

## The Best Party on Bay Street Returns: This Law Firm Cocktail Celebrates Caribbean Culture and Turns Toronto Tropical!

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The highly anticipated Caribbean Fête, hosted by the Caribbean Practice Group at WeirFoulds LLP, returned to Toronto last month after a two-year COVID-induced hiatus.

Typically held in February when certain Caribbean and South American countries celebrate Carnival, this year's event took place just ahead of the Toronto Caribbean Carnival (formerly Caribana), one of North America's largest street festivals.

The Caribbean Practice Group is comprised of <u>Kayla Theeuwen</u>, <u>Nadia Chiesa</u> and <u>Frank Walwyn</u>, partners at WeirFoulds who are admitted to practise law in Canada and numerous countries across the Caribbean. After having to postpone the annual Fête on two occasions to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Group was thrilled to, once again, celebrate Caribbean culture with clients, colleagues and friends.

"Since 2018, this marquee event has been our way of thanking clients and (re)connecting with colleagues by showcasing the Caribbean, a part of the world in which we practise law, from our home base in Toronto," said Kayla Theeuwen, Chair of the Caribbean Practice Group.

"Our ability to travel to the Caribbean for court appearances, conferences, and the like came to an abrupt halt in March 2020. As we emerge from the pandemic, it feels great to be able to connect with colleagues from around the world in person and set our sights on getting back to the tropics. Doing that while simultaneously celebrating Caribbean culture through local cuisines, music and dance elevates the excitement."

Kayla, Nadia and Frank represent one of the very few legal practices based in Canada that work with clients from all over the globe to resolve complex legal issues throughout the International Financial Centres in the Caribbean and beyond. Their deep understanding of the legal landscape across the Caribbean, wealth of experience litigating precedent-setting cases, and a trusted network of legal and other professionals gives clients access to high-quality legal services. The Group is active in Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and their diverse client base includes public and private corporations across a wide range of industries, together with financial institutions, private clients, governments and international trusts.

The Caribbean Fête took place on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at Malaparte at the TIFF Bell Lightbox on 350 King Street West. Entertainment was provided by Pan Fantasy Steel Band Players and Dance Caribe Dancers. As in previous years, guests joined from as far as Jamaica and Trinidad, creating a global atmosphere in the heart of Toronto.

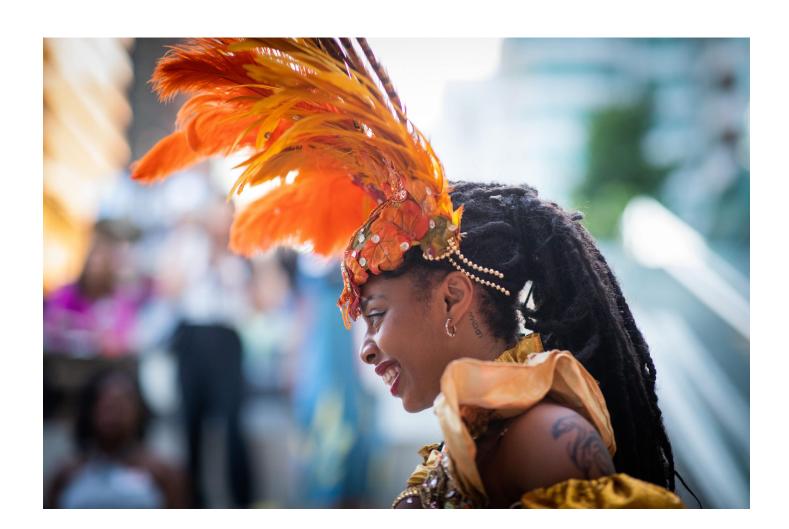
For more information on the WeirFoulds Caribbean Practice Group and to get in touch with Kayla, Nadia or Frank, click here.









