

Sexual Assault Symposium 2022

Theme: *"Exploring Sexual Assault through Medicolegal Lens - From Report to Court"*
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The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions – National Prosecution Service (ODPP-NPS), The Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment and The Royal Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVGPF) together present, S.A.S 2022: **Sexual Assault Symposium 2022** on the theme "**Exploring Sexual Assault cases through medicolegal lens from Report to Court**",

Sponsored in part by The Lions Club St. Vincent South, with commitments from other agencies including the Pan American Health Organisation, the interdisciplinary forum will field more than one hundred participants from several governmental and other non-governmental entities including judges, counsel of the public and private criminal bar, magistrates, summary court prosecutors, physicians, nurses, other health care practitioners, police officers, educators, counselors and social workers.

Apart from hosting close to one hundred and fifty (150) participants both virtually and in person over two days in a conference setting, on the 7th and 8th of September 2022, S.A.S 2022 consists of a week of activities spanning from Saturday 3rd September 2022 through Saturday 10th September 2022.

S.A.S 2022 promises to be excavating with topics that touch the bedrock of institutional frameworks. Specialist attention will be drawn to the systemic response to sexual assault cases

from the instance of a report, through the medical examination phase and the ultimate culmination of the legal process.

At the epicentre of this very dynamic symposium is our chief facilitator, **Dr. Rhonda Hutson, BSC, MBBS, MSC, D.M, SAE (A/P)**. Dr. Hutson is a consultant emergency physician, Associate lecturer, sexual assault forensic examiner and trainer as well as a sports medicine physician attached to the University Hospital of the West Indies in Jamaica. She is a witness of the region's shared challenges and triumphs in its management of sexual assault cases. At the symposium, Dr. Hutson will share on several topics such as medical examination of sexual assault victims, statement writing, expert witness testimony and dispelling hymen myths.

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