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Appointment of Judges to the Grand Court – Financial Services Division

Her Excellency the Governor, Helen Kilpatrick, CB is pleased to announce the appointments of Chief Justice (Bermuda) Ian Kawaley and Mr. Raj Parker as Judges in the Grand Court – Financial Services Division.

During the first quarter of 2017, the Judicial and Legal Services Commission carried out an open recruitment process advertising the posts locally and overseas. Following a short-listing process, an interview panel interviewed four persons; ultimately recommending Chief Justice (Bermuda) Ian Kawaley and Mr. Raj Parker as the successful candidates. Her Excellency accepted the recommendations for appointment to the Grand Court – Financial Services Division.

Both judges were sworn in on 13 April 2017 by Her Excellency, with Chief Justice Anthony Smellie in attendance. “It is my privilege to appoint these individuals to the Financial Services Division of our Grand Court” said the Governor. “The strength of the jurisdiction’s financial services brings with it complex legal matters so the appointment of these two impressive individuals will assist the Courts in being able to continue to operate at a very high level”.

Notes for Editors:

Chief Justice Ian Kawaley has served as the Chief Justice of Bermuda since April 2012. Prior to his appointment to the Bench Chief Justice Kawaley practiced as an attorney in the private sector in Bermuda focusing on commercial litigation and insolvency. He also practiced for three years as a Barrister in London focusing on criminal matters in the Crown and Magistrates Courts. Chief Justice Kawaley commented "I am honoured to

have been afforded the opportunity to assist the Financial Services Division of the Cayman Islands Grand Court in an acting capacity from time to time and insofar as my other judicial commitments permit." Chief Justice Kawaley's appointment began on 13 April 2017 until 19 August 2025.

Mr. Raj Parker is a member of Matrix Chambers and has had over thirty years' experience in international commercial litigation. A Partner at Freshfields for 23 years he was co-head of the Financial Institutions disputes practice during the financial crisis, and was involved in a number of business critical issues for clients all around the world. He specialises in contentious matters for banks, insurance sector businesses and hedge funds. He has also handled global corporate regulatory investigations, many involving fraud related issues, in Europe, Asia and the US. Mr. Parker commented "It is a great honour to be appointed as an Acting Grand Court Judge in the Financial Services Division. I look forward to the challenging work ahead of me." He continued "The matters the FSD handles are known internationally to be of the very highest complexity and significance and I am pleased to be able to contribute my experience and expertise to the high calibre of the existing judges." Mr. Parker's appointed began on 13 April 2017 until 18 September 2030.