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McKINNEY, BANCROFT & HUGHES RANKS TOP TIER IN CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS GLOBAL GUIDE

McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes is proud to announce that the firm has once again been ranked in the top tier of Chambers and Partners, a prestigious global legal directory that ranks the most outstanding law firms and lawyers across 180 jurisdictions worldwide.

This year, the firm received 'Band 1' rankings in General Business Law and General Business Law: Dispute Resolution. Seven of our attorneys were also singled out for special mention.

In General Business Law: Dispute Resolution, Senior Partner **John Wilson KC** received a 'Band 1' ranking. Partner **Sean Moree KC** received a 'Band 2' ranking and a 'Band 3' ranking was conferred on Partner **Kevin Moree**.

The directory bestowed an Up and Coming rating on Partner **Vanessa Smith**.

In General Business Law, Chambers and Partners also conferred a 'Band 2' ranking on Partner **Kimberley Rolle**, an Up and Coming rating on Partner **Gia Sands**, and a Senior Statespeople ranking on **H. Campbell Cleare III**.

This recognition reflects McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes' unwavering dedication to legal excellence, client service, and industry leadership.

We congratulate our firm and distinguished attorneys on this well-earned achievement and take pride in our continued contributions to the legal profession.



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HERE'S WHAT OUR CLIENTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT US:



Chambers
TOP RANKED
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"The team are very experienced and dedicated to the task at hand."

MCKINNEY, BANCROFT & HUGHES
GENERAL BUSINESS LAW
BAHAMAS

Chambers
TOP RANKED
Global
2025

"The team have shown a deep understanding of Bahamian law and profound experience with the Bahamian legal procedures in order to defend our company in court."

Chambers
TOP RANKED
Global
2025

"They are a very responsive team."

MCKINNEY, BANCROFT & HUGHES
GENERAL BUSINESS LAW
BAHAMAS

Chambers
TOP RANKED
Global
2025

"The firm's best qualities are the ability to receive a large amount of complex information, analyse it quickly and relay it to the client in a way that is sensible and easily digestible."



John F. Wilson KC

Chambers
TOP RANKED
Global
2025

"John Wilson KC is extremely smart. He can produce the right strategic advice immediately off the top of his head. He is tremendously smart."

Chambers
TOP RANKED
Global
2025

"John Wilson KC is respected and highly regarded."



Sean N.C. Moree KC

Chambers
TOP RANKED
Global
2025

"Sean is able to analyse matters and disseminate back to us in an easily digestible way."

Chambers
TOP RANKED
Global
2025

"Sean is very responsive and detailed, has a nice attitude and is efficient."



Kimberley A. Rolle

Chambers
TOP RANKED
Global
2025

"Kimberley is an excellent attorney. Her knowledge and thorough approach to work engender a sense of confidence that one is well represented."



Kevin A.C. Moree

Chambers
TOP RANKED
Global
2025

"Kevin Moree is an outstanding lawyer who has taken on the legal representation of our company in court with the highest level of dedication and service standards."



Vanessa L. Smith

Chambers
TOP RANKED
Global
2025

"Vanessa is a very capable up-and-coming lawyer."



H. Campbell Cleare

Chambers
TOP RANKED
Global
2025

"Campbell Cleare is a talented real estate and general corporate counsel who is very adept at drafting contracts, and a very strong advocate, as well as a good negotiator."



Gia R. Sands

Chambers
TOP RANKED
Global
2025

"Gia is an up-and-comer who is a really strong drafter and negotiator."



McKINNEY, BANCROFT & HUGHES CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL *Women's Day*



McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes proudly celebrates International Women's Day 2025 under the theme: "Accelerate Action."

We honor the dedication, resilience, and achievements of the women in our firm and the wider community. Today and every day, we remain committed to advancing equality and empowerment for all.



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ATTORNEY HIGHLIGHT

Partner Michelle Deveaux recently shared a practitioner's approach on Litigation Costs and Taxation in a Guest Lecture to the final year students of Eugene Dupuch Law School.

The presentation offered students an opportunity for mentorship and guidance in sharing perspectives from Michelle's 23 years of practice as a Litigator in multiple jurisdictions in the Commonwealth Caribbean.

Michelle, who specializes in civil, commercial and trust litigation said she was honoured to share her insights and experiences with the next generation of legal professionals.



