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How we can help
BDB Pitmans is one of the few firms with experience acting as Privy Council Agents on behalf of law firms from offshore Commonwealth jurisdictions in appeals before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

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RECENT EXPERIENCE

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO V AYERS-CAESAR [2019] UKPC 44
An expedited appeal from the Court of Appeal of Trinidad and Tobago.

In dismissing the appeal, the Board upheld the Court of Appeal’s ruling that Ms Ayers-Caesar should have leave to bring judicial review proceedings against the president of Trinidad and Tobago in connection with his refusal to reinstate her as a High Court Judge after she had submitted a resignation letter allegedly under duress.

WALKERS (BERMUDA) LIMITED V BERMUDA BAR COUNCIL [2019] UKPC 25
Appeal from the Court of Appeal of Bermuda.

The Privy Council allowed the appeal and restored the Chief Justice’s order that the Bar Council provide a Certificate of Recognition to Walkers, resolving a point of Bermudan company law.

GANY HOLDINGS (PTC) SA AND ASIF RANGOONWALA V ZORIN KHAN AND OTHERS – [2018] UKPC 21
Appeals from the Court of Appeal of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (British Virgin Islands).

In dismissing the appeals, the Board overturned the trial judge’s findings of fact and found that property transferred to the trustee by the settlor had been intended to be held on the terms of the trust.

THE NATIONAL GAS COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED V (1) SUPER INDUSTRIAL SERVICES LIMITED (2) RAIN FOREST RESORTS LIMITED – [2018] UKPC 17
Appeal from the Court of Appeal of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Privy Council dismissed the appeal and found that a claim by the National Gas Company had been automatically struck out under a provision of the Civil Proceedings Rules as a result of its failure to apply for a date to be fixed for a case management conference within the time period specified in that provision.
(1) RAWLINSON AND HUNTER TRUSTEES SA (2) VIMALETOR HOLDINGS LTD V (1) ITG LTD (2) BAYEUX LTD – JCPC 2017/0070

Application for permission to appeal against an order of the Court of Appeal of Guernsey.

The Appeal Panel refused permission to appeal against an order granting summary judgment to the respondents (in their capacity as trustees of the Tchenguiz Discretionary Trust) in a contractual claim.

O’CONNOR (SENIOR) AND OTHERS V THE PROPRIETORS, STRATA PLAN NO 51 – [2017] UKPC 45

Appeal from the Court of Appeal of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The Privy Council dismissed an appeal by the registered owners of a residential condominium apartment and confirmed that the relevant by-laws prohibit the letting of units for any period less than one month.

ATTORNEY GENERAL V DUMAS [2017] UKPC 12

Appeal from the Court of Appeal of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Privy Council dismissed an appeal by the Attorney General and confirmed that the court had jurisdiction to hear a citizen’s claim for a declaration that the appointments of two members to the Police Service Commission were unconstitutional.
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