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'International Trust Disputes' book co-edited by leading Cayman lawyers presented to the Chief Justice



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Cayman-based lawyers Morven McMillan and Sara Collins have between them a wealth of knowledge and experience in international trusts and succession law. The two, with their co-editors Steven Kempster and Alison Meek, spent the best part of two years tapping into that knowledge to edit and contribute to a reference book by Oxford University Press entitled 'International Trust Disputes' that is described by one reviewer as "*an important book*" which "*enhances one's understanding of international trust disputes*". The book provides a detailed analysis of particular issues which arise in the context of international trust disputes while jurisdiction specific chapters deal with the way that those issues are dealt with in a wide range of on and offshore jurisdictions, including the Cayman Islands.

Ms McMillan, Partner and Head of Trusts & Private Client at the Cayman Islands office of Mourant Ozannes and Ms Collins, formerly a Partner and Head of Trusts & Private Client in the Cayman Islands office of Conyers Dill & Pearman, together with another of the book's contributors Carlos de Serpa Pimentel, Partner and Practice Group Head of Trusts with Appleby, recently presented the Honourable Chief Justice Anthony Smellie QC, JP, with a copy for donation to the Law Courts' library.

The Chief Justice was joined by Justice Charles Quin QC, Justice Alex Henderson QC and Court Administrator Kevin McCormac, and was pleased to receive the book:

"I don't know of any other book that pulls together and discusses in one volume so many cases with particular emphasis on international trust litigation. It is also very pleasing to see how many judgments from the Cayman Island Courts are referred to as important authorities - this reflects

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the high standing of our courts in the international community.”

The Chief Justice said that he was particularly pleased to see among the editors some of the mostly highly regarded practitioners in the field. “Given the calibre of the authors and the high standards of relevant litigation in the jurisdiction, I anticipate that it will not only be a timely book, but also a useful one – and I expect to be referring to it very often.”

Ms McMillan was delighted to participate in the presentation of the book:

"International Trust Disputes provides an overview of the trust concept internationally as well as dealing with everything from trusts in divorce to charitable trusts and ways to vary the terms of a trust. We hope the book will give readers a greater understanding of this complex area of the law. I am delighted to have worked with Sara and Carlos on this project and particularly pleased that amongst contributors of such high quality from all over the world, three of the Cayman Islands' foremost trusts practitioners are involved in this publication."

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PHOTO ATTACHED:

L-R: Carlos de Serpa Pimentel, contributing author of the International Trust Disputes book, joined book editors and contributing authors Morven McMillan and Sara Collins in the recent presentation of a copy to the Chief Justice Anthony Smellie, Justice Alex Henderson, Justice Charles Quin and Court Administrator Kevin McCormac, for placement in the Cayman Islands Law Courts' Library.

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- advises more FTSE 100 and FTSE 250 companies than any other offshore law firm (Hemscott, November 2011)
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