



Eliézer François

Former Housing Minister Eliézer François, in the first letter below, appeals to Attorney General Gavin Glover for his attention to a case of unprofessionalism in the judiciary



Gavin Glover

The Personal Attention of the Attorney General

The Hon. Gavin Glover, SC Attorney General,

Dear Mr Minister,

Being aware of your various commitments, I refrain from seeking an appointment to meet with you.

However, I would very much appreciate if you could kindly consider **the following forwarded email**, that I addressed to the Hon. Chief Justice, Mrs Bibi Rehana Mungly- Gulbul, a long time ago.

Until today, I'm still waiting for the payment of the interests to me, together with my Justice of the Peace Certificate.

Kind regards,

Eliézer François JP

Email sent to Chief Justice

Confusion, Disappointment & Frustration

The Honourable Chief Justice

Mrs Bibi Rehana Mungly-Gulbul

Dear Madam,

As a former Government Minister in Mauritius, I do realise how busy you could be, in your function as Chief Justice. Nevertheless, I would very much appreciate if you could kindly consider the following: -

On 28.01.2025 the learned Magistrate of the Intermediate Court, delivered a judgment in my favour, Re: Eliezer François v/s Commissioner of Police - CN: 1095/19, as follows - Rs 50,000/ as damages + costs + interests,

However, since that verdict, I have gone through a terrible ordeal, because until now nobody seems to know exactly what to do.

I've been to my Attorney-at-law, Mr Pazhany Rangasamy's office about 10 times, to the Accountant General's Dept, Mère Barthelemy Street 3 times, to the Intermediate Court Pope Hennessy Street 4 times, and to the Supreme Court Edith Cavell Street 4 times.

In early June 2025, I received a cheque of Rs 50,000/ from Me Pazhany Rangasamy and on Friday 18 July 2025, another cheque of Rs 12,900/ representing the costs, without any mention about the interests and about my Justice of the Peace Certificate.

So, I was terribly shocked and confused on Friday, when the officer I met at the Master and Registrar, Supreme Court kept telling me that he had done me a favour in seeing me in his office. He told me that I should see the Chief Justice for my JP Certificate. How could he dare to say that he was doing me a favour? Is he not paid from public funds to serve the community?

When I was the minister of Housing, Lands and Town and Country planning, I regularly received a great number of people in my ministry; whenever I was too busy, the PAS Mr Toofany or the chief Surveyor, Mr Rault would. I honestly believe it's time for these self-proclaimed Lords to be taught how to set their feet back on the solid ground and face reality.

Moreover, what astonished me even more was the fact that he didn't know how I could contact the Chief Justice's office, nor the Chief Justice's email address in order to retrieve my original Honorary Justices of the Peace Certificate. What a pity!

To help him in his professional development, I'm pleased to refer him to the following quote for his meditation "Fiat justitia ruat cealum" i.e. " Let justice be done, should the sky fall."

Please kindly see attachments.

My Very Best Regards to Your Honour,

Eliézer François JP.

Editor's Note

Mr Eliézer François feels aggrieved by the insolent way he was addressed by a rude Supreme Court official who told him that he was doing him a favour to talk to him in his office.

This betrays an uneducated mentality on the part of that civil servant. Civil servants are expected to be civil towards the public at all times. They are servants of the public and never the master while in service.

The Ins and Outs of the Bank of Mauritius

Former Second Deputy Governor, Gérard Sanspeur, goes for the Governor, Rama Sithanen

Well, at his press conference on 30 August, former Second Deputy of the Bank of Mauritius (BOM), Mr Gérard Sanspeur, said “I am the happiest person on earth,” following his resignation from the Bank. He said that he was given the option by the Prime Minister to resign or be sacked. So, he decided to call it a day and left the job.

Mr Sanspeur explained that he was greatly relieved to have resigned, on his own freewill, leaving the unhealthy atmosphere in which he found himself at the Bank. He was the happiest person on earth, more especially, because PM Ramgoolam had agreed as part of the conditions for his voluntary departure that he could hold the press conference to present his case to the nation. PM Ramgoolam encouraged him to “Go and defend your honour”, according to his statement to the press conference.

