and 5 at the Basseterre High School

1979 Attended Kuru Kuru Co-operative College in Guyana for Teacher Guides

Started the Basseterre High School Co-operative Society

1982 - 1984 Pursued studies at The University of the West Indies (UWI) Mona, Jamaica

1984 Graduated with a BSc (Hons) Economics

1984 -1985 Taught Mathematics and Economics at the Basseterre High School

1985 - 2003 Transferred to the Government Statistics Department as Statistician (Planning Unit)

Received extensive training in the preparation of National Accounts and Balance of Payments with many International Organisations such as CDB, UN, OECS Sec, IMF Institute and the Commonwealth Secretariat

Retired officially in 2003 after serving over thirty-six (36) years in Public Service and two (2) years in the Private Sector.

Extra Curriculum

- 1988 - 2000 Lectured in University Courses - Economics  
First Year Economics in the Department of  
Social Science
- 1990's Economics for Certificate Level for Professional  
Secretaries.
- 1986 - 2000 Prison Ministry to the Female Inmates at Her  
Majesty's Prison - St. Kitts



Hilton Leroy Clarke was born in St Kitts. His life has been based on educating our Nations children and voluntary service to his community and country. He looks forward to celebrating fifty (50) years as an Educator in February 2019.

In 1967 a group of young men from the Soho-Dorset community founded the Soho International Sports and Cultural Organisation (SISCO). It's Motto: Alert and Active. Its main objective was to encourage the young men of the community to co-operate through sports basically cricket and football, build good character and promote positive community spirit.

Here began his wholesome development that motivated him to be positive, community spirited, people oriented, embrace volunteerism and become nationalistic.

In 1969 his journey as an educator commenced as a Primary School Teacher, hence teaching became his life-long choice.

He coined the phrases "that every child/student was too important to be ignored." and "It is my duty and responsibility to let him know."

- 1976 - 1991 and 1996 – 2004 - Taught at the Secondary School Level
- 1991 - 1994 Promoted to Primary School Principal – Irish Town Primary & The Beach Allen Primary
- 2004 - 2010 Science Coordinator in the Curriculum Unit
- 2010 - 2018 Private School Teacher
- 1994 - 1996 Graduated with the Bachelors of Education Degree (Hon) from the University of the West Indies (UWI) Cave Hill Campus

#### Extra Curriculum

- Is an active member of the Zion Moravian Church from childhood up to present
- Served in many areas of Church ministries – Sunday School, Youth Department, Choirs, Church Board
- 1969 -1971 Volunteered to teach juveniles who were at Her Majesty's Prison
- 1970 Volunteered to join the recovery team after the Christina Disaster and was allowed to assist in the recovery of bodies at sea
- 1973 -1979 Member of the Children Carnival Committee – a sub-committee of National Carnival that instituted the Talented Teen Show
- 1978 - 2012 Volunteered & became an 'Athletic Track Umpire' – St Kitts and Nevis Amateur Athletics Association (SKNAAA)
- 1996 - 2017 Started a homework and remediation centre for Primary School children in his neighbourhood twice per week. It expanded to Secondary students and Adults and became a four day per week exercise
- 1996 - 2004 Opened and supervised a School-Based Assessment for CXC (SBA) Centre. It gave students (especially challenge students) the opportunity to seek support and complete this component

- 2001 – 2007 Volunteered and taught Mathematics to inmates in Her Majesty's Prison. The first set of inmates to write Mathematics at CXC General Proficiency came out of this programme
- 2006 Introduced a homework and remediation centre in the Conaree community and worked with Primary and Secondary student on a weekly basis

Joined a group of community minded people and organized the Conaree Fireball International Football Club – a first division football club. The objectives of the club are to encourage young people to develop positive and disciplined lives and build community spirit.

Secretary of the Conaree Fireball International Football Club.



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A household name in Saint Kitts and Nevis, ADRIAN is prominent in music in Saint Kitts and Nevis. A musician extraordinaire, an acclaimed band leader and music producer. ADRIAN has always been in the forefront of music whether as a member of EARTH TONES or as a production manager for many years of the Saint Kitts Music Festival, whether as owner/manager of Toucan Sounds or as Chairperson of the Talent Committee of the Music Festival.

He has for many years provided sound systems for all national events and is ready and available to provide advice on sound transmission.

His sound systems have been hired for political campaigns and for events on the road.

ADRIAN LAM is a legend in the field of music, musical production, copyright and every element of sound.

A Director of WINN FM and Deputy Chairman of THE CABLE

Studied piano from 1968

Bass player from 1976

Started Toucan Band in Canada in 1977

First studio in the Federation SKB Magic REcording Studio started in 1985

A founding member of the Music Festival Committee (1996)

Chairman of the Production Committee of Music Festival for twenty (20) years

Has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from St Mary's University, Canada



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Mr Sydney Osborne an acclaimed Teacher of Mathematics at Secondary Schools, a respected Administrator as Principal of several High Schools, a successful political campaigner and Chairman of political parties, presently Ambassador to Caricom and Commissioner to the OECS Authority. All of these achievements speak to the dedicated life of one of our highly respected Sons who also plays a prominent role in his Church, the Moravian Church

### Education and Professional Experience

B.Sc - University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada  
Math and Physics

Certificate in Educational Management and Administration -  
Moray House College of Education, Edinburgh, Scotland

Math Teacher	St Kitts Nevis Grammar School
Math & Physics Teacher	Basseterre High School
Math Teacher	Convent High School
Math Teacher & Principal	Immaculate Conception Catholic School
Principal	Cayon High School
Principal	Basseterre High School
Permanent Secretary	Ministry of Education & Community Affairs
Permanent Secretary	Ministry of Trade & Industry
General Manager	St Christopher Air & Seaports Authority
CARICOM Ambassador and OECS Commissioner	

### Other Areas

Vice President	St Kitts Netball Association
Chairman	National Carnival Committee
Chairman	Peoples Action Movement
National Campaign Manager	Team Unity Organisation
Chairman & Member	Board of Stewards Zion Moravian Church

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King Socrates is dominant both physically and musically. A performer of all genres of music and a band leader, SYLVESTER HODGE or King Socrates continues to be the leading message Calypsonian and a King of Calypso and a consistent finalist, Socrates performs nationally, regionally and internationally. A musician in demand annually in England, he has performed on the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

Honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award in Antigua on 27th August, 2014 for his outstanding performances and renditions diverse topics such as 'AIDS', 'PARENTAL NEGLECT' and other message calypsoes. He is a consistent performer who also composes calypsoes for his fellow performers and laces them with social commentaries.

HAIL TO KING SOCRATES - a living legend.

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With a dedicated fan following, KING STARSHIELD was a consistent finalist in all calypso competitions. His fans hailed from his hometown Sandy Point and challenged King Ellie Matt on every occasion. With such classics as 'The Good Shepherd or Good vs Evil, Justice on the Old Hog' his distinct delivery was unique. A true message calypsonian Starshield participated in the very first Junior Calypso Competition in 1973, and later won the National Carnival Calypso Monarch Competition and Road March with a song 'Hooray Mas'.

A natural musician, hailing from a musical background has evolved into a performer at hotels on the guitar with vocals.

A musical legend hailing from Sandy Point!



## **Profile of Mrs. Jacqueline Hazel Leader**

Jacqueline Hazel-Leader began singing as a student at the Sandy Point High School which has been renamed, "The Charles E Mills Secondary School". She entered her first Junior Calypso competition in 1974 and placed second runner up. In the 1975 Junior Calypso Competition, she won the first runner up position. The following year she made her debut in the Senior Calypso Competition and emerged a finalist. From 1976-1984, she competed every year and has held her own in the finals of this tough competition.

In 1995, she entered the first National Female Calypso Competition and placed first runner up with "Women on the Move", her timely song applauding and encouraging female calypsonians, and women in general.

From 1996 to 2017, "Jackie", as she is affectionately called, has continued to hold her own in both the Female National Calypso Competition which she has won four times, and the male dominated National Calypso Monarch Competition.

Queen Jackie has received several Awards including,

- The Ministry of Health And Woman's Affairs Outstanding Woman Award in Culture.
- The National Carnival Award for the Development of Calypso in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.
- Long service award presented by the National Carnival committee for years of Contribution to National Carnival.
- In 2005, Queen Jackie was the first female calypsonian from the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis to receive the prestigious NWAC Award in Trinidad.

