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Corporate INTL has been running its awards for the last seven years, and we are proud to present another awards – and commemorative publication – based on our comprehensive research process.

There is regional and practice exclusivity for each category, and so a Legal Award is a significant accolade for each entrant within the publication. The inclusions themselves represent a diverse cross section of lawyers and law firms, as well as a large array of other-industry experts and consultants.

Corporate INTL is read by business and legal advisers, leaders and investors globally. Accordingly, this awards publication is launched in hard copy and e-magazine formats in order to provide maximum exposure.

See the coming pages for details of our profiled firms' and individuals' service excellence in a multitude of practice areas and jurisdictions around the world. Entrants/contributors have chosen to highlight their award wins, as well as their unique service offering(s) and expertise, through industry commentary, firm summary editorials, or advertisements.

In addition, this year's awards publication features a separate Listings section towards the back of the edition – for those firms that have chosen to highlight their accolade(s) in the form of contact details of a nominated spokesperson / award recipient.

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EUROPE WINNERS

The European Union comprises 27 nations with a total population of around 500 million, and accounts for around 30% of the value of global GDP. Internationally, the EU aims to strengthen Europe's trade position, as well as its political and economic status.

According to the European Economic Forecast by the European Commission, GDP growth in the EU, which turned positive in the second quarter of 2013, is increasingly driven by domestic demand. Now, domestic consumption and investment are set to expand further, reducing the dependency of the recovery on the external sector. Growth has also returned in many of the vulnerable member states, and growth differentials across EU member states are expected to narrow.

Europe's economic recovery, which began in the second quarter of 2013, is expected to continue spreading across countries and gaining strength while at the same time becoming more balanced across growth drivers. As it is typical following deep financial crises, however, the recovery remains fragile. Nonetheless, recent positive economic news means that the forecasts for GDP have been raised slightly in recent months.

EU GDP, which rose 0.1% in 2013, is now expected to rise 1.5% in 2014 (final quarter figures were not available at the time of going to print) and 2.0% in 2015, while growth in the Euro area, which was -0.4% for 2013 as a whole, is expected to be 1.2% in 2014 and 1.8% in 2015. After two years of contraction, domestic demand is gently firming as the crisis' legacy of excessive debt, financial fragmentation, economic uncertainty and the need for adjustment and fiscal consolidation fades, and confidence is improving.



In the Euro area, inflation is seen at 1.0% in 2014 and 1.3% in 2015.

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The fiscal stances of the EU and Euro area in final 2014 figures are expected to be broadly neutral. At the same time, rising import demand means that external trade’s contribution to growth will become more muted. In line with these developments, unemployment should fall slightly from its peak, as the labour market turns the corner. The forecast for inflation in the EU and the Euro area has been lowered significantly since the autumn of 2013. Inflation in the EU is now expected to dip to 1.2% in 2014 before rising again to 1.5% in 2015. In the Euro area, inflation is seen at 1.0% in 2014 and 1.3% in 2015.

Within the EU economy, welcome recent improvements point to a path towards gradual normalisation. However, the consequences of the crisis are still holding back growth and job creation and could do so for some time. On the one hand, there are positive developments on several fronts. After years of necessary front-loaded fiscal consolidation, the aggregate fiscal stance is now close to neutral, although efforts are still required in a number of member states.

The European Central Bank (ECB) said that a quick turnaround for the Eurozone is not in sight. An EFN report, ‘Economic outlook for the Euro area in 2013 and 2014’, stated:

“Unemployment rates will continue to increase […] and private wealth will probably continue to shrink in most member states, as property prices have to fall further.

“[…] The [GDP] situation should slightly improve in 2014, with an expected GDP growth of about 1.1%. However, this will not be sufficient to lower the unemployment rate, which actually could further increase to about 12.6%.

“[…] Inflation should remain subdued also in 2014, at about 1.5%. Thus, the ECB can keep its expansive course for the foreseeable future, but we expect no further interest rate cuts in the short to medium term.”

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Brandl & Talos is among the leading law firms in Capital Markets, Banking and Corporate law. We handle legal challenges from all perspectives. Looking ahead allows us to act proactively and preemptively for the benefit of our clients. Our experience and the size of our team allow us to assist our clients in complex cases while not forgetting about the importance of personal attention and service. Leading international companies trust in our competence as well as successful SMEs and rising start-ups frequently engage us in order to cope with the legal challenges of their everyday business.

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BLS Attorneys at Law has 40 years of experience in all areas of commercial law, corporate law, dispute resolution, litigation and tort. The firm's practical application of its philosophy – to provide a sustained and personal client support – has been recognised several times in the past years by many renowned trade journals, such as Corporate INTL, Legal 500 and Global Law Experts, among others.

Mr Wolfgang Schubert, partner, believes that BLS is distinguished from its competitors because of its unique approach. He noted: "The preparation and winding up of both the procedural matter accompanying the legal proceedings and the documentation and evidence on hand, is of particular importance to BLS. To us, litigation does not only mean the committed representation of interests during the proceedings before court. In fact, it includes a variety of preparation and ancillary services, which we bestow great care on, and ultimately ends up saving time and costs."

Further, the law firm's function as legal representatives includes arbitral proceedings, particularly within the framework of international trade disputes. Mr Schubert added: "The times when the technical and economical aspects of a legal case could be solely left to the clients are over. An efficient legal representation requires the economical and technical facts of the case to be fully understood by us also."

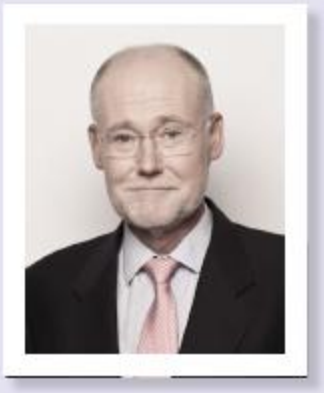
BLS' legal proceedings for the past 12 months include an immediate recall for a renowned food manufacturer in 13 European countries, and the subsequent winding-up of the consequent loss. The firm also represented a leading engineering company within the framework of arbitral proceedings. Moreover, it was involved in cases concerning recalls of motor vehicles in the US, recourse proceedings in Beijing, as well as providing advice pertaining to injector damages of locomotives in the US, India and South America.

BLS is known for its involvement in Austria's best-known cases, including the devastating fire in Kaprun, the Bawag-case and the Constantia Bank / Immofinanz-case. In 2013, the independent certification body TÜV Austria Cert GmbH certified the business law firm's quality management system, attesting to its practice and client orientation. BLS was the first Austrian law firm to undergo this examination. Mr Thomas Boller, partner, noted: "Getting certified allowed us to increase the transparency of our processes and to identify further enhancement potential, thus, ensuring that the focus remains on the core activities. We can address the needs of our clients quicker and more efficiently. On the whole, it allows us to ensure the sustainable maintenance and continuous advancement of a high quality level pertaining to our services and our employees."

BLS Attorneys at Law is board member and the sole Austrian member of the international AVRIO Advocati European Law Firms Association and represents many clients internationally.

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Food & Drug Law Firm of the Year in Austria



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Rainer Herzig advises national and international clients active in the food and pharmaceuticals industry on regulatory issues and represents them both in administrative proceedings and litigation.

A big issue of the past year was the support of food industry clients in the implementation of the requirements of the EU-Regulation on the provision of food information in the labeling of food products. A continuous burner is the support of food industry clients to comply with the snares of the health claims directive and the advice to pharmaceutical companies in setting up their agreements with Austrian institutions for the conduct of clinical trials.

Preslmayr Rechtsanwälte considers not only legal aspects but, above all, commercial objectives in advising their clients.

Preslmayr Rechtsanwälte was established in 1987, it is one of Vienna's leading law firms. The firm is renowned for its expertise in IP law, food and drug law, data protection law, insolvency law and competition law. The firm's clients, both from Austria and around the world, are primarily large and medium sized businesses in manufacturing, banking, trade, information technology, advertising, tourism and telecommunications. A large number of the firm's clients have depended on Preslmayr Rechtsanwälte to solve their complex legal problems for many years. Preslmayr Rechtsanwälte regards this as a sign of their client's trust and satisfaction.

The partners and associates of Preslmayr Rechtsanwälte are committed to serve their clients individually and to provide creative solutions in close cooperation with their clients, which is an essential element of success.

Preslmayr Rechtsanwälte considers not only legal aspects but, above all, commercial objectives in advising their clients. The partners and associates of Preslmayr Rechtsanwälte view themselves as legal guides and problem solvers with a knack for business, who work together with experts from other disciplines whenever necessary. This synergy of legal expertise, business sense and service-oriented management ensures the excellency of the firm's service both today and in the future.

Trade & Customs Law Firm of the Year in Belgium



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With over 475 lawyers operating in 13 offices across 11 countries, Holman Fenwick Willan provides a global and seamless service 24 hours a day.

"We are dynamic, entrepreneurial and leaders in our specialist areas. Many of our partners are recognised experts," said Konstantinos Adamantopoulos, partner. "Our approach to client relationships is built on a wide-ranging and inclusive perspective of each business, its unique strategies and market risks.

