
WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS
19th ANNUAL SHIRLEY PLAYFAIR LECTURE
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Welcome to the 19th hosting of the Annual Shirley Playfair Lecture, which was started in 2000 to commemorate the life and work on competition law of the Fair Trading Commission's first Chairperson, Mrs. Shirley Playfair. Mrs. Playfair's daughters Lisa and Lori extend their apologies for not being able to attend. Lisa and Lori view the Lecture "as a great learning experience for policy makers and consumers. Advocacy and education were our mother's passions and our nation should continue to benefit from these lectures. We wish for you a successful Lecture today".

Welcome, Minister Audley Shaw, Minister of Industry Investment & Commerce, under whose portfolio the FTC falls.

Welcome to our Chairman, Mr. Donovan White, who will carry us through the event and moderate the Q&A session. Also, to our Commissioners and the Commissioners of the Consumer Affairs Commission.

Welcome back to Stephen Calkins, our presenter. Stephen is no stranger to the FTC, having conducted one of our Workshops for Judges, which was held in Ocho Rios, in around 2008. Stephen is the third person from the Irish Competition Authority to present the Shirley Playfair Lecture, following on Professor Patrick McNutt, who

gave the first Lecture, and Mr. Declan Purcell, who for several years, headed that Authority. The Irish Competition Authority later evolved into both a competition and consumer protection agency.

Minister Shaw is no stranger to the Shirley Playfair Lecture. Ladies & Gentlemen, about ten years ago, while serving as Minister of Finance, Minister Shaw presented the Shirley Playfair Lecture where he discussed the topic “Financing for Economic Growth: The New Frontier”. Minister, the New Frontier of which you spoke is here with us. We have been living it. You pioneered several economic growth initiatives during your tenure as Minister of Finance, many of which have helped us as a country during these tough pandemic times. Minister Shaw is a lifelong servant of Jamaica who has served in many different capacities and is presently heading two ministries simultaneously, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the Ministry of Industry Investment & Commerce. Thank you, Minister, for your work over the years and your continued leadership. Welcome back to the Shirley Playfair Lecture.

Welcome our past Chairman Dr. Peter-John Gordon, colleagues from CARICOM, consultants Dr. John Hilke from the USA and Dr. John Lawrance from the UK. Welcome colleagues all.

I will now hand over to Minister Shaw to bring remarks.