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### Offshore Trusts - Band 1

### Graham Thompson

This pre-eminent Bahamian law firm is recognised for its long history in the Bahamas, and is considered one of the big players in the trusts area by local practitioners. The firm's private client, trusts and estates group represents banks and trust companies, as well as high net worth individuals and families. The private client team handles the preparation and amendment of wills and powers of attorney for Bahamas clients or those with Bahamian assets. Graham Thompson also deals with complex cross-border trust matters, representing both domestic and offshore banks and international families.

#### Notable practitioners

**Sean McWeeney QC** heads up the firm's private client, trusts and estates group, and has decades of experience in Bahamian trust law. He represents institutional clients, as well as high net worth individuals and families that have settled in the Bahamas. McWeeney is known for handling both contentious and non-contentious trust matters; his work includes the creation of structures and the resolution of family disputes. One source observes that McWeeney *"has a very, very good reputation on the advice side."*

**Tanya Hanna** has a recognised speciality in trusts law. Her clients include trust companies and private individuals, whom she advises on trust and corporate matters. Hanna also handles sophisticated estate planning for high net worth individuals and families, including will preparation, and the creation of foundations, trusts and private trust companies. She is *"well recognised on structuring"* within the community, and she takes an active role as a speaker and author on trusts-related matters.

**Ryan Pinder** was recently made a partner at Graham Thompson. He was formerly Bahamas Minister of Financial Services and Trade and has also worked in the banking industry. His practice focuses on planning for individuals and families, both internationally and domestically. Pinder handles trusts, structuring, estate planning and wealth management for his clients, as well as dealing with their various businesses and companies across the world. Recognised for the cross-border elements of his practice, Pinder works with Latin American and US clients in particular.

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