"On that foundation, we deliver fast, effective and creative solutions. With practicality as a guide, we rapidly provide clear and unequivocal advice, free of jargon-heavy language. Our commitment to our clients, total and determined, shines through."

HFW's international trade regulation practice advises clients on, and resolves issues related to, the impact of regulations mandated by the European Union and World Trade Organization.

The firm's primary objective is to help clients overcome commercial obstacles related to market access and import and export-related difficulties that result from government intervention and market regulations worldwide.

It deals with domestic regulations governing import and export trade flows and investment, as well as the impact of international treaties on such regulations, including public international (treaty and customary) law; international economic integration processes; and the practical implementation of elaborate international trade agreements and arrangements.

Mr Adamantopoulos is a dual qualified Greek and Belgian lawyer.

Mr Adamantopoulos noted that, in recent years, the EU has concluded free trade agreements with major economies such as South Korea, and made progress in signing ambitious new free trade agreements with important commercial partners such as India and Canada.

"We have assisted clients in analysing and anticipating these opportunities and preparing their strategic business plans in advance," he explained. "We have helped clients access new export markets, overcome foreign investment restrictions, eliminate illegal foreign tariffs, remove discriminatory foreign regulations, and successfully defend against anti-dumping, anti-subsidy, safeguard and trade sanctions proceedings."

Mr Adamantopoulos is a dual qualified Greek and Belgian lawyer. He specialises in EU trade law, EU competition law, including merger control, and state aid. He has worked extensively and has in depth expertise in the telecommunications, energy, mining-commodities, aviation and construction/public works sectors. He regularly represents clients, from across Europe, the US and Asia, before the European institutions and has extensive experience of litigation, representing governments and corporate entities before the European Commission, the Court of Justice and the General Court of the European Union, as well as in dispute settlement procedures before WTO institutions.

Mr Adamantopoulos has authored a number of publications on European law and policy and has presented at conferences on aspects of EU competition, State aid, trade and air transport law. He regularly lectures on EU law.

Formerly the managing partner of the Hammonds Brussels office, and head of their European Law Unit, Konstantinos was operating his own consultancy practice immediately prior to joining HFW.

Company Law Firm of the Year in Cyprus



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Corporate INTL has selected Apostolou & Co. LLC as our Company Law Firm of the Year in Cyprus for 2015 in recognition of its extensive expertise and impressive track record.

The firm was established in 2007 with a vision of becoming a corporate, commercial and banking and finance specialist while at the same time maintaining its initial full service firm profile and set up.

Apostolou & Co. LLC's expertise is derived mostly from large scale transactions, including the lending of €1.5 billion Euro by the European Stability Mechanism to the Republic of Cyprus in 2013/2014 as part of the bail-out package agreed at Eurogroup level in March 2013 between the Republic of Cyprus and the members of the Eurogroup.

The firm is also specialised in: mergers and acquisitions; alternative investment funds-related transactions; swaps and derivatives agreements; advising credit institutions on major transactions and financings; and providing opinions and its legal expertise on Cyprus law on a number of diverse global projects related to these particular areas of law.

Corporate INTL also recognises the strength and experience of the firm's team. It is a member of the Cyprus Bar Association and all of its advocates have read law either in Greece or in the United Kingdom, graduating from some of the finest universities in those jurisdictions. George N. Apostolou, managing director, is a member of the Bar of England and Wales. All of the firm's advocates are licensed to practice law in the Republic of Cyprus.

Members of the firm have published articles in prestigious publications such as Carter-Ruck on Liber and Privacy and Oxford University Press' Internet Business Law Services Global E-Business Law & Taxation as well as in several other local publications and websites.

The firm's client list is also a distinguishing feature, including high net worth individuals and major businesses and credit institutions, as well as EU and international regulatory authorities and bodies.

In the last 18 months, the firm has advised and represented in transactions, negotiations and / or dealings, among others: the International Monetary Fund; the European Stability Mechanism and the European Investment Fund; Deutsche Bank; Barclays; Morgan Stanley; JP Morgan; Citi; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD); VTB Capital plc; Pimco; KPMG; Deloitte and Grant Thornton. It also represents and has advised and / or is working with some of the largest corporate administrators operating on and from the island including TMF, Aspen Trust, Mutual Trust, Fiducitrust, Nexia and Equity Trust.

The firm is also currently co-representing in litigation a Ukrainian oligarch, listed in Forbes' magazine as one of the wealthiest people in the Ukraine, involving litigation concerning a group of companies with an overall value of US$4 billion.

"Our compact size, closely-knit team of laterally thinking experts and our unparalleled and distinctive expertise, when it comes to large and complex transactions, put our clients in a unique position and advantage in that they receive a speedy and personal service as well as a unique perspective over the workings of the part of the industry their transaction takes place in," enthused Mr Apostolou. "Our breadth of experience allows our clients access not only to legal but also to commercially practical and business-savvy advice of the highest standards at very competitive rates whilst at the same time allowing them to cross-benefit from gained expertise by our exclusive involvement in some of the largest transactions taking place on or through the island of Cyprus and internationally."

"Our involvement recently with the Cyprus financial crisis brought our team of experts to the forefront of the political and financial fields as well as the challenges faced by the banking and business sectors and industries on the island, allowing us to offer our clients a unique perspective into dealing with Cypriot institutions or firms, the Cypriot supervisory authorities and for entering into transactions with Cypriot or Cyprus-based credit institutions or companies, whilst the financial crisis was unfolding in the background, helping them to protect and safeguard their best interests," he concluded.

The firm was established in 2007 with a vision of becoming a corporate, commercial and banking and finance specialist while at the same time maintaining its initial full service firm profile and set up.

Editor's Choice - Commercial Law Firm of the Year in Cyprus

A&E C. Emilianides, C. Katsaros and Associates LLC is a boutique law firm, specializing in all aspects of corporate and commercial law, including banking, employment, public procurement and media law. Its parent company, the Law Firm of Achilles & Emile C. Emilianides has excelled in providing legal services for more than a century.

Led by Professor Achilles Emilianides and Costas Katsaros, the Firm engages in both complex litigation and extra-judicial advice. Its clientele includes public and semi-public institutions and major national and multi-national companies.

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Mid-Market - Full Service Law Firm of the Year in Cyprus



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For more than a century, the Law Firm of Achilles & Emile C. Emilianides excels in providing legal services. The Firm is a full-service firm with main focus in all aspects of Civil, Commercial Law (including Contracts, Tort, Land, Family, Succession, Employment, Banking, Competition, Intellectual Property, Public Procurement, Corporate Law), as well as European Union Law, Human Rights, Constitutional and Administrative Law and Media Law.

Led by Constantinos Emilianides and Professor Achilles Emilianides, the Firm engages in both complex litigation and extra-judicial advice. Its clientele includes public and semi-public institutions and major national and multi-national companies.

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Constantinos and his Financial Services team advise a number of financial services institutions dealing with the aspects of financial services law and on all regulatory matters related to the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (CySEC) on a constant basis.

In addition to the whole spectrum of regulatory work and advisory services offered to the firm's financial services clients, the Financial Services team is currently working in close cooperation with the firm's Corporate department to advise on the restructuring and the flotation on AIM of a major CIF.

Mr Messios noted that the Financial Services team at C.D. Messios LLC advises clients on the implications of the MiFID, EMIR, all relevant Cyprus laws, CySEC regulations and directives, and has assisted the firm's clients in successfully obtaining authorisation from CySEC.

"More specifically," he said, "the services include setting up companies and filing applications to CySEC to obtain the relevant licence. The application process will typically involve completing detailed questionnaires of key players; a detailed business plan; compliance manuals, including anti-money laundering and know-your-client policies of the company; and internal operations manuals."

Upon securing a licence, the firm provides ancillary services such as extending the CIF license, establishing branches and representative offices, obtaining cross-border licence to use tied agents to provide investment and ancillary services within EU, and restructuring of the CIF. EU passporting to such countries as may be required is also covered.

C.D. Messios LLC has strong and enduring ties with clients throughout the forex, binary options and fund trading industry. Mr Messios said: "The firm has a proven record as an invaluable key adviser to a number of major Cypriot investment firms and investment funds. The firm has built on these ties, which have ensured a continuous and growing flow of work relating to Cypriot investment firms' compliance and advice."

The firm's recent case work includes securing activation of a new CIF in record time, as well as ongoing advice on a CIF restructuring and IPO, and dealing with a number of complex cross-border complaints against CIFs.

Moreover, C.D. Messios LLC recently achieved the Investors in People Standard (December 2013 – December 2016), an internationally recognised award.

Mr Messios noted: "We are always looking at the challenges created by changes in the Regulatory framework. The new fund regime, the effect of the implementation of Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) – and a whole range of new products that need to be compliant with MiFID and local rules – require constant study and staying on top of our game, something that we strive to do."

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Panikos Symeou, Symeou & Konnaris LLC managing partner and head of its corporate department, advises on the firm's corporate management as well as on companies' formation and international trust. He advises international clients on all investment management related matters. He is a member of the Cyprus Bar Association, the International Tax Planning Association and the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.

