

## **Graham Thompson Recognized as Top Law Firm by Chambers Global**













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Chambers and Partners, the prestigious Londonbased legal services referral and ranking service, recently released its 2017 rankings of global law firms and attorneys. Bahamian law firm **Graham Thompson**, founded by Peter Graham over 65 years ago, once again garnered a top ranking with a "Band 1" designation.

According to Chambers Global editors "This wellestablished firm enjoys an exceptional reputation in the market. It frequently handles mandates pertaining to trusts, private wealth and residential real estate, and is well placed to advise on banking and finance matters. It is also known for its strength in dispute resolution, spanning both litigation and arbitration."

"Work highlights include advising on major crossborder restructurings and the Bahamian portions of significant multi-jurisdictional M&A. Typical clients include well-known financial services groups and prominent high net worth individuals."

Several of GT's Partners received special mention, including former Attorney General **Sean McWeeney**, QC, who is described by Chambers as a "highly regarded figure in the trusts and private wealth sphere." He was previously commended for "his big-picture viewpoint, his greatest strength", with sources indicating "he is a great lawyer - intellectually and practically."

Consultant counsel **Craig Roberts**, was singled out as "a particular authority on real estate law, including title insurance and tax issues" A source described him as "an institution in his own right."

Partner **Robert Adams**, who chairs the firm's litigation and dispute resolution group, is "praised for his sound judgment, with sources observing that he has a good idea of what the court will think of a claim." Clients appreciate that he is "an extremely polished written and oral advocate."

Partner **Dana Wells** is described as "a highly experienced Partner who is renowned for his expertise in property law. He advises on all aspects of commercial property transactions, including the financing, development and sale of notable, high-value projects. Wells also provided guidance on several significant disputes relating to major property assets."

**Stephen Wilson**, QC, the Partner who directs the Firms' Turks and Caicos Islands Office, was described as a "popular choice to handle high-value cases in the jurisdiction. He possesses a deep understanding of the issues surrounding disputes in the banking, real estate and hospitality sectors." Market sources say he is "well researched, articulate and prepared, and is committed to his clients."

The highly respected **Sir Michael Barnett** returned to the Firm in February 2015 after several years as Chief Justice of the Bahamas. Peers regard him as a "very good advocate."

Managing Partner Judith Whitehead responded to the recently released rankings, expressing delight that "the Firm is once again honoured to be included in the ranks of top law firms from 190 countries around the globe, with its Band 1 Chambers Global designation."