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Photo (l-r): Gina Berry, Chris Narborough, Gaela Bailey & Philip Boni

On 12 October, 2011, Gaela Ruth Bailey was admitted to practise as an attorney-at-law in the Cayman Islands by the The Hon. Mr. Justice Henderson on an application of Higgs & Johnson, Attorneys-at-Law.

The law firm is continuing to expand its Commercial/Funds Department in the Cayman Islands in order to meet client demand and welcomes Ms. Bailey's over 10 years experience in a number of jurisdictions.

Immediately prior to moving to the Cayman Islands, Ms. Bailey practiced law at the prestigious law firm of Crowell & Moring, in both their London and Washington offices. Previous experience at the equally prestigious Shaw Pittman and Sidley Austin also served to hone her commercial skills.

In the Cayman Islands, Ms. Bailey served as Legal Counsel to Credit Suisse prior to joining Higgs & Johnson. This experience outside of a law firm was unique, as it not only submerged the already strong commercial lawyer in the world of funds, but also gave her valuable in-house experience.

The admission application in the Grand Court was made by the firm's head of litigation in the Cayman Islands, Mr. Philip Boni, who detailed Ms. Bailey's impeccable credentials and warmly welcomed Ms. Bailey. Commercial Partner, Chris Narborough, also welcomed Ms. Bailey, expressing his pleasure at this opportunity to expand the services being offered by Higgs & Johnson.

Also attending the admission were Higgs & Johnson Partner, Gina Berry, other members of the firm and Ms. Bailey's husband, Mr. Jonathan Fitzgibbons, a partner at another local law firm.

Mr. Justice Henderson commented that the admission to the Bar of the Cayman Islands was not simply ceremonial, as becoming an Officer of the Grand Court demanded the highest expectations, integrity and honesty of its officers.

Mr. Justice Henderson then congratulated Ms. Bailey on her admission and welcomed her as a legal practitioner to the Cayman Islands.