Christakis Konnaris, another of Symeou & Konnaris LLC's managing partners, focuses particularly on the governing of offshore related activities, as well as the operation and formation of offshore entities. He is also an expert on providing advice on tax planning formation of offshore companies. He is a member of the Cyprus Bar Association and the International Tax Planning Association.

Dynamic - Construction Law Firm of the Year in Denmark



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Søby & Partners is a law firm specialised in advising parties in the legal aspects of construction. Its goal is to maintain and expand its leading market role in advising the parties within the field of construction, always focusing on prompt services and quality so that its advice has the highest possible value to the client.

The firm is focused on the following areas of expertise: construction law; contract law; professional liability and product liability; insurance law; mergers and acquisitions; EU law and international law; and environment law, among others.

Søby & Partners assists clients in connection with legal proceedings, as well as assisting in contract preparation, claims in connection with variations and delays. It advises its clients during construction and in connection with legal proceedings and arbitration proceedings, and with claims related to builder's guarantees and contractor's guarantees.

Primarily, the firm advises Danish and international contractors. But it also advises owners, architects, engineers and other parties in the field of a construction project, for example, banks and financial institutions.

Niels Søby, Søby & Partners partner, specialises in construction law; insurance law; mergers and acquisitions; EU law and international law; and court and arbitration proceedings. He was admitted to the Danish Supreme Court in 1980 and has a Master of Laws from the University of Copenhagen, 1971. Further, he speaks Danish, Scandinavian, English, German, French and Italian.

Søby & Partners has been a valuable consultant for participants in major Danish construction projects and supply contracts such as the Great Belt and Øresund relations, the Copenhagen metro, subway, highway expansions, offshore wind farms and IC4 trains, among others. It also advises guarantor banks and insurance companies in the construction business.

Moreover, it has also handled a number of disputes involving foreign projects.

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PRINCE EVANS SOLICITORS LLP

Prince Evans is a leading West London law firm with a young, energetic outlook and approach. Robert Jennings, litigation partner, stated that the firm combines the best of 'City-type' skills with an efficient, friendly service for the individual.

"We offer our clients a broad-base of experience and are proud to hold a national reputation in a growing number of niche areas," he commented. "Prince Evans undertakes innovative and highly specialised work for housing and public sector clients, developers and residential/commercial landlords, businesses and the individual."

Prince Evans was formed in 1978 following the merger of three long established West London firms – C. Anthony Prince, Ferris & Evans and Hosettler & Hammett.

"Our Practice was founded and continues to grow on the basis of a client-focused service, which is of the highest of standards," continued Robert Jennings. "Unlike most law firms, we offer the individual the same level of priority and service as we do our business clients.

"Whether we act for a business client or an individual, or his/her family, we strongly believe in getting to know our client's business and establishing personal relationships to develop trust and confidence."

Prince Evans has vast experience in all types of business and personal transactions together with legal issues which are encountered on a day-to-day basis and are of a business or life changing nature.

The firm is committed to providing quick, practical solutions wherever possible. Its service is professional and cost-effective which is specific to our client's needs. The team works to retain long-term client relationships.

Prince Evans has vast experience of all types of disputes and dispute resolution methods, whether before the courts, in arbitration or mediation.

In this area of work, we act for private individuals, entrepreneurs, owner-managed businesses, large companies, land-owners, developers, house-builders, residential/commercial landlords and Registered Social Landlords.

"The practice offers a professional, cost-effective client-focused service," added Robert Jennings. "Wherever possible, we try to 'look outside the box' for practical, as well as legal solutions to complex dispute situations."

The firm's commercial dispute resolution services include:

- Contractual disputes
- Misrepresentation
- Negligence claims including, professional negligence
- Company issues including, director/ shareholder disputes
- Partnership disputes
- Intellectual Property infringement
- Injunctions
- Judicial Review
- Insolvency issues
- Defamation

Robert Jennings is assisted by litigation partner, Anthony Best in the management of the dispute resolution teams. Robert's expertise extends to all types of commercial claims, before the courts, in arbitration and mediation. He handles a broad-range of residential/commercial property disputes, including all types of contentious (including adjudication) and non-contentious construction work, Robert also specialises in all aspects of employment law and TUPE.

Client Choice - Litigation Law Firm of the Year in England / Oil & Gas Litigation Law Firm of the Year in England / AIM Law Firm of the Year in England

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About Kerman & Co.
Kerman & Co. is a corporate and commercial law firm with offices in London and Dublin. It delivers high quality legal services to clients across a range of specialist sectors and has a long-standing reputation for successfully managing complex deals and disputes. All matters are managed by experienced and commercially astute partners, who are committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes for the firm's clients.

Kerman & Co. is a member of the Alliuris Group which enables it to provide clients with access to a network of well respected lawyers across EMEA, Asia and America. The firm has also won a number of awards and is recognised in the leading legal directories.

The firm is extremely proud to have won three awards this year; Litigation Law Firm of the Year (Client Choice), Oil & Gas Litigation Law Firm of the Year and AIM Law Firm of the Year.

1. Litigation Law Firm of the Year in England (Client Choice)
In the last few years, Kerman & Co.'s experienced dispute resolution team has come to greater prominence amongst larger City and Magic Circle law firms through winning and retaining quality work and clients.

The team advises on a wide variety of commercial disputes, including commercial contracts, oil and gas contracts, natural resources, company and partnership disputes, minority shareholder claims, professional negligence, injunctive relief, mediation, arbitration (including under the LCIA, ICSID and ICC rules), matrimonial, freight forwarding, intellectual property, sport and media-related cases, opposition and trade mark infringement proceedings, defamation, data scraping and property disputes.

2. Oil & Gas Litigation Law Firm of the Year in England
Kerman & Co. has continued to grow its international arbitration and litigation practice in the oil and gas sector, including through leveraging the firm's high ranking in the Adviser's Rankings Guide on AIM, to act for both long-standing and new clients in the protection or enforcement of their rights in the oil and gas industry.

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The practice has significant experience advising clients in the oil and gas sector, many of whom own interests in exploration and early stage production assets. Most have international interests and the team is also adept at coordinating lawyers and project managing international disputes where necessary. The team has played a crucial role in the safeguarding of client assets, interests and rights internationally, including in Europe, the US, Russia and the CIS and Africa.

Clients appreciate the expertise and hands on approach of the firm's partners, who are at the forefront of the strategic decision making and case management from start to finish. Their accessibility to clients and commercial pragmatism ensure that the teams deployed in any contentious matter quickly become an extension of the client, thereby ensuring confident, cost effective decision making and a smoothing of the inevitable upheaval that any litigation causes the client's business.

Typically Kerman & Co. advises oil & gas clients on arbitration matters valued at between $10 and $500 million.

3. AIM Law Firm of the Year in England
Kerman & Co. is an acknowledged market leader ranked in the top 10 of all law firms in England & Wales for advising AIM clients on a range of matters, including pre-IPO fundraising, admission to the public markets, due diligence and verification. Our capital markets team is recognised as one of the most active and successful in equity fundraisings and stock exchange transactions. The team works closely with clients and their professional advisers, to project manage all aspects of the IPO process to ensure it is achieved on time and on budget. The Partner led team then continue to provide on-going legal services to clients post IPO to meet their corporate and regulatory needs, including advising on institutional placings, acquisitions, takeovers, schemes of arrangement and disposals.

The team has significant experience of listing foreign holding companies on AIM, having listed companies incorporated in: the UK, The Channel Islands, Isle of Man, the British Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Cyprus and Singapore.

International clients, who may be unfamiliar with the UK capital markets, are offered a packaged solution which includes; identifying and introducing appropriate brokers, nomads, accountants, registrars, company secretaries and PR advisers who will be appropriate for the nature and size of the transaction being undertaken.

The team works with companies operating in a broad variety of sectors, but has particular expertise working with natural resources, agriculture and technology focused clients.

Kerman & Co. currently advises 35 AIM clients operating in 28 countries.

Client Choice - Yacht Law Firm of the Year in England



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Quentin Bargate has many years' experience in the niche area of superyachts. He and his team have been involved in a wide variety of different yacht-related matters ranging from negotiating yacht-build contracts to the sale and purchase of yachts. Mr Bargate is a member of the Cayman Islands Shipowners Advisory Council (CISAC) – Yacht Committee. He holds a Master's degree in Marine Law, is a member of the LMAA, the Nautical Institute and the IOD, and a Freeman of the City of London.

Over many years, Bargate Murray has developed in-depth experience in this niche area, where confidentiality and personal service are essential. Using its expertise in drafting, negotiation and analysis, the firm facilitates the sale, maintenance, purchase and construction of large, luxury yachts, commonly known as mega yachts or superyachts.

"We are a world class law firm and our strapline "Business Matters" says it all. Our advice is always tailored to the individual client and we ensure that we adapt our working practices to suit each client's needs – rather than the other way around as can often be the case."

Discussing the main legal issues associated with yacht law, Mr Bargate noted that most of the firm's clients like to use and enjoy their yachts in the Mediterranean. As a result, one of the most common issues they face is VAT which is regulated at EU level, but subject to slightly different interpretations from member state to member state.

