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## **SUPPORT. PROMOTE. PROTECT.**

The Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce was established in 1965 and is a non-profit organisation that exists to Support, Promote and Protect Cayman business and the wider community. We proudly represent more than 700 businesses and associations from every major industry sector and have recently expanded our operations to include a Visitors Centre.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Leadership Cayman looks into Criminal Justice System**

Leadership Cayman held the second Seminar of the programme on Wednesday February 9, this time targeted at better informing the group about Criminal Justice in the Cayman Islands. The seminar was organised by Brad Watts, Mike Keesee and Steve McIntosh and sponsored by The Security Centre Ltd.

The seminar sought to identify major issues which confront each segment of the criminal justice system and to advise the group of current or proposed methods to resolve these issues. This allowed participants a better understanding of the criminal justice system and the roles which the RCIPS and Cayman judicial system play. Prior to the seminar the LC group were given a tour of the H.M. Northward Prison.

Speakers for the Seminar were Mr. Ben Tonner, Criminal Defense Attorney, Samson & McGrath Attorneys-At-Law; Mr. Eric Bush, Acting Chief Officer of the Portfolio of Internal and External Affairs; and Honourable Margaret Ramsey-Hale, Chief Magistrate of the Cayman Islands.

*"I would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Cayman program for the opportunity of speaking to the 2011 Leadership class about our Criminal Justice System. The questions asked and the comments made during the evening were both insightful and informative to me as a guest speaker. This program will no doubt leave all participants with a better understanding of the Cayman Islands, but will also provide them with the opportunity to grow as individuals and leaders."* **Eric L. Bush, Acting Chief Officer of the Portfolio of Internal and External Affairs**

*'Understanding what makes this country tick is absolutely essential if we want to secure a prosperous future for the Islands and its residents. By creating a forum for sharing ideas about the issues currently affecting our community, Leadership Cayman fosters such an understanding. This is surely one of Leadership Cayman's greatest strengths.'* **Ben Tonner, Criminal Defense Attorney, Samson & McGrath Attorneys-at-Law**

*"I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. It was a real honour to meet and spend some time with three accomplished and influential members of the Law & Order community. It's an area that I haven't had any real involvement with over the years and that kind of exposure is precisely the reason I signed up to Leadership Cayman in the first place."* **Steve McIntosh, Seminar organiser**

The next seminar will focus on Educational & Workforce Development and will be held on Wednesday, February 23.



*The Chamber's Leadership Cayman programme (LC) was developed in answer to a need to ensure men and women of all types of backgrounds could access the information and experience to help them develop as leaders within our community. The six-month programme is designed to allow participants a deeper understanding of social, economic, business and political issues affecting us all, whilst they develop their own personal leadership styles and nourish their community spirit.*

*Class members interact with diverse, high-level community leaders and decision makers by organising and attending a series of seminars and retreats in areas ranging from business, government, education, media, social services, criminal justice, diversity, the arts and more. A trip to the Sister Islands also introduced the group to some of the unique issues facing Cayman Brac and Little Cayman as our smaller and less developed communities. Meeting typically every other Thursday of the month (5:00 – 9:00 p.m.), the LC group forges strong friendships as they take this inspiring journey together. Each graduating class will be invited to join the LC Alumni Association and use it to network both here in the Cayman Islands and also with similar overseas programmes.*

