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INDUSTRIAL COURT INTRODUCES REMOTE HEARINGS



From right to left: His Honour Mr. Herbert Overall; Her Honour Mrs. Deborah Thomas-Felix; IT Assistant, Mr. Kevin Ashby; and Court Clerks, Mrs. Jemma Sookhoo-Ramjattan and Mrs. Tamara Choonoolal-Ramlogan.

Port of Spain: This week, the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago successfully held its first ever remote court hearings which were conducted by Her Honour Mrs. Deborah Thomas-Felix, President of the Industrial Court along

with His Honour Mr. Herbert Overall, Vice President. These remote court hearings were introduced in direct response to the current global Coronavirus pandemic.

The pandemic along with the general social distancing guidelines to citizens, has necessitated the use of remote hearings in some aspects of the operations of the Court namely, Case Management Conferences, Directions and Mention and Reports. The objective is to provide an option for parties to utilise the Case Management Conference mechanism remotely in order to minimize the risk of transmission of the Coronavirus.

The Court first announced the implementation of this facility in its Practice Directions published in the Trinidad and Tobago Gazette on June 7, 2020. Since then, protocols for remote hearings have been developed which stakeholders can access at the Court's website at



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