"This necessarily requires us to work with local law firms in France, Italy and other jurisdictions to put together a complete 'VAT solution' for our clients," he explained. "Collating advice from various different sources and delivering it in a cogent and practical form is something we have been particularly successful at in recent years and something our clients particularly value."

Bargate Murray has modelled its business around being able to provide answers and solve problems for its clients – not just VAT related – irrespective of the number of jurisdictions or disciplines involved. The firm has a network of other law firms and service providers that it works with on an ad hoc basis, which keeps costs down without compromising on the quality of the services it provides.

"One of the keys to our success has been the approach we take to solving our clients' legal issues," said Mr Bargate. "Again it keeps coming back to the holistic approach we take which might include considering maritime, tax and litigation risk issues."

Bargate Murray's key objective in the next 12 months is to continue to facilitate the growth of the firm, whilst improving upon, rather than compromising (as can be the case with firms undergoing growth) the quality of its services and the experiences its clients have when working with the firm.

As Mr Bargate concludes, "there are a number of avenues we are exploring in order to best achieve this goal, from internal structuring through to adding to our traditional practice areas".

Bargate Murray's key objective is to continue to facilitate the growth of the firm.

Editor's Choice - Litigation Law Firm of the Year in England

"Quentin and Bargate Murray are no nonsense lawyers who know their oats and fight for their clients. They call a spade a spade so you know exactly where you are with them. You can expect high quality advice and action (where required)"

Quote from one of our clients



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Individual - Anglo-Portuguese M&A Lawyer of the Year in England



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Maria Antonia Cameira is the managing partner of CL@Cameira Legal, leading Portuguese and Brazilian law firm with its roots in the City of London and Lisbon, a prestigious, international client base and a reputation for excellence.

The firm was established over a decade ago, with the objective of creating a unique legal bridge linking international investors carrying out business through the UK's financial centre to Portugal and, particularly, Brazil.

"At Cameira Legal we bring a creative, quality and business-aware approach to all of our work, no matter the complexity," said Ms Cameira. "Our genuine commitment to understanding and supporting clients by building stronger, deeper, more mutually beneficial relationships brings about a straightforward commercial and dynamic approach. We enjoy close working relationships with leading law firms across the world.

"The wider economic environment remains a significant challenge. Our particular strengths as a firm have helped us to remain busy and provide a positive and constructive service to all our clients. We firmly believe in maintaining a sense of perspective - our clients will certainly be best served if an element of warmth and humour is in the mix."

Cameira Legal provides its corporate and investment banking clients with technical and commercial advice on all aspects of M&A and corporate finance transactions.

"For each transaction, we learn about your specific requirements and ensure that our legal services are tailored in the way that best suits them," added Ms Cameira.

Clients benefit from the firm's comprehensive expertise across all corporate disciplines, including: public and private M&A; joint ventures; growth by alternatives to M&A; and corporate advisory.

CL@Cameira Legal has represented several national and international clients in M&A and joint ventures across different economic spheres of activity.

"Our experience extends beyond transactional work and we also look after our clients through every stage of the company life-cycle," continued Ms Cameira. "Our M&A and Corporate Finance practice is well supported by expertise from our other practice areas such as Tax, Capital Markets and Securities, and Real Estate."

Maria Antonia Cameira's practice focus on cross-border mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions. She has advised in numerous acquisitions and private equity deals of international investors in Portugal, Brazil, Mozambique, Angola and China.

Her career began in Brazil 30 years ago, where she was a member of a Portuguese and Brazilian leading law firm. She then moved to Paris where she worked as an associate to a leading French law firm and later on to London where she has been associated with several Anglo-Portuguese-Brazilian legal projects, advising in a broad range of the transactions ranging from project development and financing to real estate transactions, acting for equity investors, developers, and lenders.

She has also been advising leading European Insurers in major insurance projects acting for English, German and French insurers in the Portuguese market.

She has advised leading providers of consumer loans and credit cards in the Portuguese market acting as a specialist of competition and consumer protection Portuguese law.

She has a vast experience in dispute resolution having acted successfully for English leading transport companies in disputes involving the Portuguese State.

She has advised leading English Energy Companies in setting up third party access projects in Portugal.

She has also experience in international tax matters having advised previously in tax related M&A acquisitions and Tax planning matters.

She is national reporter for the Mergers & Acquisitions and Company Law Commissions of the International Union of Lawyers (UIA - Union Internationale des Advocats). Maria Antónia has published several works on Governance, Corporate and Project Finance Structures as well as on M&A. She is now serving as national president of the UIA and sitting on in its governing board.

After obtaining her law degree, she lectured for several years at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon, Universidade Internacional, Universidade Lusófona and Universidade Livre.

Education and Other Qualifications:

- 1982-1983 Course on "Technology Transfer Agreements in Latin America", Getúlio Vargas Foundation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 1982 Course in Criminal Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, having submitted a thesis on "Deterrence Measures in the Future of Criminal Law"
- 1976-1981 Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, graduate with a final average of 14/20
- 1974-1975 Certificate of Proficiency in English course at "Cambridge School" - Lisbon
- 1967-1974 Attended secondary studies at Liceu Rainha D. Amélia, Lisbon, graduated with a final average of 14/20
- 1963/1967 Primary Studies held at the Dominicans Public School of Lisbon

Professional Associations and Affiliations:

- Member of the Portuguese Bar Association.
- Member of the Brazilian Bar Association.
- Fellow Member of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies United Kingdom.
- Fellow Member of the "Union International des Avocats". National reporter for the Mergers and Acquisitions and Company Law Commissions.

Individual - Financial Transactions Lawyer of the Year in England



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Lewis Hymanson Small Solicitors LLP is a full service commercial law firm in Manchester with a national and international client portfolio.

"The key to a successful client relationship is us understanding what it is that you, the client, wants to achieve, and then tailoring our service accordingly to ensure this happens," said Ian Lewis, partner.

"Whether the aim is to buy or sell a business or property, or resolve an employment dispute, we will take the time to discuss and assess what the best solution is in your case.

"We are always conscious of keeping costs under control and that is why we will discuss these with you on an ongoing basis to ensure there are no surprises."

Mr Lewis specialises in all areas of Professional Discipline and Legal Expenses Insurance. He is also an experienced criminal practitioner. Mr Lewis advises on all areas of police law with particular emphasis on misconduct proceedings, judicial review and inquests. For the past 20 years Mr Lewis has been the sole appointed Solicitor for the Police Superintendents Association of England and Wales. Chambers states that "on all the ritzy Police cases" and is a "classy operator with a clever practice". The Legal 500 describes Mr Lewis as a "superb strategist and tactician".

Over a number of years Mr Lewis has expanded the Professional Discipline area to include other professions such as Solicitors, Barristers, Surveyors, Dentists and Pharmacists. Associations including CPOSA, G4S Staff and TV Licensing Officers regard Mr Lewis as their preferred choice.

Mr Lewis has wide experience of representing businessmen involved in criminal litigation. He has defended prosecutions brought by the Crown Prosecution Service, SOCA, IPCC and HMRC.

Mr Lewis has been involved in a number of cases that have helped shape policing in the 21st century. Marchioness, Stephen Lawrence, Victoria Climbie, Nichulas Van Hoogstraten, Deepcut, Ray Mallon (zero tolerance) Commander Dizaei (2003) and the Inquests into the deaths of Diana, Princess of Wales and Dodi Al Fayed. He is presently representing Senior Officers in the Hillsborough Inquest.

As part of the criminal work that Mr Lewis undertakes he is a Grade A fee earner for Very High Cost Cases operated by the Legal Services Commission. He is currently instructed on a number of Very High Cost Cases involving conspiracy to defraud, conspiracy to supply, perverting the course of justice and numerous money laundering cases.

Mr Lewis' past and current caseload includes:

- Raul Moat Inquiry
- R v Harper
- The Stephen Lawrence Inquiry
- R v Powel (Lynette White murder)
- Kirk Reid Inquiry (Sapphire)
- Stuart Lubbock Inquiry (Michael Barrymore)
- The Hillsborough Inquests and Criminal Investigation
- Operation Kalmia
- Daniel Morgan Inquiry
- Operation Elveden
- R v Dizaei
- Operation Weeting
- Operation Enigma
- Macur Inquiry
- Rhodes v PCC
- R v Friesner
- R v Fowler (and others)
- R v White (and others)

Legal Risk Management Law Firm of the Year in England





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BLM is the UK and Ireland's leading risk and insurance law business, with over 190 partners and 800 lawyers and technical experts dedicated to risk and insurance. We are a £100m business and operate from 14 offices across England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Our reputation rests on our ability to provide solutions that are clear and concise. Everything we do is designed to listen to our customers' concerns and to reduce the impact of risk to their organisations.

BLM has dedicated sector groups and two of those sectors are the corporate and broking sectors, led by Helen Grimberg and Helen Devery respectively. These dynamic teams are some of the most established in undertaking cross-corporate and cross-insurance work.

