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Ms. Dorsette holds of Bachelor of Business Administration in Management with specialization in International Multinational Business, from St. Thomas University, Miami, Florida, a Bachelor of Laws Degree, and a Master of Laws Degree in International and Commercial Law from The University of Buckingham, England. Ms. Dorsette was called to the Bar of England and Wales in July, 2000 as a member of the Honorable Society of Lincoln’s Inn and to The Bahamas Bar in September, 2000.



About The Firm

Dorsette Law Chambers was established in 2008 by its founder Tara D. Dorsette. The Firm is located in the City of Freeport on the Island of Grand Bahama. The Firm looks to provide an alternative to large and medium law firms that cannot offer the attention needed to clients. Clients deserve our personal attention. Calls are returned promptly. We are accessible to our clients and to that end; we have e-mail access and make ourselves available even when we are not in the office. We are committed to personal service. We understand the importance of acting quickly and communicating with our clients on a regular basis. The Firm has a wide range of domestic and international clientele. We are fully equipped and stand ready to offer a full range of services. In order to meet the needs of a fast growing global economy, our clients are served by a highly professional and efficient staff that is well equipped to handle diverse complex matters.

The Firm offers an extensive Commercial and Conveyancing practice. The Firm specializes in Real Estate, Wills, Probate and Administration of Estates, Company Formation, Trusts, Immigration and Maritime.

THE BAHAMAS

The Bahamas is made up of 700 Islands and Keys situated south and east of Florida. Before becoming independent in 1973, The Bahamas was a British Colony. The Capital of The Bahamas is Nassau situated on the Island of New Providence and the second largest city being Freeport situated on the Island of Grand Bahama.

The Bahamas enjoys a stable government and is a democracy. The main industries in The Bahamas are tourism and financial services.

ABOUT FREEPORT

The second biggest city, Freeport was designed by Mr. Wallace Groves, a Virginian financier in 1955. Mr. Groves was granted 50,000 acres of pineland and swamp from the Bahamian Government to develop Freeport. In August, 1955, an Agreement was signed between the Government of The Bahamas and Mr. Groves in order to create a free trade zone area pursuant to its Agreement with the Government; this is known as the Hawksbill Creek Agreement. The Grand Bahama Port Authority, Limited was built to see to the construction and development of the Freeport area. The advantages given to Licensees of The Grand Bahama Port Authority, Limited are no taxes on profits, capital gains, inheritance, income, earnings, distributions, gifts, or on imported or exported goods until the year 2054.

REAL ESTATE

The Firm focuses largely in Real Estate and has assisted numerous clients with the sale, purchase and financing of property throughout The Bahamas. We also assist in obtaining the necessary government and exchange control approvals.

The Bahamas has become a second home to many foreigners looking to take advantage of the warm climate and friendly people. We maintain a good working relationship with several of the top realtors in Grand Bahama. We provide the following real estate transactions:

- *Sale and Purchase of Condominiums*
- *Preparing Declaration of Condominiums*
- *Sale and Purchase of High-end Homes*
- *Sale and Purchase of Vacant Land*
- *Sale and Purchase of Commercial Properties including Hotels*
- *Mortgages*
- *Debentures*
- *Application under the Stamp Act for Stamp Duty Exemption*
- *Purchase and Sale of Hotels*
- *Application under the Hotels Encouragement Act*

Real Estate can be held in an Individual's Name, in the name of a Resident Companies incorporated pursuant to the Companies Act, 1992 or an International Business Company (IBC) incorporated pursuant to the International Business Companies Act, 2000.

The firm also assists in setting up Bank Account for Regular Bahamian Companies and International Business Companies.

IMMIGRATION

We provide the following applications with regard to immigration:

- *Work Permit*
- *Renewals*
- *Annual Residency*
- *Annual Residency renewals*
- *Permanent Residency*
- *Citizenship*

WILLS, PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES

We provide probate services for both Bahamian and Foreign Estates. We offer our services in allocating deceased information with regard to property, funds on account and debts owed by the estate. We provide the following:

Bahamian Estates

- *Grant of Letters of Administration (when the deceased died without a will)*
- *Grant of Probate (when a deceased died with a will)*

With regards to foreign clients, we reseal foreign grants in order that property can be transferred to a Personal Representative named in a Will and/or to a third party pursuant to an Agreement for Sale. Our services include:

Foreign Estates

- *Grant of Resealing of Letters of Administration*
- *Grant of Resealing of Letters of Administration with the Will annexed*
- *Grant of Resealing of Probate*
- *Grants with respect to Civil Law Jurisdictions*

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