

## **BIO – DESHAWN D. TORRES**

Deshawn D. Torres was born and raised in Belize. She obtained her Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) (Hons) from the Cayman Islands Law School (University of Liverpool) in 2003 and completed the Bar Vocational Course at the Manchester Metropolitan University in the United Kingdom in 2004.

She is a founding partner at Mckoy Torres LLP in Belize where her main practice areas are contract, real estate, marital and family law with her having a keen interest in matrimonial and family law dispute resolution. Whilst Mrs. Torres has extensive litigation experience, she firmly believes that parties and their children benefit immensely when settlements can be arrived at without court intervention. As an arbitrator and certified family law mediator, she understands the needs of the parties and strategizes for an outcome that is favorable and in the best interest of all concerned.

Before starting her own practice, she worked as a litigator at Youngs Law Firm for 10 years where she represented individuals and companies in personal injury, real estate, matrimonial and property disputes and also advised and represented major oil retailers, and corporations in the areas of labor and contractual disputes.

She currently chairs the Integrity Commission of Belize, co-chairs the Social Security (Appeals) Tribunal and is a Director of the National Bank of Belize. She is a former Member of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Concerned Belizeans, Liquor Licensing Board (Belize District), and Trade Licensing Board (Belize District).

Mrs. Torres is active in various community based organizations committed to leadership and the empowerment of women.