BLM has a long history of advising some of the largest FTSE250 businesses in the country and our portfolio of clients also includes international brands and businesses, including manufacturers, retailers, hotel chains and leisure groups.

We support our customers on risk avoidance strategy by using our insight and knowledge of handling litigation, we analyse where things have gone wrong and why, and advise on how to avoid similar issues occurring in the future.

Risk control underpins the BLM offering and our teams provide ideas, innovation, thought leadership and commercial solutions for companies to help manage and reduce their total cost of risk. The offering includes directors' briefings, risk audits, defensibility and major incident response training, fraud detection services, HR and employment advice, product liability reviews, cyber control and reputational risk advice.

These services are designed to support both the private and public sectors with specialists on hand to deliver insight into their specific issues and solutions that work for them. At BLM, we identify ways of minimising the risk of exposure to losses and claims and avoid the diversion of resource across your organisation.

Here is a snapshot of how we help support our customers with our focus on risk control:

- We provide directors and senior managers' liability training to encourage knowledge and ownership of risk at all levels
- We train managers on incident response and claims defensibility (over 3,000 trained to date)
- We prepare advisories on employment and HR guidance and undertake employment risk audits
- We review companies' exposures to cyber risk and advise on how to reduce exposure
- We implement and manage product recall and liability programmes
- We create lessons learned and best practice programmes for industries
- We create and develop fraud detection services
- We undertake contract risk audits and reviews to improve a business's exposure to contractual issues
- We work with fleets to manage driver risk and have a team dedicated to maximising recoveries for non fault incidents, bringing money back into the business wherever possible

Risk control is part of what we do and our customers rely on us to deliver this through insight, innovation and results. We are delighted to be recognised as the risk management law firm of the year. This award reflects the hard work of the teams across BLM to reduce exposures to risk and to put our customers at the centre of this risk control.

Probate Law Firm of the Year in England



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Thursfields LLP is one of the region's longest established and reputable law firms. With more than 100 staff in three offices across Worcestershire, it has the resources and expertise to provide a full range of legal services to businesses as well as individuals. It has been awarded the industry quality standard of excellence, Lexcel – level four, making it one of the first legal practices in the region to achieve this new level of accreditation.

The firm's philosophy is to offer practical, real advice and solutions to legal problems, using its proven specialist expertise in all areas of the law to achieve the best possible outcome. Its lawyers have many years of experience advising all types of commercial clients, from small family businesses to listed companies, throughout the West Midlands and beyond. It aims to develop a strong working relationship with clients and understand their businesses.

Thursfields handles business start-up, commercial, litigation, commercial property, corporate, debt recovery, employment, mediation, insolvency and healthcare. The firm's ability to provide specialist expertise to individuals enables its lawyers to help clients face changing circumstances at home or work.

Its services to individuals include: dispute resolution, employment, family, wills & estates, personal injury, residential property, care proceedings and insolvency.

The firm's dedicated and experienced team can provide specialist advice, tailored to individual circumstances. This includes: dying without a will; inheritance tax; LPA and Court of Protection; making a will; reviewing your will when purchasing property; wills, tax planning and IHT; wills – transferable nil-rate band; and your will – property purchases by cohabitees. Its members are also part of the organisation Solicitors for the Elderly.

Steve Pitts, Thursfields partner, has specialised in wills, administration of estates, trusts, IHT planning and court of protection work since 1977. He provides advice on financial responsibility and funding for long-term care, including NHS funded care. He also works with the Court of Protection and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

His other areas of specialisation also include: estate planning using wills, trusts and lifetime giving; living wills; power of attorney; probate and the administration of estates; residential and nursing home contracts; tax planning; the provision of home care; and trust administration.

Steve Pitts, Thursfields partner, has specialised in wills, administration of estates, trusts, IHT planning and court of protection work since 1977.

In addition, he is a solicitor and a member of the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners (STEP), the Law Society's Probate Section, Solicitors for the Elderly and the Agricultural Law Association. He is also on the reserve list of the Court of Protection's Independent Panel of Deputies.

Mr Pitts' success is based on his ability to listen and understand the needs of his clients and then tailor individual solutions. His warm approach and professional commitment means he is always willing to go the extra mile.

Professional Liability Law Firm of the Year in England



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Matthew Wilkinson Solicitors, located in Middlesbrough, has more than 30 years' experience providing a range of legal services. The firm specialises in cases against lawyers from all around England and Wales. At the end of 2011 it opened an office in London to help service its professional negligence clients. The firm continues to run cases from Middlesbrough due to the lower cost base, which enables it to keep fee rates down.

Over the years Matthew Wilkinson, partner, has developed a niche practice, and professional negligence claims against lawyers has become the firm's biggest practice area. Matthew Wilkinson Solicitors now has three lawyers specialising in professional negligence claims against lawyers.

The firm's legal experts specialise in professional negligence claims against solicitors and other lawyers, and have more than 25 years' experience pursuing solicitor negligence claims. They have experience dealing with cases involving many different subject matters including litigation and non-contentious work both advisory and transactional. In addition to the expertise of its solicitors, the firm has the further expertise of specialist counsel and other experts, from contacts built up over many years.

Mr Wilkinson commented: "Taking on solicitors and barristers might seem an odd choice for a lawyer, but although it might seem to be a difficult task best avoided, it can be incredibly interesting and rewarding.

"As a young lawyer I did find that a lot of the legal work carried out by typical High Street law firms was a far distance from the world of legal complexity I craved, but I did endeavour to employ my keen interest in the law in the legal work which I carried out. When I set up my own law firm in 1991 I worked mainly on commercial property, commercial litigation and company law, which I found more interesting.

"My interest in professional negligence work developed from dealing with some defendant clinical negligence work, and I then got involved in a solicitor's negligence action on behalf of a commercial client. I began to realise that professional negligence claims against lawyers provided the right mix of legal complexity and the pursuit of just causes which I was looking for. There is an incredible satisfaction to be gained from seeing the justice in a case and finding and winning the legal arguments to succeed with a worthwhile settlement or judgement."

On April 1, 2013, arguably one of the biggest changes in living memory took place in civil litigation, with changes both to the funding of cases and the rules and procedures affecting cases at court. These changes are having a huge impact on working practices, but Mr Wilkinson regards them as a challenge and not an obstacle.

He added: "There is still a market place for good legal advice and representation at a reasonable cost. We aim to use our skill and experience – and our work ethos – to expand our business and increase our professional negligence work by delivering results for our clients."

Regional - Corporate & Commercial Law Firm of the Year in England



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Churchers Bolitho Way is one of the leading law firms on the South Coast of England providing legal services on a regional and national basis from offices based in Portsmouth, Fareham, Gosport, Cosham, Isle of Wight and Lee-On-Solent. Headed up by Andrew Morgan, the Corporate Department's chief areas of practice include mergers and acquisitions as well as general transactional work.

In light of the economic challenges that have prevailed since the onset of the Financial Crisis in 2008 CBW's strategic vision focuses on its core values of service delivery including the provision of swift and efficient advice to a competitive fee structure. CBW continues to challenge itself, embracing the need to adapt and change to ensure that the manner and delivery of advice remains of the highest quality.

"It is true to say that our clients have required more support than ever before in these last few years not just in terms of the provision of the best legal advice possible but also as concerns the need for the client to know we are there sometimes just to share their experience day to day. Consequently, I like to think that our clients view CBW as an integral part of their team, on hand to help in more than just a one dimensional manner," explained Andrew Morgan, Partner.

CBW recognizes that its relationship with Corporate clients is built not just around the provision of the very best advice but ensuring that the client is supported day to day in their commercial venture and activities, essentially becoming a part of that client's team. The need to provide sound and appropriate legal advice comes hand in hand with empathy and commitment to the client which is of paramount importance to the firm.

The CBW Corporate Department values a close working relationship with clients at all times. The firm's ethos is to try to go that 'extra mile' for clients. CBW supports all types and sizes of businesses, from owner managed businesses to large national and international clients. As a consequence of this variety and diversity of workflow comes an experience and understanding which enables the firm to tailor a service to suit each client's individual needs.

As the firm, and the Corporate Department in particular, goes into 2015 it does so with a sense of urgency to carry on its development and growth, ensuring that it continues to support both longstanding and new clients. To see how we might be able to assist you in the support and development of your business please contact amorgan@cbwsolicitors.co.uk

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A strong litigation practice, combined with a solid understanding of the insurance, banking and industry sectors, has led HASCOET & ASSOCIES (H & A) to be ranked highly among its industry peers.

In its position as a trusted partner of insurance companies, manufacturers, investors and banks for more than 30 years, H & A has grown in leaps and bounds. Today, the firm owes its reputation to its ability to provide relevant solutions to complex issues in insurance, industrial risks, professional liability and products, as well as banking and finance.

Examples of recent cases:
- H & A represents and advises many insurers following the exposure of asbestos workers in large industrial groups / owners;
- H & A advises the insurer of a real estate investment firm, following the depreciation in the value of real estate portfolios that it was taken out to customers;
- H & A advises and assists insurers after earthquakes, tsunami and floods in the Asia Pacific;
- H&A advises and defends the insurer of a real estate agency whose liability is sought for a breach of duty in connection with sales off-plan (VEFA) following the bankruptcy of the property developer.

