

Lisa M. Shoman

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- **SENATOR**, National Assembly of Belize, September, 2009 – March 2016
(Lead Senator for Opposition Business 2012 to 2016)
- **MINISTER** of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade of Belize,
June 2007 – March 2008
- **SENATOR**, National Assembly of Belize , June 2007 – March 2008

DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE

- **AMBASSADOR** of Belize to the United States of America,
August 2000 – June 2007
- **AMBASSADOR / PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE** of Belize to the
Organization of American States, August 25, 2000 – January 2008
- **HIGH COMMISSIONER** of Belize to Canada – September 2000 – May 2003
- **PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE** of Belize to the International Civil Aviation
Organization, February 2002 – May 2003
- **VICE CHAIR of the Permanent Council** of the Organization of American
States 2003
- **CHAIR OF CARICOM Ambassadors' Caucus**; January to June 2002 and June –
July 2006
- **CHAIR OF GRUCA (Group Centro-Americano) Ambassadors' Caucus**;
July to December 2003 and January to June 2006
- **CHAIR of the Management Board**, Inter-American Agency for Cooperation
and Development, 2002 to 2004 and 2006 to 2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **SENIOR COUNSEL** / Own Firm, June 2008- Present
Elevated to Senior Counsel, December 2009
(The title is given to a senior barrister or advocate in Belize)

General Litigation Experience

- **Lead Counsel** in Administrative and Constitutional Law cases before the Supreme Court of Belize, the Court of Appeal in Belize and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council
- **Sole and Co-Counsel** in Civil Matters, Administrative and Constitutional Law cases before the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal in Belize
- Acted as **Sole Arbitrator** and as **Umpire** in Arbitrations in Belize
- Court Certified **Mediator**

Human Rights Litigation Experience

- **Lead Local Counsel** and **Instructing Counsel** - 2009 – Present
Caleb Orozco and UNIBAM v. Attorney General & Ors. - - Supreme Court of Belize – Constitutional challenge to S. 56 of the Criminal Code based on the Preamble to the Belize Constitution and Fundamental Rights and Freedoms – First LGBTI Rights constitutional litigation in Belize and the English – speaking Caribbean
 - **Lead Counsel** and **Instructing Solicitor** – 1996 – 1998
Toledo Maya Cultural Council v. Attorney General of Belize - Action No. 510 of 1996 – First claim in Belize for Indigenous Rights for the Maya
- **SENIOR PARTNER**, Shoman & Chebat, September 1999- June 2008
 - **SOLE PRACTITIONER**, June 1998- September 1999

- **ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY**, Young's Law Firm, August 1992 – May 1998.
- **ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY**, Musa & Balderamos, September 1989 – September 1990
- **CROWN COUNSEL**, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, July 1988 - September 1989

Other Legal Experience

- **PRESIDENT, Bar Association of Belize** 1996-1997
- **BAR COMMITTEE MEMBER** 1993 - 1995; Executive of Belize Bar Association
- **GENERAL LEGAL COUNCIL AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER** 1994-97, 1999- August 2000; and May 2009 to present
- **LEGAL CONSULTANT** – Drafting Domestic Violence, Sexual Offences and Sexual Harassment Bills in Belize - 1989 - 1990
- **LEGAL ADVISOR** -Toledo Maya Cultural Council (TMCC) 1992-1998
- **LEGAL CONSULTANT** - Belize Women Against Violence (WAV)1992-1998
- **LECTURER**, ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW - U.W.I. CHALLENGE PROGRAM, BELIZE - 1993
- **LECTURER**, CONSTITUTIONAL LAW – University College of Belize. PARALEGAL PROGRAM

BOARDS

- **BOARD MEMBER**, Opposition Representative, Crime Control Council of Belize, September 2008 to 2012
- **CHAIRMAN of the Board of Directors** of Belize Telecommunications Limited, 1998-2000

PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH AND PAPERS

- P.A.H.O. REPORT: The Legal Situation of Women in Belize, 1991.
- BELIZE WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE, Draft Legislation: Sexual Offences Bill and Domestic Violence Bill, 1991.
- The Sexual Harassment Bill: Presentation to the House of Representatives Sub-Committee, 1994.
- N.O.P.C.A. REPORT: The Abused Child and the Law - A Need For Reform, 1994.
- N.O.P.C.A. PROJECT: The Rights of the Child and the Law- A Need for Reform in Belize, March, 1995.
- S.P.E.A.R, Clifford E. Betson Memorial Lecture, 1996 - The Culture of Tolerance and the Practice of Democracy: Women in the Belizean Crucible
- Ministry of Human Development/ UNICEF, Update on Country Report for Belize on UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Compliance (December 1998)
- 10th Annual Signa Yorke Memorial Lecture 1999 : The Role of Women in Belizean Society : Reflections For the New Millennium
- Belize Foreign Policy Yearbooks 2004 – 2006 : US/Caribbean Relations
- Belizean Studies : A Journal of Social Research and Thought – December 2008 : BY THE MIGHT OF TRUTH : PROVOCATION FOR GOING TO THE ICJ
- TEDX BELMOPAN TALK : FORCE RIPE BABY

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

- UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD – Country Presentation For Belize On Legal Compliance With Treaty
- INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS – Country Presentation On Rights Of Indigenous Persons With Attorney General of Belize
- BELIZE/ GUATEMALA TERRITORIAL DIFFERENDUM
NEGOTIATING /NATIONAL TEAM MEMBER
August 2000 to February 2008; October 2011 to MARCH 2016

AWARDS

- **CONDECORATION** – The United Mexican States (Mexico) - *Orden del Águila Azteca* / The Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle in the Grade of Band, June 16th 2005 (Highest decoration awarded to a Foreign National)
- **CONDECORATION** – The Republic of Nicaragua- The Order of Jose de Marcoleta in the Grade of Grand Cross, November 30, 2005 (Highest decoration awarded to a Foreign National)

EDUCATION

- **UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES**, 1990 - 1992,
MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAM- COMPLETED:
Law of the Sea, Constitutional Law, Administrative Law.
- **NORMAN MANLEY LAW SCHOOL**, 1986 - 1988,
CERTIFICATE OF LEGAL EDUCATION (C.L.E.)
- **UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES**, 1983 - 1986,
BACHELOR OF LAWS DEGREE (LL.B.)

LANGUAGES

- English and Spanish