Mr Sanspeur’s press conference may be summed up as a total bashing of Rama Sithanen, the Governor of the Bank of Mauritius. Within the eight months of cohabitation with the Governor as the second Deputy, life with Sithanen had become intolerable. He could take it no more.

Furthermore, he was suffering enormous pressure from an unnamed outsider as regards the grants of MIC (Mauritius Investment Corporation) loans which is under the management of the Bank of Mauritius.

It came out at the conference that the unnamed person

who was bringing pressure to bear on Gerard Sanspeur, was Rama the Governor’s own son. When Mr Sanspeur repeatedly talked of unnamed influence outside the Bank, a journalist asked him if it was the son of Sithanen, Sanspeur said “it’s you who say it.” So, we can take it from here that the son of Rama Sithanen, Tevin Sithanen, equally an LSE-qualified economist, like dad but plus Accounts, allegedly made life a bit of a misery for the sanspeur chap at the Bank of Mauritius

The Sins of Rama Sithanen

Among the capital sins of Sithanen, according to Mr Sanspeur, was that he allegedly advised the PM to bring up the retirement age to 65. Her said that he was now going to make a defamatory statement, and so he accused the Governor of telling lies. He accused him of being a liar on several occasions during his press meeting though he was not specific with instances. Mr Sanspeur was lapping up this contact with the press though he said that it was his first press conference as he had never done it before.

Sanspeur was very praiseworthy of Prime Minister Ramgoolam. Though he was buttering him up, he said that he expected nothing from Ramgoolam. He does not need anything from the PM. He is self-sufficient and needed nothing as greedy Sithanen.

Yes, he said that Sithanen was a greedy person, the more he got the more he wanted. He said that Sithanen was making millions upon millions from the



Gérard Sanspeur

various appointments he held. He said that he, himself, was a man of independent means, yet one may believe that he was expecting “so boule”. Mr Sanspeur’s contract for the BOM job was for three years and he could ask for compensation, he said. This would be a bit inconsistent because he left on his own accord.

Mr Sanspeur told the conference that, assisted by his legal adviser Me Paul Domingue, he was going to sue Sithanen for defamation. *C’est du pain sur la planche* for the judiciary, Sithanen and his son have both intimated that they would take legal action against Gérard Sanspeur for his unfounded accusations.

Mr Sanspeur said he enjoyed the full support of the Prime Minister.

Sithanen Strikes back

Dr Rama Sithanen, Governor of the Bank of Mauritius, held his own press conference on 29 August 2025 to answer the accusations made against him and his son by the outgoing Second Deputy of the Bank, Mr Gérard Sanspeur, at his own meeting with the press a week earlier.

The BOM Governor began his press meeting stating that a campaign of denigration was being carried out against his family.

According to *l’autre son de cloche*, the Governor of the Bank of Mauritius in turn accused his former Second Deputy, Gérard Sanspeur, of being the liar. According to Dr Sithanen, Gérard Sanspeur is rather a person of unstable character who left under a cloud every single job he held prior to his position with the Bank of Mauritius.

The BOM Governor alleged that it was not

true that Mr Sanspeur was given the option by the PM to resign as the Second Deputy of the Bank of Mauritius. He was going to be definitely sacked. He had asked the PM for permission to stay for a few more days before his departure. This request was denied. Dr Sithanen told the press conference that Mr Sanspeur had also asked the PM for authorisation to hold his press meeting before his resignation. This was equally refused by the PM.

Dr Sithanen said a team of three independent lawyers had compiled a list of 14 offences against Mr Sanspeur in his capacity as the Second Deputy of the Bank of Mauritius. These cases will be made known and action taken against him following legal advice which is now being sought. Court action will ensue against the former Second Deputy as required.

