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'Comprehensive Citations on Robert A. Mathavious' Contribution to BVI Financial Services Blueprint, Strategy and Endowment'

PROGRAMME

WELCOME

Moderator

Mrs Rhonda Hodge-Smith

Deputy Director, External Relations Unit, BVI Financial Services Commission (BVI FSC)

REMARKS

Mr Gerard Farara, KC

Chairman, BVI FSC Board of Commissioners

REMARKS

Mr Kenneth Baker

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, BVI FSC

PRESENTATION 'Early Vision for the BVI as an International Finance Centre'

Mr Glenroy Forbes

Partner, Forbes Hare

Mr Clarence M Faulkner

Managing Director, PMI Global Inc

PRESENTATION 'The Resolute Leader and Champion for Legislative Development and Reform'

Mr Cherno S Jallow, KC

Director, Policy Development and External Relations Divsion, BVI FSC

Ms Dancia Penn, KC, OBE

Managing Partner, Dancia Penn & Co

PRESENTATION 'Eye for Talent, High Performers, and Future Leaders'

Mr Glenford Malone

Deputy Managing Director for Regulation, BVI FSC

Mr Brodrick Penn

Deputy Managing Director for Operations, BVI FSC

RENDITION BVI FSC CORPORATE CHOIR



PANEL DISCUSSION 'Courting Greater Asia Pacific, and the Eventual Hong Kong FSC Representative Office'

Panel Moderator

Ms Ayana Hull

Head of BVI Private Wealth & Regulatory, Harneys

Panellists

Mr Kenneth Baker

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, BVI FSC

Honourable Lorna Smith, OBE

Jr Minister for Financial Services and Economic Development

Ms Elise Donovan

Chief Executive Officer, BVI Finance

PANEL DISCUSSION 'Star Power, Resilience, and Diplomacy'

Panel Moderator

Ms Simone E Martin

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Ignus Solutions

Panellists

Mr Glenford Malone

Deputy Managing Director for Regulation, BVI FSC

Honourable Dawn J Smith

Attorney General of the Virgin Islands

Mr Gareth Thomas

Managing Director, Leeward (BVI)

Mr Jonathan Fiechter

Former BVI FSC Board Commissioner (External)

Mr Barry Goodman

Former Managing Director, Trident Trust

PRESENTATION 'The Void, The Charge, The Sustained Legacy'

Mr Russell Harrigan

Chief Executive Officer, Oyster Global Marketing Group

CLOSING REMARKS & ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr Kenneth Baker

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, BVI FSC

DR. ROBERT A. MATHAVIOUS

Summary of Professional Accomplishments

1977

Graduated from the University of the West Indies with a Bachelor of Science in Economics

1977 – 1980

Economist/Statistician with the Government of the Virgin Islands

1980 – 1985

Deputy Financial Secretary, Government of the Virgin Islands

1985 – 1991

Financial Secretary, Government of the Virgin Islands

Up to 1991

Chaired the ad-hoc committee that developed a draft of the Banks and Trust Companies Act, 1990, and the Company Management Act, 1990

1993 - 2001

Director of Financial Services Department, Government of the Virgin Islands

1993

Graduated from Georgetown University with a Master's in Business Administration

1994

Received the Rotary Club of Road Town Citizen of the Year (1994-1995) award

• 1996

Commenced discussions which led to the enactment of the Proceeds of Criminal Conduct Act, 1997

1999 – 2000

Chairman of the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF)

• 2000

Jump-started the conversation, instructions and legislative drafting which would bring about the Financial Services Commission Bill, which later became the Financial Services Commission Act, 2001

2001

Retirement from the Government of the Virgin Islands

2002

Appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, BVI Financial Services Commission on recommendation of the Board of Commissioners

2002

Recommended the creation of legislation to establish a financial investigatory body, hence the enactment of the Financial Investigation Agency Act, 2003

2002

Instructed on the drafting of a single business companies regime, leading to the enactment of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 (which had the effect of repealing the old Companies Act and the International Business Companies Act)

2003

Advised the Government of the Virgin Islands to assume tax matters away from the Commission and subsequently instructed the drafting of a bill which would later become the Financial Services (Tax Matters) Act

2012

Instructed the drafting of legislation to establish an international arbitration centre to support the work of the financial services sector; this led to the later enactment of the BVI International Arbitration Act (2013) and establishment of the BVI International Arbitration Centre in 2014

• 2013

Conferred the Honorary of Doctor of Laws degree (Honoris Causa) by the University of the West Indies

2013

As part of the BVI Financial Services Commission education mandate, commissioned the writing of 'Offshore Financial Services: A BVI Text', a book written by Caymanian author Paul Byles, and handed over to the Commission in October 2014

2014

Honoured by the New Life Baptist Church as an unsung hero for his outstanding work as the premier professional within the Financial Services Commission and for securing the integrity of the financial services industry

2016

Served as Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands

2016 - 2017

Played an instrumental role in the establishment of the International Tax Authority (ITA)

2017

Immediately, post Hurricanes Irma and Maria sought to see business continuity legislation which could minimise disruption to the conduct of financial services business, and protect and preserve the financial services industry, instructed that appropriate legislation be prepared, leading to the development of the Financial Services (Business Continuity) Act 2017 (later renamed the Financial Services (Exceptional Circumstances) Act, 2018

2020

Appointed as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday Honours

2021

The Financial Services Institute at the HLSCC renamed to, the HLSCC Robert Mathavious Institute for Financial Services, in recognition of his outstanding contributions

2021

Retirement from BVI Financial Services Commission

2024

Honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the inaugural Virgin Islands Icon Awards for his exceptional service to the BVI financial services sector





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