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**William Fawcett,**  
CED of St Bernard Assure Limited



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*We are happy and give glory to God for this achievement. We owe our gratitude to the workers whom have shown a high level of safety and professionalism.*

**Mr AA Atamuno, Managing Director**  
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We are a full service firm, specialising in corporate and commercial law, litigation, clinical negligence, employment, property, insolvency, family, inheritance and probate, maritime, trusts and regulatory.

AFR also offers a full range of fiduciary, management and administration services for offshore companies and trusts through its in-house service provider, AFR Trustees (Guernsey) Limited, which is fully licensed and registered by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission.

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AGP is divided to three main departments: (a) the Corporate & Commercial Department; (b) the Financial Services Advisory, Private Banking and Portfolio Management Department; and (c) the Litigation Department.

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Our lawyers have held a range of responsibilities in global corporations and in government entities. We appreciate and respond quickly to the realities in the new business and financial environment.

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