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## Sulvaran & Peterson Curaçao

Sulvaran & Peterson attorneys at law was founded by attorneys Eldon "Peppie" Sulvaran & Chester Peterson in Curaçao when our first office opened its doors in 1990. The S&P Lawyers legal team became well-known for exceptional legal expertise and a critical mindedness.

Today, having opened branches in Bonaire and Sint Maarten our legal team remains highly regarded for its legal defense both in criminal and civil law. Sulvaran & Peterson attorneys at law offers expert knowledge, and an unmatched dedication to our clients.

## Our Services

Our areas of expertise include General law, Tax law, Civil law and Criminal law. We offer contract law services, criminal and civil defense. We also offer legal counsel pertaining to divorces and labor disputes.

"We know that dedication, attention to detail and expertise are needed to get our clients the best result. That is why our dedicated legal team is ready to assist you with all your legal needs."

## Meet Our Curaçao Legal Team



Eldon Sulvaran - S&amp;P Partner

*"Attack is always the best defense."*

Last name: Sulvaran

First names: Eldon Felipe

Graduated: 1987

Eldon "Peppie" Sulvaran graduated from the University of the Netherlands Antilles in 1987. He obtained his masters in General Law and is considered a specialist in Criminal and Extradition Law. Before studying law, he obtained a degree at the Central Institute for the Education of Sport instructors in Holland (Overveen).

Peppie Sulvaran has formed part of different commissions for the preparation and implementation of Criminal Laws. He is a well known activist for a more autonomous Curaçao and is the Chairman of the pressure group of professionals known as KFO.

He was admitted to the bar in 1987 and together with Mr. Chester Peterson is a founder of Law Office Sulvaran and Peterson. In the course of time he has been the mentor and advisor on the criminal law practice field for different lawyers on the island.

#### Membership

- Admitted to the Joint Court of Justice of Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten and of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba.
- Member of the Curaçao Bar Association.
- Member of the Commission for the review of the Criminal Code of Procedure for Curaçao, Aruba Sint Maarten and the BES islands.

#### Sulvaran speaks:

- Dutch
- Papiamentu
- English
- Spanish

*"There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why..... I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?" - Robert Kennedy*

Last name: Peterson

First name: Chester Allan

Date of Birth: 5 Feb 1955

Chester Peterson graduated from the University of the Netherlands Antilles, now renamed as the University of Curaçao (UoC), in 1986, by obtaining his masters in general law. Both while studying at the UoC and after his graduation, he practiced tax law, until the end of 1990, when he, together with Eldon "Peppie" Sulvaran, founded the law firm Sulvaran and Peterson in Curaçao, and was admitted to the bar. As a lawyer he is entitled to practice law and litigate in Aruba, Bonaire, Sint Maarten, Saba, Statia (Sint Eustatius) and, of course, Curaçao.

Some of his specialties are estate law, contract law, corporate law, tax law, financial and banking law, bankruptcy and real estate law.

Chester Peterson has contributed to various government commissions, such as on the evaluation of the coast guard and the recurrent conference between the countries of the Kingdom of the Dutch. He has served as vice president of the Curaçao bar and as counsel to different social groups and non profit organizations. At present he presides the Council on the Welfare of Children, is a member and vice president of the Supervisory Board of the Center for Detention and Correction in Curaçao, named "SDKK", which supervises the treatment of detainees and chairman of the commission that handles complaints of inmates in SDKK, a member of the commission that supervises the implementation of the restructuring or reform of both SDKK and the police organization in Curaçao, a counsel in the much needed reforms to combat corruption within the political framework of Curaçao and an arbitrator in the field of sports, namely soccer.

He is also a well known activist who endeavors a politically independent Curaçao in the Caribbean and world. Chester Peterson is a founding member of the local pressure group of professionals operating in this field, known as KFO.

#### Peterson speaks:

- Dutch
- Papiamentu
- English
- Spanish



Chester Peterson - S&P Partner



*"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals." – Martin Luther King Jr.*

Last name: Lasten

First name: Kimberly

Date of Birth: 18 September 1985

Graduated: 2007

Kimberly Lasten graduated in 2007 in International and European Law at the Radboud University Nijmegen and completed her Master partially at the University of North Carolina.

In that same year Kimberly started working at Sulvaran & Peterson Curaçao. She was admitted to the bar in 2008 and practiced general civil and criminal law for several years.

From 2011 till 2013 Kimberly held the position of treasurer on the Board of the Foundation for the professional education of attorneys in Curaçao (Stichting Beroepsopleiding Curaçao).

Kimberly Lasten currently focuses on the general civil practice, both as litigator and advisor, focusing on contract law, employment law, tenancy law, administrative law and intellectual property law.

**Lasten speaks:**

- Dutch
- Papiamentu
- English
- Spanish



Kimberly Lasten - S&P Associate

*"Recht door zee, scherp met passie voor het vak."*

Last Name: Janssen

First Name: Paula

Graduated: November 2010

Paula Janssen graduated in November of 2010 with a Master in Criminal Procedural Law from the University of Leiden. During her studies she worked as a legal clerk for the Den Haag city court.

After receiving her Masters degree Paula briefly worked for the Sjöcrona van Stigt attorney's office before moving to the Dutch Caribbean, where she joined the Sulvaran & Peterson Curaçao legal team.

Paula Janssen works in the fields of criminal and general civil law, with a focus on criminal law.

**Janssen speaks:**

- Dutch
- Papiamentu
- English
- Spanish



Paula Jansen - S&P Junior Associate



Shanti Da Costa Gomez - S&P Junior Associate

*"Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do." - Bruce Lee*

Last name: Da Costa Gomez

First name: Shanti

Date of Birth: April 9th, 1986

Graduated: 2011

Shanti Da Costa Gomez graduated from Erasmus University Rotterdam in 2011 with a degree in Civil Law.

Shanti joined Sulvaran & Peterson Curaçao in 2012 and was admitted to the bar in that same year. Shanti is a member of the Jonge Balie Curaçao.

As a junior associate Shanti Da Costa Gomez has a wide range of practice areas in general civil law and criminal law.

**Da Costa Gomez speaks:**

- Dutch
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