

Five complete course in law consolidation

ANGUILLA—Two persons from Trinidad and Tobago and two from the British Virgin Islands (BVI) joined a lawyer from the Attorney General's Chambers in Anguilla to take a "Consolidation of Laws" course during the past week.

Course instructor for the two-day session was Yolande Dash, who formerly worked for the Law Revision Commission in Trinidad and Tobago. The course was held at the Law Revision office at Hannah-Waver House of Caribbean Commercial Centre.

Dash explained that "Consolidation" was a process of consolidating and amending laws over the years into the principal legislation, for ease of reference.

Since the opening of the Law Revision Centre here in 2007, Anguilla has led the way in the region in law revision. Dash said Anguilla was trying to encourage all islands in the region to revise and consolidate their laws, and the course was the second of its kind held in Anguilla.

She said that while they were assisting as many islands as possible, they were also



Law Consolidation course participants with (from left) Acting Attorney General Ivor Greene, Yolande Dash and Governor Alistair Harrison.

training lawyers to be able to continue the exercise.

On completion of the course on Friday, June 4, Governor Alistair Harrison presented certificates to the participants, noting that consolidation and revision of laws, including updating, was very important. He congratulated them on completing the programme. Attendees from Trinidad and Tobago were from the Ministry of

Legal Affairs Law Revision Commission, and BVI participants were from the Law Reform Commission and the Legislative Drafting Unit of the Attorney General's Chambers.

The course included sessions on the benefits of consolidation to make drafting of further amended legislation easier, and the preparation of enacted legislation in electronic and hard copy formats.

Also addressed were creating Consolidated Tracking Sheets, how to insert amendments, how to renumber and how to address repeals and new acts. Cross-referencing, formatting of legislation, proofreading techniques and workflow issues were also studied during the course. The participants also learnt the requirements for submission of legislation to the Regional Law Revision Centre.