

Suratt and others v Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago

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The Case

Trinidad and Tobago Constitutional law. In the instant case, where the domestic courts had declared the Equal Opportunities Act 2000 to be unconstitutional on the basis, inter alia, that tribunals created under the legislation did not have the same protection afforded to judges of the High Court, the Privy Council held that there was nothing in the constitution expressly precluding the creation of bodies such as the tribunal to exercise the jurisdiction conferred by the Act. Accordingly, the Act was not unconstitutional

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