



Friday March 11, 2011

Dear Valued Member

The Chamber is represented on a Committee established by Government to **Review the “Legislative Framework for the Management of the Intellectual Property Rights”** with the following mandate:

“To conduct a review of the legislative framework for the management of Intellectual Property (IP) rights inclusive of international treaties, conventions and agreements to which Trinidad and Tobago is a party, with a view to making amendments, as appropriate and recommending specific additional international agreements, treaties etc to which Trinidad and Tobago should become a signatory to and for matters incidental thereto. To explore the various legislative options to deal with access of information for the blind and persons with other disabilities.

Our representative on the Committee, Ms. Sonji Pierre-Chase, Attorney-at-Law, Johnson, Camacho and Singh (Caribbean) Ltd, has advised that the Committee is soliciting feedback and recommendations from interest groups and stakeholders on areas of legislative improvement and strengthening.

The Committee will be reviewing the following legislation and will make recommendations on their strengthening:

- (i) Trade Marks Act Chapter 82:81
- (ii) Copyright Act Chapter 82:80
- (iii) Layout-Designs (Topographies) of Integrated Circuits Act Chapter 82:79
- (iv) Geographical Indications Act Chapter 82:78
- (v) Industrial Designs Chapter 82:77
- (vi) Patents Act Chapter 82:76
- (vii) Protection of New Plant Varieties Chapter 82:75

In order to represent your interests, the Chamber is seeking input from you our members to assist the Committee in fulfilling its mandate to improve the legislative framework for the management of Intellectual Property (IP) rights.

Some of the industries suggested by the Committee for feedback are:

- a. Agri-Processing
- b. IT and IT Consultancy
- c. Manufacturing
- d. Music and Entertainment
- e. Pharmaceuticals
- f. Trade –e.g., importers of branded/trademarked products

Kindly submit your feedback/recommendations by **Friday March 18, 2011**, to the Chamber’s representative, **Ms. Sonji Pierre-Chase** at spierrechase@jcscaribbeanlaw.com with a copy to sseeram@chamber.org.tt.

Should you need further information or clarification, kindly contact Ms. Sonji Pierre-Chase at 622-8959 ext 104.