

News Release

Rawlinson & Hunter reflect on success of 2007 STEP Caribbean Conference

May 25, 2007 – Rawlinson & Hunter recently showcased their service offerings as sole Presenting Sponsor of the 9th Annual STEP Caribbean Conference, which was held from May 14th to 16th in the Cayman Islands.

At the conference Rawlinson & Hunter was represented by a contingent of partners and senior management from five of the firms' ten international offices, including the Cayman Islands, the UK, the British Virgin Islands, Bermuda and Switzerland.

The conference hosted over 300 delegates from the Caribbean, the US, Canada, Central and South America, and Europe for the 3 day event. This year's conference was the largest to date and was sold out weeks in advance.

The theme of the conference was "*IFC's: The Essential Piece in the Global Economic Puzzle*" which was selected to provoke discussion amongst trust professionals and also to highlight the need for the onshore world to consider IFC's (International Financial Centres) as essential partners in international business.

This year's speaker line up had such notables as Mark Bridges, Richard Pease and Shan Warnock-Smith QC on the podium. Topics for 2007 included an extensive overview of "The Levin Report: Fact, Fiction or Simply Politics?", "The Modern Family" and "Multi-Jurisdictional Trusts and Related Entities". The keynote address was given by Dr. Jeffrey Rosensweig, an international and finance professor and Director of the Global Perspectives Program at Goizueta Business School of Emory. He examined the economic and global impact of baby boomers turning sixty.

Simon Jennings, Tax Partner with the UK firm, was a featured speaker on the second day.

Commenting on the event, Cayman Islands Senior Partner, Richard Douglas said, "This is the fourth year that Rawlinson & Hunter has been a sponsor of the STEP Caribbean Conference - the first three years as Gold Sponsor and this year as the sole Presenting Sponsor.

"We are pleased to once again be involved with this Conference, which has grown each year and has now established itself as a premier event at which the most influential players in the trust and offshore financial services industries come together to exchange insights and keep abreast of the latest industry developments.

"By hosting the STEP Caribbean Conference, the Cayman Islands was able to emphasise the continued importance of the trust industry to the local and international financial sector, and it allowed

us to showcase the strength and diversity of our highly qualified and world-class trust professionals to the global market.”

The 10th annual conference will be held in Panama City from May 5-7, 2008.

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