The growth of its workforce, its network of technical experts and legal correspondents abroad, enables H&A to offer full-services based on a comprehensive risk-based business, claims management, and good knowledge of the insurance market in France and abroad.

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- Construction insurance;
- Medical liability;
- Gross negligence of the employer;
- Work accident;
- Personal Injury;
- Professional liability (including notaries, lawyers, doctors, and members of regulated professions).

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International Product Liability Law Firm of the Year in France



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EBA Endrös-Baum Associés deals with the questions, plans, problems, projects and visions of international enterprises and companies with interests in France, providing services in a prompt, efficient, purposeful and pragmatic manner, at a reasonable cost. The Franco-German firm intervenes, both as a consultancy and as a litigation firm, in the practice areas of industrial risk, plant construction, industrial product liability and safety, and the related insurance law. Its clients are international industrial groups as well as international insurance companies.

International companies operating in cross-border business between French, German and English speaking countries often encounter communication difficulties. These may arise from language differences, different cultures or sometimes from substantial differences in law.

EBA Endrös-Baum Associés and its trilingual partners, Dr. Florian Endrös, Marguerite de Vaublanc, Myriam Bennaïm, Muriel Mazaud, and Céline Lustin-Le Core, not only offer their clients detailed knowledge of the French legal system, but also the understanding of linguistic and cultural differences necessary for efficient dealings and well-organised international negotiations with cross border counterparts. This applies also to intra-company communication between parent and subsidiary.

Practice areas
EBA Endrös-Baum Associés gives advice and assistance in the field of supply contracts, construction law and plant construction, and provides contract coordination as well as claim handling, from the stage of entering into contracts with public or private clients, through to subcontracts, including questions of insurance and liability. This enables the client to conduct business transactions and legal proceedings as free of legal risks as possible or in full knowledge of the risks involved.

The firm also gives advice on reinsurance and related cross border insurance problems, particularly in cases where the local insurance coverage is linked to a master or umbrella policy stipulating a governing law different from the one applicable to the local policy.

EBA Endrös-Baum Associés has longstanding experience in expertise proceedings involving French court-appointed experts and European party-appointed experts. The firm works at the interfaces between law and technology, language and culture, offering its clients assistance in several languages as well as prompt local assistance.

EBA Endrös-Baum Associés cooperates closely with commercial law firms all over Europe, mainly in German, French and English, but also in Danish, Russian, Portuguese and Hebrew.

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DEJADE & BISET, French IP law firm, was founded in January 2006 by Isabelle Poujade-Auriol, Xavier Demulsant and Raphaël Louiset, all three French and European IP attorneys.

DEJADE & BISET is located in paris, in the heart of the business quarter of Opera Saint Lazare.

DEJADE & BISET has already been selected by international companies for the registration, management, leverage and defense of their IP assets.

"Our clients appreciate our responsiveness, availability and skills," said Mr Demulsant.

Mr Demulsant has been practicing IP since 1995. During the first years, he worked in Paris, most of the time for big business companies in the packaging, machine-tools and civic work fields.

Mr Demulsant then joined his family and worked for five years in the northern subsidiary of a large French IP law firm. During these years, Mr Demulsant enriched his counsel activities, working for small and medium business companies and developing peculiar skills in patent leverage and licensing in France and abroad.

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Mr Demulsant also developed peculiar skills in patent litigation, having assisted his clients through several tens of patent trial matters, in France, in Belgium and in the USA.

Mr Demulsant co-founded DEJADE & BISET with Raphaël and Isabelle. He is member of several professional IP associations, including the French IP counsel Company. He deals with training issues for the young IP professionals and co-organizes each year the French IP prize.

Education:

- Ph. D, Material science
- Engineer of the School of Energy and Material sciences
- Graduate of the Strasbourg IP law school

Legal skills:

- Patents: drafting, proceedings, litigation (oppositions, infringement)
- Licensing

Technical skills:

- Material physics and chemistry
- Medical devices
- Environment: Water treatment, waste treatment, site clean-up
- Networks & telecommunication: fixed networks, mobile networks, VoIP, IMS, P2P, hardware/ software

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The BREVALEX law firm is one of the leading European IP firms, and among the largest in France. It has been providing specialised services in all sectors of intellectual property for more than 50 years. This includes: patents, trademarks, designs, domain names, copyright, software, contracts and other related areas.

With its many years of experience and an outlook resolutely focusing on the future, the firm's aim is to offer a quality service in line with its clients' financial constraints. It provides clients with a high level of reactivity and local advice, with the various technical and legal areas of expertise represented on its three sites. BREVALEX is constantly adding to its staff, with more than 80 employees currently divided between its Paris, Grenoble, and Toulouse offices.

The diversity of the firm's client base, made up of internationally renowned research institutes and multinationals as well as small businesses and start-ups, is an indication of its ability to adapt to each business's specific requirements and provide support at the various stages of their development.

Further, given the remarkably high proportion of BREVALEX's business obtained outside France, and its international network of foreign associates carefully selected for their expertise, clients will be guaranteed effective protection and defence of their rights worldwide.

At BREVALEX they believe that their clients' businesses' best asset in an increasingly competitive market lies in its ability to innovate on an ongoing basis, to protect the results of their innovation effectively and enhance their value actively. With this in mind and for this very reason, the firm will do its utmost to earn clients' confidence every day.

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Frank E. R. Diem is a senior partner at DIEM & PARTNER RECHTSANWÄLTE mbB. He was educated in Germany and England (Stockport, 1970). He studied law in Tübingen and was trained at the Stuttgart High Court. He qualified by passing the state exam at the end of 1984 and was admitted to the Stuttgart Bar in early 1985.

In Germany and France, Diem & Partner can represent clients through its dually licensed attorneys.

In 1993, Mr Diem decided to execute a spin off from his former law firm, and established Diem & Partner. The firm's core practice focuses on domestic and international corporate and commercial law. The firm has developed specific expertise in providing support for start-ups in all legal fields, which it has developed from the beginning of the .com-age until today.

"Our firm ensures continuity and competent legal advice for all of our clients by assigning a specific attorney to oversee each matter from inception to conclusion," said Mr Diem. "Diem & Partner distinguishes itself from other small to midsized law firms by offering our clients a broad international representation."

In Germany and France, Diem & Partner can represent clients through its dually licensed attorneys. In Turkey, the firm provides a subsidiary with Turkish legal staff, and in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia it is closely linked to domestic firms supporting it with local know how.

Diem & Partner represents: German and international companies of any size seeking advice in all matters of incorporation, modification of statutes and by-laws; companies intending to buy shares from or selling to individuals who are linked to those respective companies as officers or existing shareholders; and board-members and officers of companies needing advice for the acquisition of new companies or facing trouble with other shareholders/officers within their own company.

Mr Diem stated that the selection of an appropriate legal structure for a start-up is crucial.

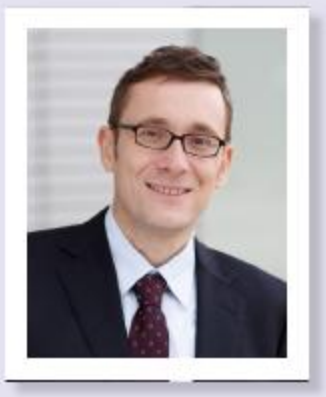
"We know what has to be done to make the young company well-prepared for an IPO as well as any third-party investments," elaborated Mr Diem. "We also give advice if we catch sight of deviations which might need to be adjusted. We provide help in human resources and distribution issues, and we can rely on a highly experienced network of prominent tax advisers, consultants, notaries and patent attorneys."

In addition to the firm's usual work for clients, Mr Diem's department has started to develop an IT-based system for start-ups, corporate transactions and M&A.

"We want to make standard-procedures more transparent for our clients, easier to handle for ourselves and improve the use of standardised documents," he explained.

In the next 12 months, the firm plans to continue to develop its IT project and to make it usable throughout all the firm's language groups – German, English, French and Turkish.

Chemical Patents Law Firm of the Year in Germany



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Schiweck Weinzierl Koch is a dynamic, relatively young yet highly experienced team with a strong technical background across the chemical, pharmaceutical and life science sector.

The firm is particularly experienced in antibody inventions and inventions relating to artificial binding molecules with antibody-like properties. These technologies have become the driver in pharmaceutical development, including diagnostic applications. The firm has an additional focus on opposition and appeal proceedings before the EPO, and on freedom-to-operate and due diligence work.

Partner Wolfram Schiweck noted: "In 2014, we also added medical devices to our technical expertise – to meet the demand of our clients."

He added: "What separates us from our peers is that we aim to have as much direct contact with our clients, and to engage them in discussion to work as a team and to get the best possible result for them. In addition, we are a multi-cultural team with, for example, English, Chinese (Mandarin), Polish, and German native speakers, and thus have the ability to overcome potential communication barriers."

