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The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council
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Dear Judicial Committee of the Privy Council,

We are informed that the case of *The Belize Bank Limited (Appellant) v The Attorney General and Others (Respondents)*, Reference JCPC 2010/0054 is the final appeal from Belize to the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council.

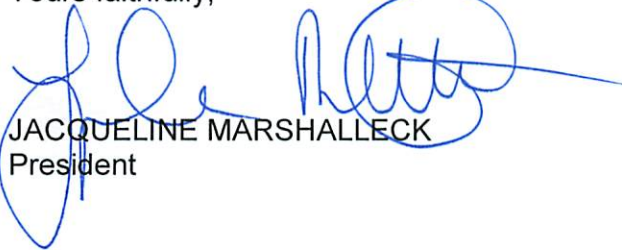
The Bar Association of Belize would like to take this opportunity to express its profound gratitude to the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, for the invaluable service rendered over the years to the people of Belize.

We thank you for the immense collection of judgments handed down by the Council, establishing the foundation for the development of the jurisprudence of Belize and which continue to guide its legal practitioners in their study of the law. These judgments, masterfully displaying the language, learning and techniques of legal reasoning developed by Her Majesty's Privy Council since as far back as 1833, have greatly helped to equip our leaders and our people with the skills and knowledge required to build an independent nation rooted in the principles of law, order and good governance. Your integrity and total independence from political influences, have established the benchmark against which our judges and other judges of the Caribbean region have been and will continue to be judged.

Your services are no less valuable today than they were when Belize first achieved its independence in 1981. However, the time has come for Belize to fully accept its status as an independent nation and to fulfill its treaty obligations to the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), which will now serve as the final appellate court for Belize.

We can assure you that although your decisions will no longer serve as binding precedents in regard to Belizean jurisprudence, Belize and its legal practitioners will continue to look to the decisions of the Judicial Committee for guidance, as shining examples of excellence in the delivery of justice.

Yours faithfully,



JACQUELINE MARSHALLECK
President