Your Honour the Master and Registrar

The President of the Law Society

Learned Members of the Legal Profession

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am deeply honoured to have been called upon to participate in this ceremony, which is undoubtedly a very privileged moment in the life of the new members of the legal profession and, in the same breath, I should also like to acknowledge all family and friends that are here today and who are obviously so proud of them, knowing how hard they have worked towards this day.

This call ceremony is full of significance and you would agree with me that the law is the basis of our society and this is one of the prime reasons that as members of the legal profession, you should live up to the high professional standards imposed upon you by virtue of your entry in the profession.

Your life will be a journey from lesson to lesson. That journey will take you in directions you cannot possibly predict. As attorneys, you will have a duty to ensure that the justice system is accessible to everyone regardless of one’s social or financial status and my piece of advice to you is that you must be responsible to your clients and strive to uphold justice. You must learn to be humble and you must not hesitate to seek the guidance of your learned “confreres”. They are very
knowledgeable and current about the law, and they represent a diverse practice of law. Do learn from them.

Another piece of advice is to enroll for your Continuous Professional Development Courses with the Institute for Judicial and Legal Studies and, believe me, there is nothing more enriching than having the opportunity to go through refresher courses as well as embarking in new areas of the law.

On behalf of the Attorney General’s Office and in my own name extend my warmest congratulations to those being called today and I sincerely wish you a very successful career.