



Ernie Stone [REDACTED]

---

## Talk about foreign investment

6 messages

---

**Ernie Stone** [REDACTED]  
To: christian@premieroffshore.com

Thu, Jan 17, 2019 at 11:26 AM

Chris,

I obtained your name from [REDACTED] about investing offshore.

I am wanting to invest around \$7 mil USD after April 15, 2019 but before July.

I retained [REDACTED] to find the person with the most knowledge in this area and he gave me your card as well as brochures from the Escape Artist Conference 2018 in Dallas where he heard you speak.

I want to move to Panama, Belize, or somewhere similar and still retain my US citizenship. I will also want to secure a positive cash flow business wherever I end up. I have reached out to you twice by phone with no response, so I must assume you are on one of your trips. I typically do not use email and I can't stand computers, so please call me at [REDACTED] to communicate. I insist that all of our communications are strictly confidential.

Best Regards

Ernie Stone

---

**Christian Reeves** <christian@premieroffshore.com>

Thu, Jan 17, 2019 at 11:29 AM

To: Ernie Stone [REDACTED], David Drummond <d Drummond@premieroffshore.com>

Hi Ernie,

Thanks for the email. Sorry, I thought our office had already contacted you.

Allow me to introduce you to my partner David Drummond. He's an expert in these matters and living in Belize. He can assist you.

Best regards,

**Christian Reeves | Editor**

**PremierOffshore.com**

701 Palomar Airport Road, Suite 300 | Carlsbad | CA 92011

(619) 550-2743 Phone

-----  
NOTICE: The information in this e-mail is confidential and may be legally privileged. It is intended solely for the addressee. Access to this e-mail by anyone else is unauthorized. If you are not the intended recipient, any disclosure, copying, distribution, or any action taken or omitted to be taken in reliance on it, is prohibited and may be unlawful.

[Quoted text hidden]

---

**David Drummond** <d Drummond@georgetowntrust.com>

Thu, Jan 17, 2019 at 12:36 PM

To: Christian Reeves <christian@premieroffshore.com>

Cc: Ernie Stone [REDACTED], David Drummond <d Drummond@premieroffshore.com>

Hello Ernie,

I trust this email finds you well. Christian, thank you for the introduction.

Ernie, I would be glad to discuss some of the opportunities that you can find internationally in alternative investments, precious metals, real estate, etc. I have attached an overview of some of the current projects that are available from our business partners. As well, there are other opportunities from our network of providers in targeted global locations.

We work out of our office in Belize with hours from M-F 9:00-5:30 MDT. You may call our office here on **1.619.534.8075** and Jacky, my assistant (also copied on this email), will schedule a time for us to speak.

I will reach out to you on the number provided just let me know when is a good time for you and what timezone you're in.

I look forward to our discussion.

Best Regards,  
Dave

-----

David J. Drummond  
Vice President of Sales & Marketing  
Georgetown Trust Ltd., Belize, Central America  
Belize Office: +501.226.4802  
Belize Office From US: +1.619.534.8075

#### **Who Is Georgetown Trust?**

Georgetown Trust (GT), based with headquarters in on Ambergris Caye in Belize Central America, is a well-established and regulated international financial services firm. GT is a long-standing trust and corporate structure provider in the country of Belize. As such, we have the ability to assist with a wide range of financial licenses and international corporate structures. Additionally, we have relationships with a variety of investment partners to provide international corporate entities, as well as individuals, alternative investment options. Offering a wide array of services and structures, Georgetown Trust has served thousands of clients over the past 15 years with integrity, efficiency and privacy.

Neither this email nor content posted on the website [www.GeorgetownTrust.com](http://www.GeorgetownTrust.com) is intended to provide personal tax or financial advice. Before undertaking any action described in this email, financial or otherwise, you should discuss your personal circumstances with a qualified adviser-- tax accountant, financial planner, or tax attorney.

**CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE:** This message, the attachments, and any metadata contained in any attachments, may be confidential and may be privileged. If you believe that this e-mail has been sent to you in error, please reply to the sender that you received the message in error; then please delete this e-mail. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copy of this communication is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

[Quoted text hidden]

---

---

**Ernie Stone** [REDACTED]  
To: Christian Reeves <christian@premieroffshore.com>

Fri, Jan 18, 2019 at 9:54 AM

Chris,  
I paid [REDACTED] a considerable amount of money to give me a clear recommendation and he gave me your name, qualifications, etc. and I have every confidence in his judgment.  
I received an email and then a phone call from a David Drummond yesterday, who stated he was a partner of yours. When I told you I wanted our communication to be STRICTLY confidential I meant exactly that. Call me paranoid, but I have gone to great lengths to keep myself off the radar.  
I do not want to deal with anyone else besides you and maybe EVENTUALLY your assistant if you have one.  
I do not want to deal with you over the computer. Phone only.  
If this is not acceptable to you then just let me know and I will make other arrangements  
I have no problem paying you very well for your time and efforts on my behalf, but confidentiality is an absolute must.  
Again, my phone number is [REDACTED].  
Ernie  
[Quoted text hidden]

---

**Christian Reeves** <christian@premieroffshore.com>  
To: Ernie Stone [REDACTED]

Sat, Jan 19, 2019 at 6:22 PM

Hi Ernie,

Thanks for your time today. I will be happy to work with you.

