

The Lay Magistrates' Association of Jamaica and its Founder Oscar L. N. Shim is a unique book that was written to provide the recognition for the work Oscar L. Shim (the author's father) did in founding and developing the Lay Magistrates' Association of Jamaica (LMAJ), and to provide a historical record and literary resource for the Association and its members. Current and future Justices of the Peace will find this book informative about LMAJ and the lay magistracy.

Finding a book that provides a detail chronological history of an organization is rare – especially for Jamaica. This book, The Lay Magistrates' Association of Jamaica and its Founder Oscar L. N. Shim is perhaps the first book to document the history of LMAJ. In doing so it provides interesting information about Jamaica's lay magistracy and the functions of its members the Justices of the Peace some of whom function as a lay magistrate.

One feature of the book that readers will find interesting is the biographical profile of Oscar Shim's background. His background will show why he was able to implement the idea to form LMAJ and establish it by doing innovative things during his tenure as vice president and president of the association. Another feature is that the book is well supplemented with pictures that relates to some of the historical events of LMAJ.

One reviewer of The Lay Magistrates' Association of Jamaica and its Founder Oscar L. N. Shim, underscore the historical value of the book by writing, "this book fills the void of historical information on LMAJ and should help to enhance the public perception of the association. Readers will be pleased with the information provided about the founder, Oscar Shim, J. P. the various stages that were involved to launch LMAJ, and the association's growth and challenges. This book should be a must read for all Justices of the Peace."