**BIO SUMMARY**

**Charles E. Clifford, JP**

Mr. Clifford's career started in 1980 as a 16-year-old police cadet. Subsequently, he progressed through the ranks of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS), reaching the position of Chief Inspector in charge of Police Administration. In total, Mr. Clifford served 17 years as a police officer. During his police career he trained alongside local law enforcement agencies as well as internationally with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Scotland Yard, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Mr. Clifford went on to study law and earned a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Degree from the University of Liverpool, and a Professional Practice Certificate from the Queen's University of Belfast.

In 1997 Mr. Clifford was appointed Senior Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, and was promoted to Permanent Secretary in 2001. In 2004, after 24 years of public service, Mr. Clifford resigned from the Cayman Islands Government and joined the law firm of Quin & Hampson.

In 2005 Mr. Clifford was elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly – 2nd Elected Member for the District of Bodden Town, and was subsequently appointed as the Minister of Tourism, Environment, Investment and Commerce. He served in that post until 2009.

Mr. Clifford has considerable experience in representing the Cayman Islands at international forums involving the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the United Nations, CARICOM, and other Overseas Territories.

In addition to his service as a Justice of the Peace, Mr. Clifford has served on several Government boards and committees; the most notable of which include: Chairman of the National Tourism Management Policy Steering Committee; Chairman of the Air Transport Licensing Authority; Deputy Chairman of the Port Authority; Member of the Cayman Airways Board of Directors; Member of the Cayman Turtle Farm Board of Directors, and Member of the National Hurricane Committee.

In 2012 Mr. Clifford was called to the bar in the Cayman Islands where he was admitted as an Attorney-at-Law. In that same year he opened his own law firm, Clifford Law Associates, and partnered with two other local attorneys.

In 2015 Mr. Clifford was appointed as Collector of Customs for the Cayman Islands.

On January 1, 2019 Mr. Clifford will take up the role of Director of Customs and Border Control – an integrated department which will be established through the merger of the Customs Department and components of the Immigration Department.