

## RAWLINSON & HUNTER CAYMAN RECEIVES STEP EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GOLD ACCREDITATION



(L-R) - George Hodgson - STEP CEO, Amy Thompson - Rawlinson & Hunter Cayman Asst. Manager, Alan Milgate - Rawlinson & Hunter Cayman Partner and Chair of STEP Cayman Branch

**May 2018** - Rawlinson & Hunter Cayman Islands was recently accredited at the Gold Level of the STEP (Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners) Employer Partnership Program ("EPP"). The firm is the first in the Cayman Islands to receive the STEP accreditation and one of four Employer Partners to be awarded since the programme was launched in the Caribbean.

STEP recently launched the EPP in the Caribbean during the STEP Caribbean Conference which was held in Barbados from May 7-9. Rawlinson & Hunter was presented with their accreditation certificates by STEP Chief Executive Officer George Hodgson.

The EPP was launched in the UK after STEP recognised the benefits of establishing close relationships with employers. The programme helps employers maximise the learning and development of their STEP members, and awards three levels of accreditation depending on the standards achieved. Almost 60 employers globally have received accreditation since its launch in April 2016. Expanding into the Caribbean has been a logical advancement as it is an important jurisdiction and strategic focus for STEP.

"We have enjoyed a long-standing relationship with STEP locally and internationally and are honoured to have achieved gold accreditation." said Tamara Corbin, Partner with Rawlinson & Hunter, "On behalf of my fellow partners, it is also extremely rewarding to be the first firm in Cayman, and one of the first four in the Caribbean, to be EPP accredited. We firmly believe that being affiliated with organisations such as STEP is a key indicator of our commitment to educational and professional excellence."

STEP's Head of Employer Partnerships, Jenni Hutchinson said, "Accrediting Employer Partners in the Caribbean is a fantastic next step for the programme and for STEP members in the region. The four firms have demonstrated commitment to providing their STEP staff with the best possible learning and development opportunities and, as a result, strengthening the overall financial services industry through high-quality, structured professional development. We warmly welcome our new Employer Partners, and commend them for their achievement".

Rawlinson & Hunter Cayman is also an Approved Trainee Development Employer at the platinum level with ACCA and an Approved Training Employer with Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.

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