

## Property Issues In the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

### Thoughts of A Dedicated Lawyer



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I have been working in the field of property law and real estate for the past 10 years. My first experience with property law came from the firm of D.Hannays and Company in 2005 and while studying in London I worked part-time as an assistant conveyancer and solicitor representative with a boutique Law firm in Leytonstone called CK Solicitors , I remember vividly the pride and beaming confidence I had when I first began to work in those law firms. In those days I would be paid only a stipend to cover my travel, but the experience I dare say was invaluable.

When I returned home in 2009 Initially I worked in real estate sales, then in the office of a Licensed Land Surveyor, and with one of the more successful property Lawyers in Port of Spain , Mr. Colvin Blaize, whom I still work with as Co-Counsel in the Court of Appeal and Privy Council Matters. Eventually since 2010 I have been focusing more on the business management side as the senior partner of the law firm of Hove & Associates.

Over the years I have come across countless issues that touch and concern land, Houses, Apartments, Gated Communities, Management Companies, Boundary issues, Family property issues, Deeds, Leases, Certificates of Title, Certificates of Comfort, RPOs, Vesting Orders etc you name it, I have seen and had to deal with it in our twin island Republic.

It seems as though my practice was compelled to have a dedicated property law department as on a daily basis I would be approached to regularise some type of property irregularity. I have also had the good fortune to advise and assist clients in acquiring and defending their interests in properties. I have learned first-hand the value of real estate and what it means to our people, both the rich and the poor, whether it be Freehold or rent-to-own; property gives us a sense of accomplishment, assense of worth and a sense of fulfilment.

Therefore I invite you to continue to read of some of my socio-legal exploits, as this is just the beginning of what I hope to one day expand into my book on practices and experiences in law in our beautiful isles of Trinidad and Tobago.

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