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**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**THORNTON SMITH'S FOUNDER TO HEAD LATIN AMERICAS AND CARIBBEAN SUB-COMMITTEE FOR LEADING INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, 3 November 2011 – As the British Virgin Islands continue to be recognized as a key player in the global corporate market, its professionals continue to achieve international recognition for their work. The International Trademark Association (INTA) recently announced that Mr. Jamal S. Smith has been selected as the new chair of the Latin Americas and Caribbean Subcommittee of the INTA Bulletin Committee for the 2012 – 2013 Committee Term. Smith who is a current member of the committee will be replacing his respected colleague and stalwart INTA member, John Murphy of Arochi, Marroquín & Lindner, S.C., a leading law firm in Mexico, when his term expires on 31 December 2011.

Mr. Smith has almost 15 years of experience in intellectual property beginning at the Registry of Trade Marks and Patents in the British Virgin Islands in 1997. He presently serves as the Founder & Principal of THORNTON SMITH, a full-service law firm in the British Virgin Islands which also specializes in the provision of intellectual property services to clients from around the world. He is also a member of the *Focus Group on the Review and Revision of Intellectual and Industrial Property Legislation in the British Virgin Islands* established by the BVI Financial Services Commission which was tasked with, among other things, preparing new intellectual property laws for the British Virgin Islands.

As Chair of the Latin Americas and Caribbean Subcommittee, Mr. Smith has to, among other things, develop a network of contributors to supplement his committee, monitor developments within the Latin Americas and Caribbean region and ensure that all important developments are reported. At INTA's Leadership and Annual Meetings, Mr. Smith will meet with other committee chairs, who were selected from around the world, to discuss strategy for the INTA Bulletin.

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**ABOUT INTA**

INTA is a not-for-profit membership association dedicated to the support and advancement of trademarks and related intellectual property as elements of fair and effective commerce. 5,900 trademark owners, professionals and academics from more than 190 countries make INTA a powerful network of powerful brands. Members of INTA find true value in its global trademark research, policy development and education and training. It is headquartered in New York City with offices in Shanghai and Brussels and representatives in Geneva, Mumbai and Washington, D.C.

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