



**Remarks By  
The Hon. Jamahl Simmons, JP, MP  
Minister of Economic Development and Tourism**

**Press Conference Gaming Commissioner Announcement**

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Good afternoon

Today, I have the pleasure to announce the appointment of an outstanding Bermudian of character, integrity, strength and intellect to the role of Chair at the Bermuda Casino Gaming Commission.

Cheryl-Ann Mapp is a senior Member of the Bermuda Bar with a wealth of experience in regulatory law, governance, dispute resolution and compliance within financial services.

Mrs. Mapp began her career in litigation as Crown Counsel in the Attorney General's Chambers before being appointed to the judiciary as Magistrate and Coroner. She has enjoyed a well-rounded professional career and formerly operated her own compliance consulting practice advising clients within financial services and the public sector which included acting as the first Supervisor for the Barristers & Accountants AML/ATF Supervisory Board.

Her other notable accomplishments include the establishment of an in-house legal department in her role as Senior Legal Counsel to the Bermuda Monetary Authority, Compliance Manager with Appleby (Bermuda) and General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the Ascendant Group of Companies, which includes BELCO.

Mrs. Mapp recently returned to the private sector where she advises on regulatory law, corporate governance and provides corporate compliance consulting services locally and internationally. She is Chairperson of the Permanent Arbitration Tribunal, a Director of the Financial Intelligence Agency and acts as an independent non-executive director within the financial services and not for profit sectors in Bermuda having completed the Institute of Directors U.K. Certificate in Company Direction.

Mrs. Mapp's relevant and extensive experience within Bermuda's regulatory environment and firm grasp of the issues relating to transparency, anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing ideally positions her to lead the Gaming Commission at this critical time.

Chery-Ann Mapp steps into this position at a critical time not just for gaming in Bermuda but for the reputational security and stability of our economy. The stakes are high and the objective is clear; to establish a progressive, innovative and socially responsible gaming structure that protects against and severely punishes corruption.

Our priorities include meeting our obligations relating to gaming under the AML Assessment next year, insuring the smooth transfer of responsibilities for and regulation of Betting from the Ministry of Finance to the Gaming Commission and working together to deliver the full set of Casino Gaming Regulations necessary to set the highest level of standards for the industry.

We must also prepare our Bermudian people to take on roles at every level of the casino gaming industry.

Failure on any of these priorities is not an option and by working together, we will not fail.

At this time, I would like to publicly thank the outgoing Chairman, Mr. Alan Dunch for his service as the first Chair for the Gaming Commission.

As I conclude, I would like to thank Mrs. Mapp once again for accepting this position and look forward to working with her and the team at the Gaming Commission

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