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Firm Profile



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ABOUT OUR FIRM

We are experienced advisors & litigators.

We've designed our practice to accommodate both non-Bahamas businesses that need sharp local expertise and local/regional businesses that want a trusted hand and 24/7 attention.

That's why our array of services is broad. As litigation and employment experts, we've built legal specialties around our strengths and your needs.

What's more, we often price our services based on your value – not maximizing our fees.



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HISTORY OF THIS FIRM

The firm was founded in 2010 by former Big Law Attorneys, Arthur K. Parris, Jr, Jacy Whittaker, and A. Kenra Parris-Whittaker on the principle that you don't need a Big Law Firm to get the best possible representation.

They recently added highly sought-after senior attorney George C. Missick as a partner. This gives the firm an even more diverse breadth of experience and expertise, while also expanding operations to include a much-needed presence in Turks and Caicos.





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THE PARRISWHITTAKER DIFFERENCE

Doing business in the Bahamas is more complex than most people realize. It's governed by arcane laws and complex systems. There is also a sea of local politics that outsiders can often find baffling and prohibitive. That's why so many global and regional businesses look to us

to meet their legal and advisory needs.

ParrisWhittaker is a local law firm based in the Bahamas with affiliate offices in Turks & Caicos, Amsterdam, Jamaica and The British Virgin Islands. With over 70 years of experience and an outstanding track record, the firm operates on a trifold philosophy: Working hard, Working smart, Working to win.



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Attorneys

We have 4 senior partners operating in the Bahamas and Turks & Caicos. We also have 4 junior attorneys that assist when necessary.

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Support Staff

We utilize support staff to assist attorneys where possible to help reduce legal costs to clients. Our support staff are spread over 4 countries.



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OUR CLIENTS

Our clients are extremely important to us, and we prove it by delivering consistently excellent results. We've provided services to GE, Live Nation, Viacom, TimeWarner, Warner Bros., Amazon Prime, FIFA, Synovus Bank, Luxottica, Bain & Company, MGM Resorts International, Yves Saint Lauren, and other Fortune 500 companies. We serve them with the same dedication we show our local and regional clients. Excellence is our standard here, and we uphold it every day.





WHAT WE BELIEVE

At ParrisWhittaker, we believe the client is most satisfied when receiving personal, effective and efficient legal services that are provided in a professional and ethical manner.

Our goal is to achieve maximum client satisfaction with both services and costs. In addition to ensuring client satisfaction through excellent service and results, we honestly evaluate and advise the client on each case. There are no false promises, manipulative or unseemly behaviour from our attorneys. We are honest, straightforward and confident in our advice and practice.

SATISFACTION

With over 70 years of experience and an outstanding track record, the firm operates on a trifold philosophy: working hard, working smart, and working for the win. Our commitment to practicing law at the highest standards is what we are most proud to offer our clients. Our intellect is guided by our

integrity, and our results speak for themselves. We keep our firm focused, our

growth global and our processes progressive yet accessible.

HOW WE OPERATE

As a firm, PW uses the latest technology to achieve lower costs that result in internal savings that are passed along to our clients. We understand that telephone calls and e-mails are quicker and less expensive for our clients than letters or lengthy memoranda although such work product is necessary in some instances. We work closely with our clients and we ensure that our advice is timely and accurate. Significantly, because of our early adoption of evolving technology, our rates are extremely competitive.





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LAWYERS FOR BUSINESS

We are always available to our clients and are quick to respond to developing issues that face our corporate clients. Our references will confirm this. In addition to the attorneys listed below, the firm uses associate attorneys from our branch offices (when necessary) and other legal staff such as secretaries, paralegals, and law clerks, to reduce costs to our clients by ensuring that a particular task is performed at the appropriate level.



MEET OUR TEAM

We bring each client a combination of deep industry knowledge and expert perspectives from other industries on the challenge at stake, to offer our clients fresh perspectives and breakthrough business insights.



JACY WHITTAKER

Partner



**A. KENRA PARRIS-
WHITTAKER**

Partner



ARTHUR K. PARRIS, JR

Partner



GEORGE G. MISSICK

Partner



**RAISA WOODSTOCK
LODENQUAI**

Senior Associate

PERFORMANCE

Our attorneys pride themselves on working closely and cooperatively with organization leaders and decision-makers. We accomplish this by serving our clients with integrity, total dedication, honest and excellence. Our job is to provide timely, straightforward advice to your decision makers and to assist you in reaching your goals. Our personal ethics compel us to meet client demands and deadlines

as promised, to be a flexible member of the team, and to promptly return calls and emails.

