



HIGGS & JOHNSON

Counsel & Attorneys-at-Law

Attorneys Attend IBA AGM in Vienna, Austria



*Oscar Johnson, Tara Archer and Audley Hanna
with a fellow attendee*



*Dispute Resolution Committee's Panel
Discussion*



Mixing and Mingling at a networking event

Higgs & Johnson's Managing Partner, Oscar N. Johnson, Jr. along with Partner, Tara Archer and Associate, Audley Hanna attended the annual International Bar Association ("IBA") conference in Vienna, Austria. They joined corporate counsel, managing partners, heads of various law firm departments and policymakers from all over the world through working sessions and social events. Also in attendance, representing the Bahamas, was the President of the BBA Mr. Elsworth Johnson and Dr. Peter Maynard, a former President of the BBA and Senior Officer of the IBA.

This year's conference highlighted many issues including human rights and featured a number of high profile speakers including Kofi Annan, former secretary general of the UN. Mr. Annan gave a talk on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the role that lawyers can play in their implementation. He reminded attorneys that given their unique position they can influence government, clients and society.

Mrs. Archer was a speaker upon an international panel, which included Justice Gentin of the Tribunal de Commerce de Paris in France for the Dispute Resolution Committee's Session on the topic, "Too much information? How many cards do you really need on the table to resolve a dispute?" She shed light on the level of transparency and exchange of information required in order to advise clients and resolve a dispute through negotiation, mediation, arbitration, or litigation.

Mrs. Archer and Mr. Hanna were appointed Officers of various IBA Committees. Mrs. Archer has over seventeen (17) years of legal experience and she along with Mr. Hanna practice in the areas of commercial and civil litigation, law of insolvency, banking law, employment law and IP law.