According to Mr Schiweck, common legal issues that Schiweck Weinzierl Koch encounters include those related to building strong IP position for its clients' key technology, especially antibody inventions / artificial binding molecules with antibody-like properties. "But yes, we have the expertise to develop such strong IP positions," noted Mr Schiweck. "Also, conducting due diligence and freedom-to-operate work to assist our clients in securing business deals is quite common."

Today, the firm's clients are highly focused on research and innovation, whether it is an academic institution, a start-up company or a multinational corporation. Its client base consists of a mix of clients from academic institutions, small and medium enterprises as well as multinational corporations.

In the past 12 months, Schiweck Weinzierl Koch has assisted a number of clients in securing investments from strategic investors, or in being acquired by multi-national companies that were looking to boost their product pipeline. One of these deals included one of the firm's clients securing a 20 million dollar investment from a strategic investor – to build up manufacturing facilities for their new range of products. Another deal included the acquisition of a client's business unit by a global pharmaceutical player.

Looking to the coming 12 months, Mr Schiweck noted: "We will be further expanding, and taking on new attorneys to complement our expertise with their technical background – and, ideally, multilingual background."

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Weickmann & Weickmann is one of the oldest firms in Germany to specialise in the field of intellectual and industrial property. Since 1882 the firm has assisted its clients in all areas of intellectual and industrial property, from the application to the grant or registration of their property rights, and have helped them to defend and enforce their rights. The firm's fields of expertise are engineering, chemistry life science and trade marks designs.

Weickmann & Weickmann has been representing its clients' interests in the field of chemistry since the firm was founded and has continued to expand its expertise in the various areas ever since.

The firm's professionals are chemists, biochemists, biologists and pharmacists and provide highly qualified advice in all areas of chemistry and life sciences, particularly in:

- organic chemistry, including polymer chemistry, construction chemistry, textile chemistry, paper chemistry, oleochemistry, basic chemicals, pesticides and analytics
- inorganic chemistry, including semiconductor technology, electrochemistry, metallurgy, catalyst technology and construction materials
- biochemistry and medical applications, including pharmacy, immunology, genetics, biotechnology, diagnostics, medical chemistry and food chemistry.

"We are service providers and we see our task as being to provide the best protection of our clients' knowledge and know-how in the field of intellectual property on a national and international level and to strengthen our clients' priorities by ensuring the competitiveness of their property rights," said Dr Brigitte Böhm, partner.

"We are a capable and motivated team of more than 40 patent attorneys, attorneys at law and university-educated technicians/engineers who are supported by more than 100 members of specialised staff. Our expertise covers all technical and legal aspects of intellectual property and allows us to apply an interdisciplinary approach as a team to all relevant issues. Owing to the qualified and highly diversified training of our team, we are in a position quickly to identify and resolve problems and steadily to provide our clients with a competent team of attorneys. Rankings by independent assessment bodies confirm the success our work system.

Dr Böhm explained that the firm's approach means that it feels responsible for all its clients' interests and that it does not lose sight of business considerations, either. Detailed advice regarding the prospects and cost of any action to be taken, as well as means of achieving cost efficiency and staggering expected costs are part of the services the firm's clients can always rely on.

Dr Böhm added: "Bearing in mind our clients' interests in other countries, we maintain excellent contacts to renowned law firms in the field of intellectual property around the world. For many decades, this network of cooperation has proven highly successful and has been continuously developed and strengthened."

Dr Böhm has been a Patent Attorney since 1990, a European Patent Attorney since 1991 and a European Trade Mark and Design Attorney since 1996.

Dr Böhm deals with all activities in connection with obtaining, defending and enforcing patents and utility models in the field of chemistry, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, food technology and areas associated therewith.

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Heymann & Partner was founded in 2005 and has currently approximately 20 lawyers, nine of which are partners. Since its establishment, Heymann & Partner has grown to a leading law firm in Germany in various legal fields, including employment and labour law.

The firm's employment and labour law practice covers the full range of employment and labour law issues, in particular senior executive appointments and departures, executive compensation and employee benefits, corporate transactions, outsourcing transactions (including the implementation of the EU's Acquired Rights Directive (2001/23/EC) into German law (TUPE), restructuring measures (including mass lay-offs and other redundancies), the negotiation of collective agreements with works-councils and unions, reconciliation board proceedings in labour disputes, immigration, contracts and policies in accordance with recent case law, data privacy and social media rules, draft and enforcement of (post-contractual) non-competes, protection of trade secrets, litigation in particular in regards to protection against dismissal claims and all other disputes (including discrimination) in the employment courts.

Since Walter Born, Heymann & Partner partner and certified employment and labour law specialist, qualified in 1995, he has been working on all employment and labour law issues of various M&A, private equity, venture capital and outsourcing transactions. A recent transaction in the field of M&A included Mr Born advising Vectura Group plc in the acquisition of the shares in Activaero GmbH. Mr Born, among other transactions with similar scope and significance, advised RWE in regards to the international outsourcing of RWE's workplace management to a third party provider, which included the negotiation of a reconciliation of interests and a social plan together with the employment and labour law related negotiation of the master service agreement and respectively the local employee transfer agreements. Mr Born and his team recently have successfully advised on a branch closure of SEB in Frankfurt and have successfully resolved all related dismissal disputes in the employment court.

Mr Born noted: "The strength of our employment and labour law department is its being closely embedded into the other practices of Heymann & Partner providing the closest possible and the most effective working relationship between the various departments to our clients. In addition, our clients benefit from a visible partner in all employment and labour law matters offering 20 years of experience and knowledge to the best of each client."

Mr Born, on a regular basis, is a speaker in seminars and publishes on employment and labour law issues.

Since its establishment, Heymann & Partner has grown to a leading law firm in Germany in various legal fields, including employment and labour law.

Heymann & Partner is an independent law firm and does not belong to any international alliance or other formal network. However, it has established excellent working relationships with first tier law firms around the world enabling the firm to offer first class services to its clients in multi-jurisdictional issues.

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With the increasing number of IP transactions, IP due diligence is growing in importance. Dennemeyer & Associates S.A. is therefore very happy to be awarded IP Due Diligence Law Firm of the Year by Corporate INTL.

What makes the firm's IP due diligence service unique is:

- It is complete in its scope
- It is modular in its approach
- It has a proven economic efficiency
- It can offer fixed fees

Dennemeyer's strength in offering this service results from being the only firm offering a high proven efficiency in IP due diligence, demonstrated and practised over the years. Further, its modular and fixed fee price structure is very appealing to its clients. The techniques for IP due diligence equally apply to patent valuation. Therefore, Dennemeyer has a very high reputation in this field not only in Germany, but also worldwide, being known as "one of the very few true experts" in this field.

The firm's IP due diligence service is headed by Dr Malte Köllner, from the Frankfurt office. Dr Köllner has been recognised numerous times as one of the world's leading lawyers and patent strategists, and for his work in the field of patent valuation. He has extensive experience in performing due diligence investigations for smaller clients, investors and Fortune 500 companies, in particular for venture capital investments. He also teaches Patent Due Diligence and Patent Valuation at the University of Strasbourg and at the University of Maastricht.

Based on his practical experience and on the work done in the German standards committee on patent valuation, he developed the Dennemeyer approach to IP due diligence that is at the same time complete in its scope and economically efficient. – "Due Diligence or Discount, Monetary effect of legal aspects in patent valuation", Les Nouvelles, Volume XLIV No. 1, pages 24-37, March 2009.

With the IP due diligence service, Dennemeyer & Associates reinforces its scope of providing the full range of legal services relating to intellectual assets.

Established in 1962, in Luxembourg, Dennemeyer & Associates has come a long way in 50 years, growing from a patent law firm into a multinational IP law firm with offices in nine countries and new locations being constantly added. Its lawyers offer world-class expertise in IP law for the following intellectual assets: patents, trademarks, designs, copyrights, domain names and licenses. As a pioneer in internationalising strategic intellectual asset management, the firm is specialised in the preparation and worldwide registration of patents, trademarks and designs.

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Our patent lawyers have considerable experience in obtaining and defending our clients' key patents in proceedings before the European Patent Office and the German patent office, as well as challenging the patents of third parties in such proceedings. Notable success has been achieved by the firm in nullity actions before the German courts.

Another recognized speciality of the firm is client counselling on all other aspects of intellectual property such as freedom-to-operate and patent validity opinions.

Nanotechnology Patents Law Firm of the Year in Germany



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SR Huebner & Kollegen is a law firm specialising in the legal protection of intellectual property rights. Its office is located in Munich, the home of the European Patent Office, the German Patent and Trademark Office, and the German Federal Patent Court.

The firm's expertise is trusted by some of the world's largest technology companies, the leading innovative medium-sized firms and by renowned research establishments. It represents its German and foreign clients before the German and European Patent Offices, Trademark Offices and Courts and in dealing with the World Intellectual Property Organization. Moreover, it assists its national clients in protecting their inventions abroad, including more than 20 countries outside Europe.

All of SR Huebner & Kollegen's attorneys worked in intellectual property law in at least one major non-European jurisdiction before joining the firm. Its staff publish articles in leading professional and academic journals; teach at reputed universities; and present papers at relevant conferences on the latest developments in the field of intellectual property. The close connection between the firm's practical legal service and its academic activity enables it to offer advice of the highest standard.

