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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Leadership Cayman Examines Immigration Concerns**

Sponsored by KPMG, the fifth seminar of the Leadership Cayman (LC) 2015 programme was held on April 1, 2015 at KPMG on Elgin Avenue.

The Cayman Islands Department of Immigration has two central functions: to protect the country's borders and to manage migration to the Islands. In performing these functions, the Department and its officers (acting under the authority of the Islands' immigration legislation) are responsible for controlling entry and stay in the Islands, and for the processing of applications for work permits, permanent residence and many other categories of residence. The seminar objective was to learn about the challenges of balancing, and delivering on, the demands of key stakeholders to the immigration process: the Caymanian public, elected officials, expatriate residents, and the private sector.

Panellists attending the session were Mr. Nicolas Joseph – Partner, HSM Chambers; Dr. Tasha Ebanks-Garcia – Deputy Chief Officer, Ministry of Education, Employment and Gender Affairs; Ms. Lois Kellyman – Manager of Employment Services, NWDA; Mr. Marc Langevin – General Manager, Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman and Mr. Jeremy Scott – Assistant Chief Immigration Officer.

**Ms. Lynn Merizalde-Orobio**, LC Graduate, was the mentor responsible for this seminar and she worked along with current class members Ms. Kaitlyn Elphinstone and Mr. Christian Blais.

To become involved in the Leadership Cayman programme either as a sponsor or future candidate, persons may contact Trisha Meyerhoff at [admin@caymanchamber.ky](mailto:admin@caymanchamber.ky)