We focus at all times on maintaining excellent Board, management, and staff relations. We accomplish this, in part, by delivering as promised, on time and in a professional, competent and personable manner. We communicate openly,

honestly and regularly with Board and management, always striving to provide supportive legal services.





RELATIONSHIPS

Often, we end up developing strong relationships with those we serve. Our references will prove this point. We believe that developing and maintaining an excellent relationship with your team will help us better understand your goals and engenders trust and confidence between the firm and your company. As the need arises, we will continue to grow the firm's team to ensure excellent and timely service remains the norm for each of our clients.

Our firm also believes in the value of close communication between the firm and its clients. As such, we provide regular reports on ongoing projects. Litigation reports may be provided more frequently, especially following a court hearing or other action. We also are able to meet in person with staff to coordinate strategy, coordinate your company's responses to issues, and to set goals.



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LITIGATION

Litigation in the Bahamas can feel like a game.

To win the game, you need a lawyer who is well versed in the rules, and has the willingness, talent, and wherewithal to strategize intelligently—and over-prepare.

We are in the courts on a weekly basis, and there's nothing we love more than the rhythm, energy, and thrill of the fighting for our clients. We have experience with virtually all the rules of law, and excel in research, oral argument, and thinking on our feet.

Our attorneys are dedicated to resolving conflicts in a highly efficient manner, with an emphasis on providing pragmatic and business-oriented solutions. Our colleagues are aware of our readiness to take action and acknowledge our proven track record in achieving favorable outcomes for clients in litigation and arbitration cases."

- Negotiation of favorable settlements
- Employee & Labour Issues
- Personal Injury defence
- Fatal Accidents
- Construction Disputes & Litigation
- Insurance & Reinsurance



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MARITIME & SHIPPING LITIGATION

In maritime law, you've got to act fast and you need a maritime lawyer. Once a ship leaves port and enters international waters, your rights can – literally – sail away.

Likewise, if your vessel has been arrested, you're losing money every minute. You can't afford anything less than responsive, aggressive, tenacious maritime lawyers with expertise in ship arrests and all aspects of admiralty law, who know their way around one of the world's largest, busiest container ports.

At ParrisWhittaker, we move with lightning speed to arrest vessels or resolve vessel arrests. We leverage our deep relationships with the local port authorities on your behalf. ParrisWhittaker offers a comprehensive array of maritime law services, including:

- Immediate vessel and product arrests, and resolutions thereof
- Vigorous passenger injury litigation against cruise ship companies
- Uncompromising advocacy for the rights of crew members
- Quick resolution of maritime lien and ship mortgage disputes



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PROPERTY MATTERS

Conveyancing and mortgages present an array of complex and sometimes arcane issues distinct to Bahamas law.

Removing local encumbrances, navigating Freeport service charges, and obtaining permits under the International Persons Landholding Act and Foreign Investment Board rules: all have the ability to confound even the most seasoned real estate attorney.

Our experience and precision allow you to run your Bahamas-based transaction without a hitch. We provide all essential conveyancing and mortgage services, offering the benefit of wisdom gained through hundreds of successful conveyances. We deliver:

- Locally specific mortgage review
- Painstakingly detailed title searches
- Unimpeachable title opinions
- The speediest possible resolution of outstanding encumbrances (mortgages, judgments, orders)
- Careful management of Freeport service charges
- Essential guidance through a maze of local permits
- Registration with the Exchange Control at the Central Bank of The Bahamas
- Safe and efficient transfer of large sums of money
- Conversion of sale proceeds into the appropriate currency

If your property purchase is part of a commercial development plan, consider speaking to us about Real Estate & Commercial Property Transactions law as well.



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CONTACT US

Thank you for the opportunity to present this Proposal. At ParrisWhittaker, we believe the client is most satisfied when receiving personal, effective, and efficient legal services that are provided in a professional and ethical manner. Our goal is to achieve your maximum satisfaction with our service, your success, and our cost recovery mechanisms where applicable.

LOCATIONS

The Bahamas

Turks & Caicos

Amsterdam

Jamaica**

Cyprus**

Cayman Islands**

Dominica**

Barbados**

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