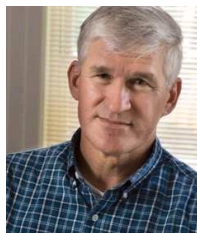


International names to boost local conference

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(CNS): A local law firm will be bringing some international names to the Cayman Islands in the New Year at the Stuarts annual fund conference. The guest speaker for the first William Walker Memorial Presentation is Andrew Bacevich, Professor of International Relations and History at Boston University, who will be talking about US imperialism and its effect on international affairs. Professor Andrew Morris of the Institute for Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois, Dr Richard Rahn and Dan Mitchell of the CATO institute, who will speak on US Regulation and Legislation, will add to the international line up.

Others include Joe Field, International Partner with Withers Hong Kong, who will look at international tax developments and implications; an examination of US, EU & UK regulatory perspectives by Stephen Ball, Partner with Bryan Cave, London. and John A. Brunjes, Partner with Bracewell & Giuliani; and a review of new developments in international corruption and asset recovery by Professor Mark Vlasic of Georgetown University's Institute for International Law & Politics.

Local names adding to the conference include the CIMA chairman and former financial secretary, George McCarthy, who will deliver the opening address, as well as Timothy Ridley, former chairman of the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA), Information Commissioner Jennifer Dilbert, Auditor General Dan Duguay, Complaints Commissioner Nicole Williams, and Head of Litigation at Stuarts Attorneys, Anthony Akiwumi.

The 2010 conference will also feature panel discussions on topics including, Transparency in the Public Sector; Cayman Islands Regulatory Developments; and Transparency in the Private Sector.

The conference 'Global Transparency – Meeting the Challenge' will take place on 14 January, 2010 at the Ritz Carlton,

"The International Funds Conference has built a strong reputation within the industry on the foundations of its relevant content and very high calibre of speakers," said Stuarts Managing Director, Andrew Hersant. "Our aim is to foster continued dialogue within the industry through our international funds conference, in order to enhance understanding between onshore practitioners and their offshore counterparts based in the Cayman Islands."

The 2010 conference will mark the first year of The William Walker Memorial Presentation (WWMP). Walker, a well-recognised and influential pioneer in the Cayman Islands' financial industry, was the founder of Stuarts Attorneys.

The 3rd International Funds Conference 2010 is being supported by insolvency specialists, Krys & Associates, with a cocktail reception immediately following the conference being sponsored by RBC Wealth Management and Cayman Finance. Cayman Free Press is the conference media sponsor. Conference host Stuarts is a client-oriented legal practice offering a full range of corporate and commercial legal advice. They have a proven track-record in advising leading international law firms, investment managers, investment companies and high-net-worth individuals. For more information on the International Funds Conference, or to register to attend, visit www.caymanfundsconference.ky