



Higgs & Johnson Maintains Tier 1 Status in The Bahamas



Through the rigorous and independent research process of Chambers Global, Higgs & Johnson maintains its Tier 1 status with the recent release of the 2024 Guide. According to the Guide, the Firm is widely regarded as one of the most prominent law firms in The Bahamas with considerable experience overseeing major commercial transactions, including M&A, financings, and capital markets issuances. Chambers Global further stated that the Firm is equally well placed to assist clients with real estate development mandates, while its dispute resolution team is regularly instructed on some of the jurisdiction's most noteworthy commercial cases. Clients noted that *"the composition of the team and the expertise on offer allows for the appropriate assignment of legal matters to the best lawyer possible."*

The commentary for Chambers for our ranked Attorneys included the following:



Senior Partner, **Philip C. Dunkley, KC**, *"is a veteran lawyer who maintains his standing as one of the leading figures in the Bahamas litigation arena with over 40 years of experience in practice"*. (General Business Law: Dispute Resolution)



Oscar N. Johnson, Jr. KC, Co-Managing Partner, *"is an esteemed litigator in the Bahamas and offers clients a wide range of experience encompassing corporate, insurance, and admiralty matters, among others"*. (General Business Law: Dispute Resolution)



Partner and Chair of the Commercial Transactions practice group, **Zarina M. Fitzgerald**, *"offers a wealth of experience in M&A and finance, assisting clients with a range of high-value matters, and is described by clients as a tremendous asset who brings great value to their business"*. (General Business Law)



Stephen J. Melvin, Partner and Real Estate Chair, *"is held in high regard for his advice on property development and tax, as well as land acquisition with notable experience in mandates relating to resort and marine development"*. (General Business Law: Real Estate)



Partner and Litigation Chair, **Tara Archer-Glasgow**, *"operates a diverse contentious practice which sees her act on asset recovery disputes and the enforcement of international awards, in addition to shareholder and contractual disputes. Clients describe her as being well-versed in key business challenges further praising her as a tremendous asset to their business who brings a perspective that is always helpful"*. (General Business Law: Dispute Resolution)



Christel Sands-Feaste, Partner and Chair of the Financial Services and Securities, Investment Funds and Fintech Practice Groups *"remains one of the most sought-after finance lawyers in the Bahamas and is regularly instructed by borrowers to advise on loan facilities, as well as securities issuances"*. (General Business Law)



Litigation Partner, **Audley D. Hanna, Jr.**, *"maintains a notable reputation in the Bahamian commercial litigation sphere regularly advising on banking disputes, having represented some of the region's leading financial institutions. Clients are impressed with his deep experience surrounding local labour laws noting it as invaluable"*. (General Business Law: Dispute Resolution)

Co-Managing Partner Oscar Johnson, Jr. K.C. noted, *"We are very proud of the Tier 1 ranking awarded to the Firm by Chambers for the sixteenth consecutive year and for the rankings awarded to a number of our Attorneys. This is a testament to the incredible depth of experience and world-class service provided by the entire Higgs & Johnson team."*