Furthermore, Dr Rama Sithanen will per-

sonally sue his former 2nd Deputy for the false accusations made against him, he announced.

Dr Rama Sithanen categorically denied his son’s interference in the business of BOM under his management. The allegation that his son Tevin has tried to influence the grant of banking licences is totally unfounded. He explained that no banking licence was issued by BOM during those past nine months that he (Dr Sithanen) has been the Governor.

Dr Sithanen agreed that there had been misunderstanding and disagreements between himself and his Second Deputy. This is being examined the Prime Minister’s Office, according to the BOM’s Governor.

Dr Sithanen said he enjoyed the full support of the Prime Minister.



Picture: Courtesy BOM

Dr Rama Sithanen

Tevin Sithanen feels betrayed

In an interview to Le Défi Media, Tevin Sithanen told the daily that he felt betrayed by the declaration of Gérard Sanspeur at his press conference. He considered Sanspeur as a friend having known him for a long time and with whom he entertained good relations.

Tevin Sithanen said that he had been warned of Sanspeur’s tumultuous past and of his unfriendly disposition. He was not surprised that his private conversations had been deliberately misconstrued to insinuate that he had been trying to get involved with the operation of the Bank of Mauritius.

To a question from the journalist, he said that he had no political ambition and he was happily in his employment. He believed that in the end truth would prevail. We gather that he too is contemplating legal action against Sanspeur.



Tevin Sithanen
Picture featured
by Le Défi

A Southern Ireland Trip

Dublin, the capital and largest city of the Republic of Ireland, is situated on the eastern shoreline, right where the River Liffey flows into the Irish sea (see picture on next page)



By Mylene

I had occasion to visit Ireland again this year.

Upon landing I made my way to Gate T1 of Dublin Airport. Along the way, I saw posters that celebrated the nation's history and showcased significant moments in honour of the airport's 85 year legacy.

Among the most notable figures featured are President John F. Kennedy, who arrived here in June 1963, and Muhammad Ali, who visited in 1972. Both sought to explore their Irish heritage and connect with their roots.



This vibrant display creates a warm, inclusive and welcoming atmosphere, ensuring that every traveller feels right at home. I carried that lovely feeling throughout my entire trip in Ireland!

Guinness and Whiskey

One of the first things you'll notice, whether you're at the airport, in pubs, or from billboards to clothing, is Guinness. It's the drink of choice around here, wouldn't you know it. Perhaps Arthur Guinness knew it too when he signed a 9,000 year lease on St. James Gate back in 1759. Perhaps he knew that his dark dry stout with a creamy head would one day be a globally recognized brand.

The Guinness Storehouse tells the story of this iconic stout. After visiting all seven floors, you'll find a refreshing glass with your name on it at The Gravity Bar on the rooftop.

Another tippie is Irish whiskey, with an 'e' (while it's "whisky" in Scotland), and the most famous and the best-selling whiskey in the world is Jameson.



Chandeliers made from Jameson whiskey bottles serve as the centrepiece at the visitor centre on Bow Street.

Once chandeliers signified power and wealth. Could there be a Freudian slip at play here, hinting that the distillery has truly "come into its own?"

