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Graham, Thompson & Co. has 32 lawyers in two offices in The Bahamas – one in Nassau and the other in Freeport. There are eight partners and associates specializing in banking and financial work for both domestic and international clients. Our international clients come from around the globe, and represent a diverse cross section of businesses and industries including telecommunications, oil & gas, aviation, shipping, media enterprises, infrastructure development and resort/hoteliers, as well as banks and financial institutions. We also advise ultra high net worth individuals and families on their financial requirements and business operations.

Graham, Thompson & Co.'s finance and banking group prides itself on responsiveness to client demands. Timely turn around is a key means by which we distinguish ourselves from competitors, as is our ability to consider commercial and business implications in addition to purely legal concerns.

Highlights of recent work include:

- * representing a major oil and gas conglomerate in connection with the sale of the controlling interest in major oil storage facilities on the island of Grand Bahama, The Bahamas.
- * representing one of the top ten banks in the world in the re-structuring of its retail and commercial banking business in The Bahamas.

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- * representing a leading commercial bank in the re-structuring of its security interest in connection with a multi-billion dollar resort development in The Bahamas
- * representing a major airline in its refinancing and releasing of its fleet of aircraft.
- * representing consortiums of international lenders in the restructuring of financing afforded to an oil and gas conglomerate for its global acquisition program
- * representing a top tier international bank in the restructuring of a syndicated loan for development of a substantial resort property in The Bahamas.

We regularly handle cross border transactions. Recently, we have seen quite a bit of activity relative to the oil and gas sector, as well as the tourism/resort development and infrastructure development sectors.

There are substantive regulatory licenses and approvals required in order to acquire domestic businesses in The Bahamas. Our familiarity with the regulations and our extensive experience with regulators enables us to provide detailed advice on the manner in which an acquisition should be structured to enhance the likelihood of prompt approval. Further, our considerable expertise in structured finance and secured lending as well as our long-standing representation of major lenders affords us a depth of perspective in our representation of our clients that few firms can match.

From a legislative and regulatory standpoint, we feel The Bahamas is an excellent jurisdiction in and from which to do business – not only are we white-listed but we are also in the forefront of jurisdictions that afford progressive, innovative solutions for various banking and financial requirements.