



BIO SKETCH

H.E SIR RODNEY ERREY LAWRENCE WILLIAMS GCMG, KGN, KSt.J, MBBS, PhD(h.c)

BIO SKETCH OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR RODNEY WILLIAMS
GCMG, KGN, KSt.J, MBBS, PhD(h.c)

Dr. Rodney Errey Lawrence charted his life's work on the philosophy that a person's means should never dictate the service they receive. Dr. Williams is the son of a career politician the late Honourable Ernest Emmanuel Williams and decorated School Principal Irene B Williams. He was born in 1947 and raised in the Village of Swetes in St. Paul's, Antigua and Barbuda.

He followed in his father's footsteps and served as the Member of Parliament for the St. Paul's constituency for 20 years. During that period, he served as Minister in several ministries of the Government.

Outside of his contribution in politics, Dr. Williams dedicated upwards of four decades of his professional life as Medical Doctor in Family Medicine with specialization in Aviation and Sports Medicine.

Sir Rodney Williams was appointed as Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda in August 2014. His Excellency's appointments by the Queen as a Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George and also as a Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem were announced in the London Gazette on October 17, 2014 and December 22, 2014 respectively.

In 2016, in recognition for his outstanding achievements as an UWI Alumni, he was appointed as a Patron of the UWI Global Giving Week.

In May 2019 His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams received an Honorary Doctorate from the St. Mary's College of Maryland, U.S.A.

In June 2019, the Kazakh- Russian Medical University Academic Council, The Ministry of Education and Science and the Government of Kazakhstan conferred a Professorship on the Governor General in recognition of his achievements in Sports Medicine.

In June 2019, Sir Rodney was given the highly regarded Freedom to the City of London.

In October 2019, Sir Rodney was one of three recipients of the prestigious UWI Pelican Award for that year

In March 2020, Sir Rodney was officially appointed as Patron and he launched the Commonwealth Heritage Forum at Australia House in London. In that same month The Governor General was honoured with a stall and banner in the Chapel of St. Michael's and St George in the St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

In June 2020, he was appointed as a Trustee of the London based West India Committee which was founded in 1735.

Sir Rodney Williams is married, with three sons. He and his wife Lady Sandra Williams, serve as patrons of thirty-three (33) charitable organizations in Antigua and Barbuda. He enjoys lawn tennis, playing and listening to music, reading and human service.

His Excellency Sir Rodney E L Williams GCMG, KGN, KSt.J, MBBS, PhD(h.c)

