



A TRIBUTE TO  
*Ariel Rosado*

*"Happy Days"* Ariel's favourite words! Treasured words, impactful words that we will always remember. No matter the state of the day, it always ended for him as a Happy Day.

We at Courtenay Coye LLP are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Ariel. He was a valued member of our firm. We are blessed and privileged to have been a part of his life. To know him, however brief our paths crossed, was indeed to love him.

Before we met Ariel we all knew of him - Ariel the Cyclist!! His name was a household name – his reputation as an athlete who made Belize proud preceded him. He was a popular, yet mysterious character! Who was he, Where was he from? Little did we know that one day our paths would cross at Courtenay Coye LLP. A firm, and I dare say, a staff, which Ariel loved dearly. As he confidently said on *"Open Your Eyes"*, *"The leading Law Firm in Belize"*. He was proud to be our colleague, and we were very proud to be considered his friends and extended family.

Some of us worked with Ariel longer than others, but we all got to know him in a professional capacity as well as on a personal basis. We consider our firm a family, and Ariel was our little brother. He was quite a character. A larger than life free spirit! One that cannot and will not easily be forgotten. We could all learn a thing or two from Ariel and the way he lived his life. He lived without regret!! He took advantage of every opportunity that presented itself!! He knew how to have fun!! He loved his tequila shot and insisted that every member of staff took one at staff parties!! Ariel danced to his own drum beat and he did it expertly!!!

Those who knew Ariel well will understand when we say he was a charmer. He could put a smile on your face when you least expected it! Clients always left with a smile, even if the client entered the meeting with a scowl. He knew how to compliment us girls and to make us feel good about ourselves. He used to always say he was in heaven when he's at work because he's among the most beautiful women in Belize. He had 'sweet mouth'. No matter what task was given to him, or what inquiry was made, every response ended with 'babes' or 'luv'. He meant no disrespect and we all understood that it was Ariel being Ariel.

A loving, caring person...our brother.

Ariel would discuss sports with the guys and share with us his adventures, his conquests, his disappointments and his dreams. He made his own rules and lived his life the way he wanted and never regretted a single thing. To him, even the bad presented a lesson of some sort and he simply looked ahead for that silver lining in the dark clouds. He truly lived his life to the fullest and treated each day as if it was his last.

He loved to have fun, but he worked hard too. He took a lot of pride in his work and you could rely on his research and his opinions. He never complained about having too much to do, and was always willing to help you with your work even when he had more than enough on his plate.

Ariel's life seems all too brief!! It is amazing that he did so much in that short time. He excelled at sports, academics, and was a great friend.

He got as much as he could out of his short stay on this earth. He grabbed life by the horns and he rode it out until the very last!

Yes, he was loved by us all! We shed tears for you when we heard you were gone, but we smiled while you lived. Goodbye our friend, colleague and brother, we will miss you. May you rest in peace!