"Queen Singing Jackie" has distinguished herself as a dedicated calypsonian and writer. Queen Jackie is also a trained teacher who has earned an Undergraduate Degree in the Social Sciences (Summa Cum Laude) and a Masters of Arts Degree in Education at the University of the Virgin Islands.

Mrs. Jacqueline Hazel Leader "Queen Singing Jackie" firmly believes that women have as much to offer as their male counterpart in any field, be it work or entertainment, and as such, should be given every opportunity to showcase their talent.

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ERROL DOLPHIN 'De King Arrow' was one of our premier calypsonians predating the advent of a worthy successor Ellie Matt. 'De King Arrow' was on the calypso scene well before King Arrow of Montserrat. A member of the Dolphin Family of Market Street and well known for his brother's exploits at the first Airport Restaurant called 'WINGS' and now Uncle T's Restaurant.

His calypso contributions such as the classics 'ARISE' call us to patriotism, his political commentary 'JUDGE DREAD' and his Christmas calypso "CHRISTMAS PAINS' are all indelibly inscribed in the memories of some persons of a certain vintage. Some years ago, he and Ellie Matt performed their hits at a headliner called 'The King of Kings!'

King Arrow always has a deep love for St Kitts as reflected in his calypsos. He migrated to St Martin in an effort to earn a living. He worked at the concrete aggregate company, BBW all his years and remembered to make his contribution in kind and calypso arena as he still maintained a strong connect with his home St Kitts.



Born on the 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1958 in St. Peters, he has been married since 1996 to Deserie of Irishtown, with two (2) daughters, Fay 35 years old and Alecia 10.

<sup>Lionel</sup>  
Lionel, as very few people will know him by, started his folklore career fifty-two (52) years ago, playing the "Dog" in the Mansion Bull troupe, with his neighbour, mentor and tutor Mr Georgie Williams, deceased, playing the "Bull".

He graduated from the dog to the "Bull" five (5) years later, and from since then, way back in 1968, he has been playing the Mansion Bull until today. He is currently training four (4) youngsters, "the lessons".

His proudest moments are:

1. Winning the "King of the Children Carnival" way back in 1971/72 and he still has his trophy in a shoe box at home
2. Travelling to New York to perform in the early 1980's in a contingent led by the Federation's first Prime Minister, The Right Honourable Sir Dr. Kennedy Alphonse Simmonds and
3. His first CARIFESTA in Barbados in 1981 and
4. When an Antiguan bull told him while performing in St. Thomas back in the 80's, that he was a real cattle.

He currently works at Domas, assembling windows and is very proud of his job and company.

Previous employment was as a grave digger for a few years, the SSMC's Factory for nineteen years (19) years and a landscaper, which he still does and employs a few young children to not only allow them to make a little change, but more importantly to keep them out of trouble.

<sup>Lionel</sup>  
Lionel is extremely passionate about his folklore; our culture; and especially the Bull and him playing that part

He believes that we here in the Federation of St. Kitts-Nevis have a very good culture, and having seen and experienced a few others, definitely believes it is the best.

He admonishes us to ensure we keep the culture alive, particularly the Bull and more so, the Actors, which he really admires.

He would also like to appeal to the youth to pull themselves together, aspire to be role models and ambassadors; and to look and learn from older folks.

To the adults, he urges us to continue to be shining lights for the youth; be role models and ambassadors; so that they can emulate us.

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, it gives me tremendous pleasure to introduce to you the Carnival Committee's Grand Marshall for Sugar Mas 44, with a cultural career spanning more than five (5) decades, Mr <sup>Lionel</sup> Lionel Gumbs, the Mansion Bull.

Lionel Gumbs.



**MRS ELLENITA NATHANIEL** has impacted the lives of many young persons through her dedication to education especially in the field of home management. The first half of the "Nathaniel/John" name of the hospitality center at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) she has also been engaged in activities of her Church – The Zion Moravian Church and her family. One of the longstanding members of the St Kitts Flower Arrangers Association she has travelled worldwide to promote the floral beauty of St Kitts and Nevis.

**MR CALVIN J. FAHIE** is a retired Commissioner of Police having served in that capacity from 1998 to 2004.

Mr Fahie was hailed for his dedicated service and his unstinting commitment to the development and welfare of the Police Force.

An individual who prided himself of the knowledge of the law he continues to render advice and counsel as he participates in active community life.