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### **Appointments to the Anti-Corruption Commission**

His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Sophia Harris as Chairman to the Anti-Corruption Commission (“the ACC”) for the remaining two years of her tenure. In addition His Excellency has also appointed Members Adrian “Gus” Pope and Simon Whicker. Mr. Pope and Mr. Whicker have each been appointed for terms of three years effective 15 and 24 August 2020 respectively.

After serving for a period of four years the tenure of Chairman Richard Coles and Member Timothy Ridley, OBE came to an end in mid-August. Mr. Coles and Mr. Ridley were first appointed to the Commission following the commencement of the Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Law, 2016 wherein several public service officials appointed by virtue of their offices were no longer included in the membership of the Commission.

“During Mr. Coles’ tenure the Commission investigated a number of high profile matters and addressed numerous changes as a result of the Amendment Law. I would like to publicly thank Mr. Coles for his dedication and outstanding leadership, and Mr. Ridley for his contributions to advancing the work of the Commission” said His Excellency. “I am pleased to make these new appointments and am confident that Mr. Pope and Mr. Whicker will work alongside Mrs. Harris and existing Members Mrs. Pentney and Mr. Hall to continue to enhance the stability, prosperity and reputation of the Cayman Islands through the work of the ACC” he continued.

For more information on the ACC please visit [www.anticorruptioncommission.ky](http://www.anticorruptioncommission.ky).

**Information on new Appointees:**

**Adrian (Gus) Pope** retired in 2008 after more than twenty years with Maples and Calder, the largest law firm in the Cayman Islands. During his time with the firm he served as global managing partner and head of its investment funds practice. Subsequently he served on the Board of the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority from 2015 to 2018. Mr Pope was called to the Bar of England and Wales and admitted as an attorney-at-law in the Cayman Islands in 1987. He holds law degrees from Cambridge University and the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Pope was appointed to the Commission on 15 August 2020 for a three year term.

**Simon Whicker** retired in 2012 from his position as Partner of KPMG in the Cayman Islands. During his tenure with KPMG Mr. Whicker served as Head of Advisory Services for Cayman and also Head of Insolvency for KPMG Americas. Mr. Whicker has served as a Trustee of the Chamber Pension Plan, Council Member of the Cayman Islands Society of Professional Accountants, Head of the Insolvency Sub-Committee, and Trustee of the Central Caribbean Marine Institute. During his professional career Mr. Whicker was appointed by the Grand Court numerous times over a large number of Cayman Islands Companies. Mr. Whicker was appointed as a Member on 24 August 2020 for a three year term.