

Nomination for CALC Council – CALC election 2026

Position for which candidate nominated:

Americas region representative (Non-executive)

Nominee's name:

**Shaquille K. Newton (A full member of CALC)
Senior Legal Adviser, United Kingdom's Foreign Commonwealth and
Development Office
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Statement that the candidate accepts nomination:

I, **Shaquille K. Newton**, accept this nomination for the position of Americas region representative of CALC.

Date of acceptance: 12th May, 2026

Nominator's full name and other details:

**Michelle A. R. Daley (A full member of CALC),
Consultant Legislative Drafter, Attorney General's Chambers,
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Date of nomination: 12th May, 2026

Seconder's full name and other details:

**Ryan Awai (A full member of CALC)
Assistant Chief Parliamentary Counsel
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Date of seconding of nomination: 12th May, 2026

Candidate's statement (of under 300 words) relevant to the nomination:



Shaquille K. Newton, Attorney-at-Law

I am an active CALC member who presented at the 2024 CALC Conference and frequently publishes in 'The Loophole'. From my practical experience in legislative drafting, I am affirmed in the view that drafters are the 'custodians of the rule of law'. Consequently, I am firmly committed to fulfilling CALC's objectives of promoting cooperation amongst persons engaged in legislative drafting, promoting use of effective legislative drafting practices and dissemination of information about legislative drafting. Fulfilment of CALC's objectives fosters capacity-building in legislative drafting and improved legislation throughout the Commonwealth that ultimately redounds to the benefit of the rule of law

In relation to the Americas region and particularly the Caribbean, with a largely unified style of legislative drafting and law-making processes, it is essential that legislative drafters are similarly united. To achieve greater unification and cooperation amongst the region's legislative drafters I intend to bolster regional forums and avenues of dialogue amongst drafters. Additionally, I am particularly passionate about forging strong collegiality and mentorship opportunities across the multiple generations of legislative drafters. Should I be elected, I pledge to give strong voice to the members of the Americas' ideas, encourage robust contribution to the success CALC and highlight CALC's role of professional development for all its members.

I am a vibrant Attorney-at-Law who champions the rule of law. I served as Parliamentary Counsel in the Attorney General's Chambers of Barbados for 5 years. Currently, I serve as a Senior Legal Adviser in the United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). For my outstanding leadership potential, I was awarded a 2021 Chevening Scholarship by the FCDO. As a recipient of this scholarship, I pursued and was awarded with Distinction a Master of Laws in Drafting Legislation, Regulation and Policy from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London.