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FIRM'S NEW REGIONAL MANAGING ADMITTED TO CAYMAN ISLANDS BAR



(L-R) Francine Bryce, Associate; Gina Berry, Partner; Derek Jones, Regional Managing Partner; Chief Justice, Hon. Anthony Smellie QC; Philip Boni, Partner and Associates Kate Palfrey, John Harris and Alexia Adda

On 30th March 2011, Mr. Derek Norwood Jones was admitted to practice as an attorney-at-law in the Cayman Islands by the Honourable Chief Justice, Mr. Anthony Smellie QC, on the application of Higgs & Johnson, Attorneys-at-Law.

Mr. Jones, who has joined Higgs & Johnson as their Regional Managing Partner, has been practicing law for over forty years having served first as head of Litigation, then Managing Partner and finally Senior Partner of Jamaica's largest law firm Myers, Fletcher & Gordon. Mr. Jones also has had a formidable track record as a commercial practitioner, is a former President of the Jamaican Bar Association and currently serves as Honorary Consul for Sweden.

In his role as Regional Managing Partner, Mr. Jones will have responsibility for the management of the Cayman office of Higgs & Johnson and for managerial planning generally in the Caribbean region. He also joins the Cayman Litigation team, bringing with him a wealth of experience in litigation and the telecom sector.

The admission application in the Grand Court was made by the firm's head of litigation, Mr. Philip Boni. Mr. Boni indicated that Jamaica has produced some of the finest advocates that

he has had the pleasure to work with, mentioning distinguished gentlemen like Mr. Ian Ramsay QC, Mr. Norman Hill QC, Mr. Howard Hamilton QC and Mr. Ramon Alberga QC. Mr. Boni went on to say that Mr. Jones was of a similar ilk and that Higgs & Johnson was therefore privileged to have him.

The Chief Justice, in welcoming Mr. Jones, expressed that this was indeed a great day for the Cayman Bar as Mr. Jones' excellent reputation was well known and was already permeating the Caymanian community in a most positive manner. Mr. Jones thanked the Chief Justice for his gracious welcome and the many members of Higgs & Johnson who were in attendance for their support. Mr. Jones reiterated his commitment to assisting the legal community in whatever capacity he was needed.

The ceremony was particularly moving, as Mr. Jones was robed by his wife, Ms. Sherice Arman, a well-known attorney in her own right. His son, Adam Jones, proudly looked on, and Mr. Jones commented that it would be his distinct pleasure to see his son called to the Bar in the not too distant future. Also witnessing this proud moment were Mrs. Margaret Ramsay-Hale, Chief Magistrate of the Cayman Islands; and her mother, Mrs. Rosa Ramsay, widow of the late Mr. Ian Ramsay QC.

Mr. Jones is called in a number of other jurisdictions, including Jamaica, the United Kingdom, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Christopher and Nevis and Saint Lucia.