

## **The Bahamas Association of Compliance Officers honours Miss. Wendy Warren**

The Bahamas Association of Compliance Officers (BACO) was established in 1999 by the Founding President Mrs. Cheryl Bazard along with the Founding Executive Committee comprised of Mr. Michael Neilson, Ms. Cheryl Cartwright, Mr. Peter Snell, Mr. Endric Deleveaux, Ms. Tanya McCartney and Mrs Natasha Rolle Bastian. BACO is made up of Compliance Officers throughout the Bahamas and is proud of its one hundred plus financial members. BACO, through its partnership with the International Compliance Association (ICA), has produced a total of 229 Certified Compliance Professionals throughout the length and breadth of the Bahamas.

On **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012**, during our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Banquet and Awards Ceremony at the Sheraton, Cable Beach, BACO will bestow its highest honour, ***The Cheryl Bazard Founding President Award***, to Ms. Wendy Warren, former CEO and Executive Director of the Bahamas Financial Services Board.

This award is given to those individuals who have greatly supported BACO throughout the years and whose contributions to the Financial Services Industry and nation building are worthy of acclamation. Throughout Wendy's tenure at BFSB, she has been a great supporter of BACO and its initiatives, making a platform available to the Association to be a Director on the Board; thus allowing us to contribute in a more meaningful and significant way to the decisions that affect our dynamic Financial Services Industry. Moreover, we would like to pay homage to the great body of work created by this daughter of the soil.

We will also give special recognition to our Guest and Keynote Speaker, Mr. William Howarth, President of the International Compliance Association. We are expecting William to officially introduce the BSc. Degree in Compliance now being offered as a top up degree to the ICA Diplomas in Anti-Money Laundering and Compliance. We have extended an invitation to the Prime Minister of the Bahamas to join us on this historic occasion.

All members of BACO, BFSB Directors and Member Financial Institutions, government officials and anyone else in the industry who would like to stand with us in applauding the extraordinary work and invaluable contribution of Ms. Wendy Warren to the Bahamas financial services sector are invited. *The tickets are only \$50* and be can purchased at the Bahamas Institute of Financial Services, Market St. To reserve tickets, email them at [info@bifsbahamas.com](mailto:info@bifsbahamas.com) or telephone them at 325-4955.

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