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Ms. Heather L. Thompson (pictured), Partner at Higgs & Johnson, accompanied George Hodgson, Head of Policy for the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners ("STEP") at STEP's invitation, to a presentation on 2nd March, 2011 in Paris to the OECD Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes on the legal obligations of trustees in common law jurisdictions. Mr. Richard Pease, Partner at Lenz & Staehelin in Geneva, Switzerland completed the panel.

Mr. Pease and Ms. Thompson were available to answer questions on the presentation capitalizing on their practical experience in Switzerland and The Bahamas (as a part of the Caribbean), respectively.

Mr. Pascal Saint-Amans, Head of Secretariat, to the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes noted, "The session went really well and the feedback we received from the PRG delegates was excellent: it was a great learning experience for the whole group, which will no doubt help us to better focus our ongoing discussion on trusts."

Ms. Thompson commented, "It was a great experience as it is always easy to preach to the converted but another matter altogether to convey concepts which we take for granted to a predominantly civil law audience."