For your information, I've built 6 businesses this year for clients. Four of these were banks, one was a real estate fund, and one as a cryptocurrency exchange. The range of investment was \$4.25m to \$20m.

Attached is my book on setting up an international bank. I don't think an offshore bank will be a good fit for you because of your desire for privacy... these are the most regulated businesses on earth. I'm sending this information to demonstrate that I build advanced businesses on a regular basis.

The first and most important question I have is, should the business you will create or invest in be active or passive? Are you looking for me to build an active business or to make passive real estate investments?

I suspect your tax attorney is recommending that you invest in an active business. Most forms of real estate businesses are passive. For example, rental properties in foreign countries are reported on Schedule E of your personal return, so I doubt that's what he or she is recommending.

Regarding where to operate the business from, there has been a great deal of change in the last two years which has changed my recommendations. We also see change coming throughout 2018. For example, Panama has done away with offshore companies since the Panama papers ([click here](#) for an article). Likewise, St. Kitts and Nevis will do away with the offshore industry on January 1, 2019 (see the attached PDF).

We're seeing active businesses move out of Panama and into Monterrey and Mexico City. We're also seeing activity in Uruguay and Chile. We're also seeing a lot of businesses form in Puerto Rico under [Act 20](#), but this generally requires the beneficial owner to spend 183 days a year on the island.

Active businesses in Mexico must form international structures for tax purposes, typically in BVI, Cayman, Cook Islands, and the UK. Mexico has a high tax rate but a very solid business climate, so careful planning can result in an efficient operation.

In Mexico, we work with one of the world's largest law firms, [Hogan Lovells](#). We also build businesses in Mexico with [Patricia Almendarez](#) from [Shark Tank Mexico](#). The bottom line is that we are well connected there.

Regarding where you live, I suspect you're looking at Belize and Panama because of 1) in the same time zone as the US, 2) sizable expat populations, 3) proximity and easy travel to the United States. These are why I highly recommend Latin America. Also, I've lived in these countries myself, so I know the positives and negatives of each.

I would add Montevideo in Uruguay (rated highest quality of life), Mexico City, Monterrey in Mexico, Buenos Aires in Argentina, and Medellin in Colombia, to [the list](#).

Also, your tax, asset protection, and the business situation should not affect where you live. Each of these components can operate independently, allowing you to live wherever you wish.

In order to make a recommendation on where you should live, and to find a property, I'll need to know more about you. I need to understand what quality of life suits you. For example, do you want to live in a big city like Panama City? A suburb of a big city such as Costa del Este (just outside of Panama City)? A beach town in Panama such as Coronado or Bocas del Toro? An artistic community such as Del Carmen outside of Mexico City? A big city beach community such as Monterrey? A "Beverly Hills" type city such as Polanco in Mexico City? A small but historic town such as San Cristóbal de las Casas or San Miguel de Allende?

I spent 240 days on the road in 2018, mostly in Latin America, so I have experience in many cities and can find the best fit for you with more information.

Regarding residency and a second passport, we can assist with a residency visa in Panama and in Mexico. This will allow you to live in either (or both) countries, open local bank accounts, etc.

We can also assist you to purchase a second passport. The best value right now is St. Lucia at about \$125,000 for a single applicant. See <http://premieroffshore.com/changes-to-the-st-lucia-second-passport-program-in-2017/> (the cost has increased a bit from 2017 when this article was written).

With all of that said, I'll be happy to work with you to build an international business and structure your life abroad. I charge a fee of \$10,500 to research all of these items and prepare a written report. If that's of interest, please see the attached agreement.

I look forward to working with you. Let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

**Christian Reeves | Editor**

**PremierOffshore.com**

701 Palomar Airport Road, Suite 300 | Carlsbad | CA 92011  
(619) 550-2743 Phone

---

NOTICE: The information in this e-mail is confidential and may be legally privileged. It is intended solely for the addressee. Access to this e-mail by anyone else is unauthorized. If you are not the intended recipient, any disclosure, copying, distribution, or any action taken or omitted to be taken in reliance on it, is prohibited and may be unlawful.

[Quoted text hidden]

---

### 3 attachments

 **Offshore Bank License Guide 300 pgs (2017).pdf**  
4656K