**DONNA C. B. BABB-AGARD, SC**

**Director of Public Prosecutions**

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**Mrs. Donna C. B. Babb-Agard, SC** pursued her Bachelor of Laws Degree (LLB) at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, in Barbados; and the Legal Education Certificate (LEC) at the Norman Manley Law School in Jamaica.

She was admitted to the Barbados Bar in October 1991, and spent her first year specializing in Family Law; Personal Injury and Wrongful Dismissal Cases. On occasion she represented defendants in criminal trials as a Junior Defence Attorney. The latter reignited her passion for the Criminal Law.

In July 1992, Mrs. Babb-Agard left private practice and joined the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions as a Crown Counsel. A few years later, she was appointed as a Magistrate and presided over the Criminal and Traffic Courts.

Mrs. Babb-Agard, SC was promoted to Principal Crown Counsel on her return to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and was subsequently selected as a member of the Barbados Delegation to appear before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in Washington, D.C, United States of America, to argue issues surrounding the abolition of the Death Penalty.

Over the past thirty-one (31) years, Mrs. Babb-Agard, SC has prosecuted a wide range of criminal cases primarily: Money Laundering, Murders, Fraud, Sexual Offences and Drugs. She was successful in arguing Barbados’ first two Criminal Appeals before its Final Court of Appeal - the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), Trinidad and Tobago.

In 2005, Mrs. Babb-Agard, SC became the first female to be appointed Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions in Barbados. Four years later she “took silk” and was called to the Inner Bar and elevated to the honour of Queen’s Counsel.

Mrs. Babb-Agard SC has delivered presentations at a number of regional and international conferences, most notable among them: “Delays in the Criminal Justice System”; “Criminal Justice Reform in Barbados”; “Keys to Successful Prosecutions”; “Trial by Judge or Jury”, “Challenges and Opportunities of Prosecuting in a Digital Age”; and “Social Media and The Law”.

In 2018, Mrs. Babb-Agard, SC was appointed Director of Public Prosecutions, becoming the first female in Barbados to hold that post.

In 2019, Mrs. Babb-Agard, SC was delighted to accept the invitation by the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) to act as Facilitator for Plenary Discussions on “The Impact of Alternatives to Prosecution on International Co-operation”, at its 24th Annual Conference and General Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina.