

## **Scotiabank's Yvette Gonzalez Receives Elite 'CAMS' Anti-Money Laundering Credential**

**Belize City, August 29, 2006 - Yvette Gonzalez, of Scotiabank (Belize) Ltd.,** was recently awarded the highly prized CAMS<sup>®</sup> credential by the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists<sup>®</sup> (ACAMS<sup>®</sup>), the world's leading organization of professionals in the anti-money laundering (AML) field.

The CAMS (Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist) designation is only awarded to professionals who successfully complete a rigorous examination demonstrating their aptitude and expertise in anti-money laundering detection and enforcement. The exam covers money laundering/terrorist financing methods, the best practices to stop these crimes, the key legislation in place worldwide, global AML standards and developing defenses for financial institutions to stop terrorist financing and money laundering. Approximately 2,000 people in the world have been able to successfully pass the CAMS examination, which is prepared by an independent testing company in collaboration with anti-money laundering experts around the globe.

"Earning the CAMS credential is a significant achievement for professionals in the AML field because it will provide their employers and their business partners around the world with the assurance that they are working with someone with proven capabilities in this challenging field," said Geoffrey Chunowitz, Executive Director of ACAMS.

Founded in 2001, ACAMS now has 3,700 members in over 100 countries. Since its founding, ACAMS has provided a global platform for career development and networking for leading professionals in the AML field. ACAMS gives members the insight, information and inspiration they need to protect their institutions against the threat of money laundering and terrorist financing and the tools to advance their skills and reach their career objectives.

ACAMS also promotes the development and implementation of sound anti-money laundering policies and procedures.

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