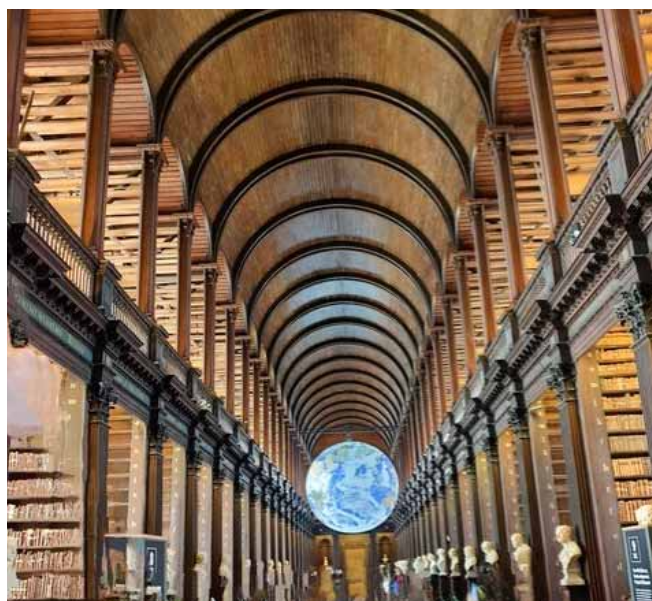
Irish Characters



Molly Malone - it's considered lucky to touch her breasts

The semi-legendary Molly Malone, affectionately referred to by locals as "*the tart with a cart*," has her own tribute on Suffolk Street. Whether she was a real person or not, she is the subject of a popular folk song, "*Cockles and Mussels*," that has become the unofficial anthem of Dublin.

The lyrics tell of Molly, a young fishmonger who pushed her barrow through the city's streets, calling out "*cockles and mussel alive oh!*"



The Long Room of the Old Library at Trinity College Dublin

As for real individuals, Trinity College Dublin has churned out some notable figures.

Oscar Wilde: "Be yourself, everyone else is already taken."

Samuel Beckett: "You're on earth. There's no cure for that."

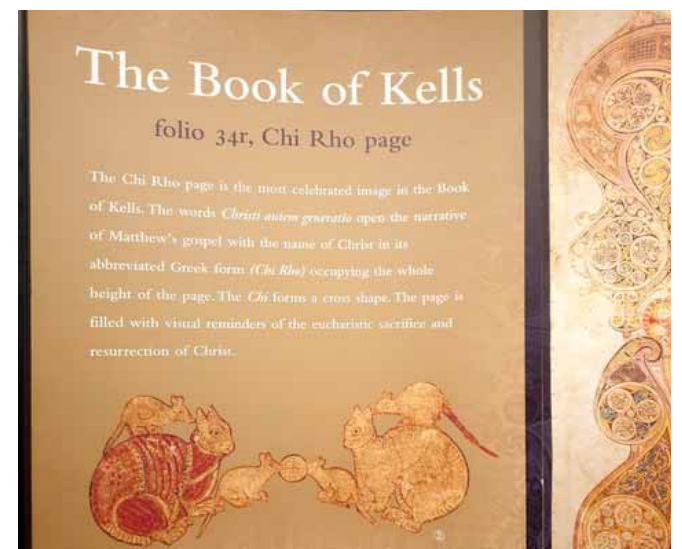
Jonathan Swift: "May you be in heaven a full half an hour before the devil knows you're

dead."

Bram Stoker: "We learn from failure, not success!"

And we mustn't forget **Mary Robinson**, the first female President of Ireland.

The Book of Kells



Housed in the Long Room of the Old Library at Trinity College Dublin, the Book of Kells is a manuscript from around the 9th century that is considered Ireland's most valuable cultural treasure.

Written in Latin, it is a beautifully decorated version of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It shows the fusion of faith, art and culture during an important time in history.



The Great Potato Famine

The years 1845-1852 was a harrowing time for The Emerald Isle. A disease spread through the potato plants, which was a main food source for much of the population. This caused suffering, starvation and death. Many people left Ireland, with most heading to the United States. Could the ancestors of Kennedy and Ali have been among them?

I'll finish with a traditional Irish blessing for safe travels and good fortune:

May the road rise up to meet you!

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Dublin, the capital and largest city of the Republic of Ireland, is situated on the eastern shoreline, right where the River Liffey flows



Irish people experienced starvation and death between 1845 and 1852, as mentioned on previous page.

The Gaza Quilt placed around the Famine Memorial to symbolize solidarity with the starving people of Gaza and the humanitarian issues faced by people in Gaza.

The Jewish leader is fattening himself on his bacon in the meantime. God, sitting in his heaven, just watches.

What can he do, le malheureux! Netanyahu, Putin and Trump are ruling the planet. Peter Chellen



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