

## **Biography:**

On January 01, 2018, **Mrs. Donna Babb-Agard**, Q.C., became the first female to be appointed to the post of Director of Public Prosecutions in Barbados.

She 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, culminating in her admission to the Barbados Bar in October 1991.

Mrs. Babb-Agard, Q.C. spent her first year in private practice specializing in Family Law; Personal Injury, Wrongful Dismissal Cases and Criminal matters while attached to a well-renowned Chancery Chambers in her country's capital, Bridgetown.

Mrs. Babb-Agard joined the Department of Public Prosecutions in 1992, and six (6) years later was appointed to act as a Magistrate, presiding over the Criminal Courts and Traffic Courts.

On her return to the Department of Public Prosecutions, Mrs. Babb-Agard, Q.C., was promoted to Principal Crown Counsel and subsequently was selected as a member of the Barbados Delegation, to appear alongside a former Attorney-General, 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 twenty-seven years, she has prosecuted a wide range of criminal cases primarily: Money Laundering, Murders, Fraud, Sexual Offences and Drugs. In 2009, she successfully argued the first two Criminal Appeals from Barbados, before the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), in Trinidad and Tobago.

In November 2005, having gained extensive experience in the criminal courts, Mrs. Babb-Agard, Q.C., became the first female to be appointed as 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 has delivered lectures locally and regionally covering topics such as Causes of Delays in the Criminal Justice System in Barbados; Preparation of Case Files by Prosecutors; Challenges and Opportunities of Prosecuting in a Digital Age; Social Media: The Impact on the Admissibility of Evidence and the Right to a Fair Trial; and Vulnerable Witnesses in Sexual Offence Cases.