

Lester Bryant Bird

Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda

Lester Bryant Bird was born on Feb. 21, 1938. He graduated with a degree in history from the University of Michigan in 1962, where he was an all-American in track and field. He won a bronze medal for the West Indies in the long jump at the Pan-American Games and has played cricket at the international level.

In 1971, Mr. Bird was elected chairman of the Antigua Labour Party, and he remained in that position until 1993. From 1971 to 1976, he also served as a Senator and as Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

Mr. Bird held a number of portfolios from 1976 to 1994, including Minister of Foreign Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister. In 1993, he was elected Leader of the Antigua Labour Party.

Mr. Bird was first elected Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda in March 1994. He was re-elected in 1999.

Mr. Bird has five children.

Janet Bostwick

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Attorney General of the Bahamas

Janet Bostwick was born on Oct. 30, 1939, in Nassau. She was called to the bar in 1971 and started a career as Crown prosecutor and magistrate.

In 1982, Ms. Bostwick entered Parliament. She served as Minister of Housing and National Insurance in 1992 and 1993 and as Minister of Justice and Immigration from 1993 to 1994.

Ms. Bostwick was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in January 1995 and became Attorney General in October of the same year. She was re-elected to Parliament for a fourth term in 1997 and was reappointed Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 1999 she was reappointed Attorney General.

Ms. Bostwick is married to Henry Bostwick. They have four children.