Michelle I. Deveaux



McKINNEY, BANCROFT & HUGHES FEATURED IN THE GLOBAL ARBITRATION REVIEW

McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes was recently featured in the Global Arbitration Review (GAR), a leading publication covering international arbitration news, insights, and analysis. GAR provides in-depth coverage of key developments, cases, and trends shaping the arbitration landscape worldwide. The article highlights the firm's arbitration practice and its team of expert attorneys, showcasing MB&H's commitment to excellence in dispute resolution. We encourage you to read it in its entirety [here](#).



Sean N.C. Moree KC

Justice G.Diane Stewart (Ret.)

Erin M. Hill

Brian Moree KT, KC

Theominique D. Nottage

Genell K. Sands

John F. Wilson KC

INSOLVENCY

Our restructuring and insolvency specialists have been involved in some of the largest liquidations and company reorganizations in The Bahamas. The extensive experience of our lawyers provides them with the ability to innovatively address the needs of our clients.

INSOLVENCY IN THE BAHAMAS

The suite of insolvency legislation in The Bahamas includes the following Acts and Rules:

- The Companies Act of 1992 (as amended by the Companies (Winding Up Amendment) Act, 2011);
- The International Business Companies Act (as amended by the International Business Companies (Winding Up Amendment) Act, 2011);
- The Companies Liquidation Rules, 2012;
- The Insolvency Practitioners' Rules, 2012;
- The Foreign Proceedings (International Co-operation) Liquidation Rules, 2012; and
- The Banks and Trust Companies Regulation Act, 2020 and the Insurance Act as applicable.

There is no statutory procedure for a formal restructuring or reorganization for insolvent companies, save for certain procedures that apply to licenced banks and registered insurers. Accordingly, liquidation proceedings are the only type of insolvency proceedings for companies incorporated under the Companies Act or the International Business Companies Act. However, a provisional liquidator or an official liquidator has the power to enter into a scheme of arrangement or compromise with creditors or debtors. A successful scheme of arrangement or compromise may result in a court-ordered stay of liquidation proceedings.

RECENT INSOLVENCIES

MAJOR INSOLVENCY MATTERS INVOLVING MEMBERS OF MCKINNEY, BANCROFT & HUGHES INCLUDE:

- *Representing liquidators in some of the largest liquidations in The Bahamas, including international banks.*
- *Acting on behalf of creditors in multijurisdictional insolvency proceedings to recover monies.*
- *Advising a large multinational group with a presence in The Bahamas in relation to the recognition of Chapter 11 proceedings in The Bahamas and a recent US judgment against local members of the multinational group.*



SIR BRIAN MOREE, KT., KC
Consultant

The Honourable Sir Brian Moree KT., KC was Chief Justice of The Bahamas from 2019 to 2022 and was appointed a Justice of the Court of Appeal in 2022. He returned to the firm as a consultant in October 2023.

Prior to that he was Senior Partner and Chair of the Litigation & Dispute Resolution and the Financial Services & Regulation Practice Groups of McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes.

In private practice for 40 years, Sir Brian was involved in international litigation in multiple jurisdictions and has provided expert evidence on different subjects of Bahamian law, including company and insolvency law.



SEAN N.C. MOREE, KC
Partner

Sean is an experienced attorney who specializes in litigation and arbitration, particularly with regard to matters which involve trust, corporate, commercial and insolvency issues.

As an active practitioner in insolvency, Sean regularly advises his clients on all aspects of insolvency law and has participated in many of the major court-supervised liquidations in The Bahamas.

He is a member of the Liquidation Rules Committee and is also an active member of the Restructuring and Insolvency Specialists Association (Bahamas) and the International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals.



VANESSA L. SMITH
Partner

Vanessa has experience in trust, insolvency, corporate, commercial and civil litigation.

She also frequently advises insolvency practitioners on all aspects of restructuring and insolvency law in The Bahamas.

Vanessa appears before the Supreme Court of The Bahamas in major court-supervised liquidations in the jurisdiction.

She is also a member of the Restructuring and Insolvency Specialists Association (Bahamas) and the International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals.



BEATRICE E. MIRANDA
Consultant

Beatrice is a qualified Swiss attorney, admitted to the Bar of Zurich, and a member of STEP.

She has also been admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales and is qualified to practice law in The Bahamas.

Beatrice has worked around the world in Switzerland, Australia and The Bahamas. Her work has an international element with clients in The Bahamas, South America, North America and Europe.

She is multilingual and has managed complex multi-jurisdictional liquidations for years, working closely with attorneys on different continents.