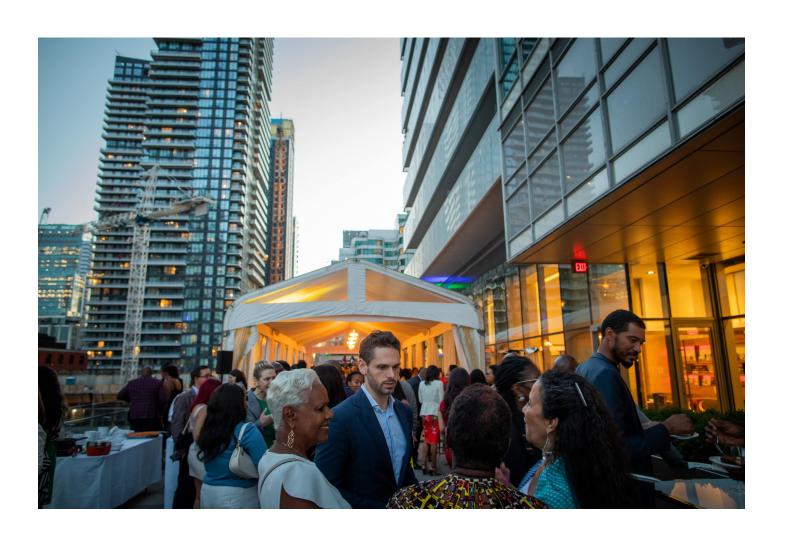


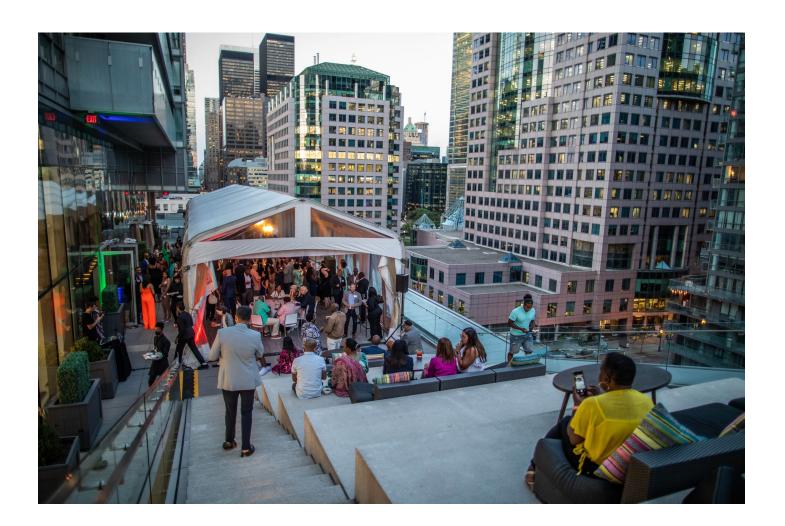




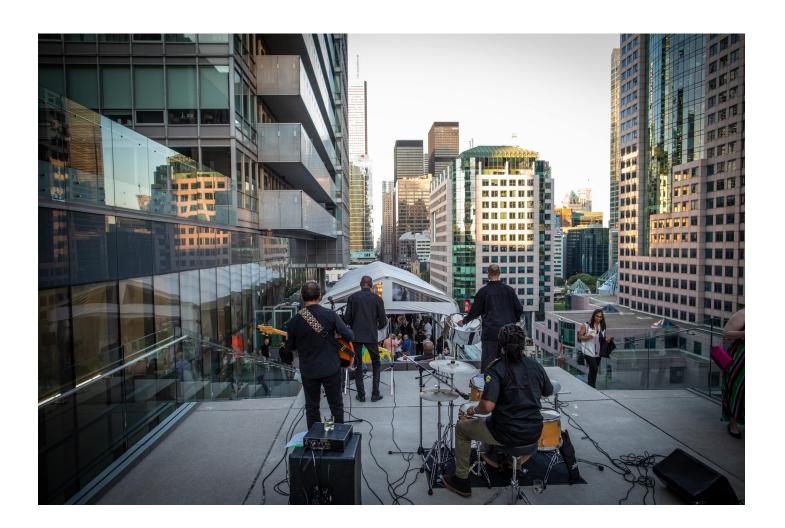


















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