

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Name (family name, first name): Bethel, Marion

Nationality: Bahamian

Date and place of birth: July 31, 1953 Nassau, Bahamas

Working languages: English (fluent) Spanish & French (working knowledge)

Current position/function:

Counsel & Attorney-at -Law, Sears & Co., Partner
I am the Managing Partner of Sears & Co. Chambers

Main professional activities:

My main professional activity is the legal service rendered in my capacity as an attorney.

Educational background:

Cambridge University, Bachelor of Arts (Law), Master of Arts (Law)
Columbia University, Master of Arts (Education)
McGill University, Bachelor of Arts (Spanish)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women:

.Citizens for Constitutional Equality, Co- Chair

We are preparing for an imminent national Referendum (to be held by July 2016) in regard to amending the Bahamas Constitution in order to comply with the CEDAW Convention. We are a civil society organization engaged in public awareness and education concerning the human rights principles of gender equality and non-discrimination on the basis of sex

List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights:

1. Principles of Equality between women and men & Non-discrimination on the basis of sex. (published in local newspapers)
 2. Violence against Women & the Responsibility of the State (published in local newspapers)
 3. Statelessness and the Right to Nationality in The Bahamas (not published).
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