



**McKINNEY
BANCROFT
& HUGHES**
COUNSEL & ATTORNEYS



ARBITRATION

Our arbitration practice has been massively strengthened with Sir Brian Moree Kt.; KC and Justice G. Diane Stewart (Ret.) returning to the firm as Consultants and Arbitrators.

SIR BRIAN MOREE KT.; KC

The Honourable Sir Brian Moree Kt.; KC was Chief Justice of The Bahamas from 2019 to 2022 and was appointed a Justice of the Court of Appeal in 2022. He returned to the firm as a consultant in October 2023.

Prior to that he was Senior Partner and Chair of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution and the Financial Services & Regulation Practice Groups of McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes.

Sir Brian has also served on various boards, committees and commissions and is a former Co-Chair of the Arbitration Tribunal in The Bahamas.

He was admitted to The Bahamas Bar in February 1979 and appointed Queen's Counsel in 2009.

In private practice for 40 years Sir Brian specialised in Civil and Commercial litigation, ADR, Insurance and Banking, domestic

and cross border Insolvency and Private Client work.

He was involved in international litigation in multiple jurisdictions including cases and disputes in Europe, Trinidad & Tobago, the Cayman Islands, the British Virgin Islands, the United States of America, Canada, South America and Africa.

Sir Brian provided expert evidence on different subjects of Bahamian law, including company law and insolvency law, in court and arbitration proceedings commenced in Hong Kong, England, the United States of America and The Hague.

Sir Brian has also authored numerous articles for Journals and legal publications and is a leading commentator on Arbitration matters in The Bahamas. See for example: [Bahamas needs more laws for dispute centre.](#)

JUSTICE G. DIANE STEWART (RET.)

The Honourable Madame Justice Mrs G. Diane Stewart returns to McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes after sitting as a Justice in the Supreme Court of The Bahamas. Prior to that she was a Partner at MB&H specialising in Civil Litigation & Arbitration practicing in the areas of Banking, Insolvency, Insurance, Land disputes, Contract claims and Family Law. She was also a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Prior to ascending to the bench Diane consistently acted as counsel in international litigation involving multiple jurisdictions. She also acted as an arbitrator in a multi-million-dollar insurance claim of a large commercial property.

She has also served as an Acting Stipendiary Magistrate, a member of the Council of The College of The Bahamas (now University of The Bahamas), the Registrar of Examinations for The Bahamas

Bar Association, and the Chairman of the Mental Health Review Tribunal. She was also a Director of First Caribbean International Bank and its Bahamian subsidiary, First Caribbean International Bank (Bahamas) Limited.

Diane was one of the members of the Rules Committee responsible for the drafting and promulgation of the new Rules of the Supreme Court which now govern all affairs in the Supreme Courts. She is a member of The International Association of Women Judges, an Association of jurists from over 143 countries.

She is presently the Vice-Chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of The Bahamas & Turks & Caicos Islands and Associate Tutor at the Eugene Dupuch Law School in Civil Practice and Procedure II.

Diane was called to The Bahamas Bar in 1985.

OUR ARBITRATION TEAM

Their return will significantly boost our burgeoning arbitration practice. In particular it massively increases our capacity to have members of the firm that regularly sit as arbitrators.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ARBITRATION TEAM INCLUDE:

[JOHN F. WILSON, KC](#) who regularly appears before tribunals, both in The Bahamas and internationally. Due to his wealth of experience, he has also acted as an arbitrator in many instances and is an approved arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association.

[SEAN N.C. MOREE, KC](#) who runs an active arbitration practice and appears regularly before tribunals, both in The Bahamas and internationally.

[GENELL K. SANDS](#) who regularly provides expert advice on Bahamian law to international law firms for use in foreign proceedings and arbitrations involving ships and crew members. She has also represented parties in local arbitrations involving insurance disputes.

[ERIN M. HILL](#) who completed an LLM which focused on the metamorphoses of Arbitration.

[THEOMINIQUE D. NOTTAGE, MCI Arb](#) is a former Consultant to the Government of The Bahamas on matters of international arbitration and other ADR processes. She holds a Masters of Laws with Merit in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution, has published several articles on arbitration, has regularly participated as a panelist in several international arbitration conferences and has held leadership positions in professional organisations for ADR practitioners.

RECENT ARBITRATIONS

MAJOR/RECENT ARBITRATIONS INVOLVING MEMBERS OF MCKINNEY, BANCROFT & HUGHES INCLUDE:

- *A major arbitration over the distribution of assets of a multi-billion-dollar trust;*
- *A challenge of a very high value arbitration award;*
- *A claim involving the enforcement of a high value arbitration award; and*
- *A shareholder dispute involving the sale of a local bank.*