The patenting of nanotechnology inventions is a new branch of patent law, for which the patent offices and courts are only just beginning to develop specific decision-making principles. Because many nanotechnology inventions lie outside the framework that case law has established on the basis of conventional technologies, their inventors are frequently on new territory not only technologically but also with regard to patent law.

SR Huebner & Kollegen is one of the few law firms in Europe that is actively engaged in the field of nanotechnology patents.

SR Huebner & Kollegen is one of the few law firms in Europe that is actively engaged in the field of nanotechnology patents. With practice-orientated publications and lectures – often jointly with the nanotechnology experts from the patent offices – it is playing an active role in the development of this new field of law. The inventions it deals with range from basic nanomaterials, nanosystems and nanoprocesses to the concrete applications of nanotechnology, for example in information technology, medicine and renewable energy. SR Huebner & Kollegen is the only patent law firm to be invited to join the national nanotechnology initiative 'Nano in Germany'.

Roughly a third of the nanotechnology inventions the firm deals with originate from publicly funded laboratories, predominantly universities. Two thirds originate from companies – not only from large technology companies but also from young start-ups spawned by a university on the back of a promising idea.

Dr Stefan Rolf Huebner, who heads the firm's nanotechnology work, has more than 15 years of experience in the legal protection of intellectual property, focusing especially on patent-granting; opposition; nullity and infringement procedures; and on the negotiation of licence agreements and development contracts. He published the first paper on nanotechnology inventions in a leading scholarly law journal in Germany ('Zur Neuheit Nanotechnologischer Erfindungen' GRUR, October 2007), making him a pioneer in the field of nanotechnology patents law.

Patent Litigation Law Firm of the Year in Germany



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Dr Gunnar Baumgärtel is a partner of Maikowski & Ninnemann, a patent attorney firm with offices in Berlin, Leipzig and Munich and a strong expertise in all areas of intellectual property protection. The firm advises on all questions relating to industrial property rights, inventions, trademarks and designs, including in particular the enforcement of such rights. Currently 14 patent and trademark attorneys work at Maikowski & Ninnemann.

Dr Baumgärtel is a German and European patent attorney representing clients in various matters concerning industrial property, notably patent prosecution, licensing and complex international litigation cases. He is a member of the Bureau of AIPPI and lectures at the Free University of Berlin.

From the beginning, Maikowski & Ninnemann's policy has been to provide direct and comprehensive contact between the clients and its competent intellectual property experts to allow the highest levels of efficiency, and guarantee optimal strategies for protecting the clients' intellectual property.

The high-proficiency standard at the firm will be retained in the future. Only those who received their professional training at Maikowski & Ninnemann will become new partners at the firm. Consequently, it has received numerous awards in recent years praising the outstanding quality of the legal service provided by its attorneys.

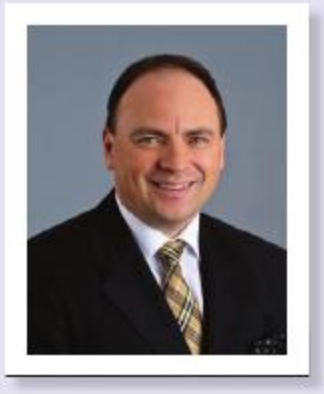
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Maikowski & Ninnemann's most important services are: advice on inventions, trademarks, designs, know-how, software and licences; advice on the law regarding employees' inventions; and prosecution and litigation of patents, utility models, design patents and trademarks nationally in Germany, regionally in Europe, and internationally in all countries and regions throughout the world.

The firm has a special focus on managing, prosecuting and defending substantive patent and trademark portfolios as well as representing clients in complex international litigation cases.

The patent attorneys at Maikowski & Ninnemann are experienced in all areas of technology and have broad knowledge and experience in the fields of physics, for example: optics and light technology, such as optoelectronics, cameras, telescopes and lasers; medical systems technology, medical imaging and measurement technology; electrical engineering, including electronics, telecommunications, semi-conductor technology, measurement and control technology, and medical technology; mechanical engineering, for example mechanics and mechatronics, plant engineering and shipbuilding; chemistry, biochemistry and biotechnology; and software.

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PATENTSHIP is a patent firm specialised in prosecuting and litigating national and international intellectual property rights in the field of electrical engineering and information technology, physics, mechanics and chemistry. The firm is located in Munich - close to the German Patent and Trademark Office, the European Patent Office as well as the German Federal Patent Court.

Another branch of the firm is located in Aschaffenburg, from where clients from the entire Rhein-Main-Area are serviced directly and on-site.

"We strive to offer our clients the best possible service – at affordable prices," said Robert Klinski, managing partner. "We believe that this can be accomplished only through a close cooperation with our clients. Understanding our client's technology and needs is the key for us to provide goal-oriented services in all fields of IP.

"While the focus of our work is the prosecution of patents and other protective rights including utility models, trademarks and designs in Europe and throughout the world, a close cooperation with attorneys at law specialised in IP allows us also to offer qualified services in nullity and infringement proceedings. Moreover, a wide network of associate patent firms throughout the world enables us to implement multinational IP strategies for our clients."

PATENTSHIP provides world-wide full cover service for intellectual property matters such as German, European, Asian and US patents, German and foreign utility models, applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), national, international and Community trademarks, national and international design models and topographic designs, trademark and patent searches, expert analysis, litigation, license matters, the law of employees' inventions, portfolio and intellectual property right strategies.

Mr Klinski studied electrical engineering and telecommunications at the Technical University Hamburg-Harburg and received his doctorate with honors from the Munich Technical University in the field of digital signal processing for multicarrier systems. During his doctorate he worked with the Fraunhofer Institute for Communication Systems in Munich where he designed wired and wireless communication systems and held the position of a project and group leader. Furthermore, he is the author of numerous publications in the field of digital telecommunications and mentioned as inventor in several patents.

Mr Klinski lectures frequently on software patents under German, European and international patent law.

Mr Klinski has been working in the field of intellectual property since 2002 and is the founder of PATENTSHIP. He has extensive experience in infringement and nullity proceedings as well as in preparing and prosecuting German, European, PCT- and US-patent applications particularly in the area of electrical engineering, telecommunications, digital signal processing, RF technology, digital and analog circuit design, coding, cryptography, software, medical systems, mechanics and optics.

Mr Klinski lectures frequently on software patents under German, European and international patent law.

He is fluent in German, English and Polish. Furthermore, he is member of VPP and EPI.

Trade Law Firm of the Year in Germany



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All trade law matters are being handled by the lawyers of the practice group "Commercial / Outsourced Legal Department" of FRANZ Rechtsanwälte.

The practice group comprises of a core team of five well experienced lawyers (Udo von Fragstein/ Karsten Korrat/Sebastian Henning/Antonio Calderon/ Frank Marek) who are clearly focused on providing continuous advice and support to clients on all legal questions related to clients' business operations. This includes in particular all areas of trade law, often within an international context. For example, the team helps national clients as well as multi-national corporations to set up their distribution systems, to draft and negotiate sale and purchase agreements, and supports them in other co-operations, projects and joint ventures. All members of the practice group have extensive expertise in all areas of law that are typically involved therewith, which includes trade law as such, but also involves other legal areas, for example anti-trust law and intellectual property law.

According to their clients, the practice group "Commercial / Outsourced Legal Department" of FRANZ Rechtsanwälte offers them what they want from business lawyers: genuine expertise, continuity, consistently high quality, efficiency, availability, advice in plain language and an eye for the broader picture.

The clients of the firm include small / medium-sized enterprises as well as large multinational corporations. In many projects international legal aspects or implications are to be considered. Moreover, a considerable number of clients have their headquarters abroad, especially in the US, Great Britain, France, Austria, Switzerland, the Benelux countries and Asia. Thanks to the international education of the team members of the practice group, and a broad network of longstanding contacts to other advisors in other jurisdictions, the firm is able to offer seamless cross-border support.

Members of the practice group are frequently recommended lawyers in various publications and market research instruments for many years. Clients describe them as "competent and pragmatic" or as "very innovative".

It has also been proven a great benefit that the team can make use of experience both as external lawyers as well as from the in-house perspective. Due to their longstanding experience, all lawyers are familiar with internal company processes and are therefore used to working with and within corporate structures to achieve effective results for the clients, either together with their legal department or in direct contact with managing directors or operational departments.

Depending on their position on the respective markets, the clients of FRANZ Rechtsanwälte often have to consider competition law / anti-trust law requirements, not only in distribution agreements, but also in other purchase, license or R&D related forms of co-operations / joint ventures. As FRANZ Rechtsanwälte strives to establish long-lasting relationships with its clients, they not only consider those issues in the individual project, but also address them to create awareness and to improve clients' processes, hence helping to reduce risks and to facilitate future projects.

The practice group perfectly fits within the full service approach of FRANZ Rechtsanwälte, which is an independent law firm of 20 business lawyers, based in Düsseldorf (Germany) with a branch office in Basel (Switzerland).

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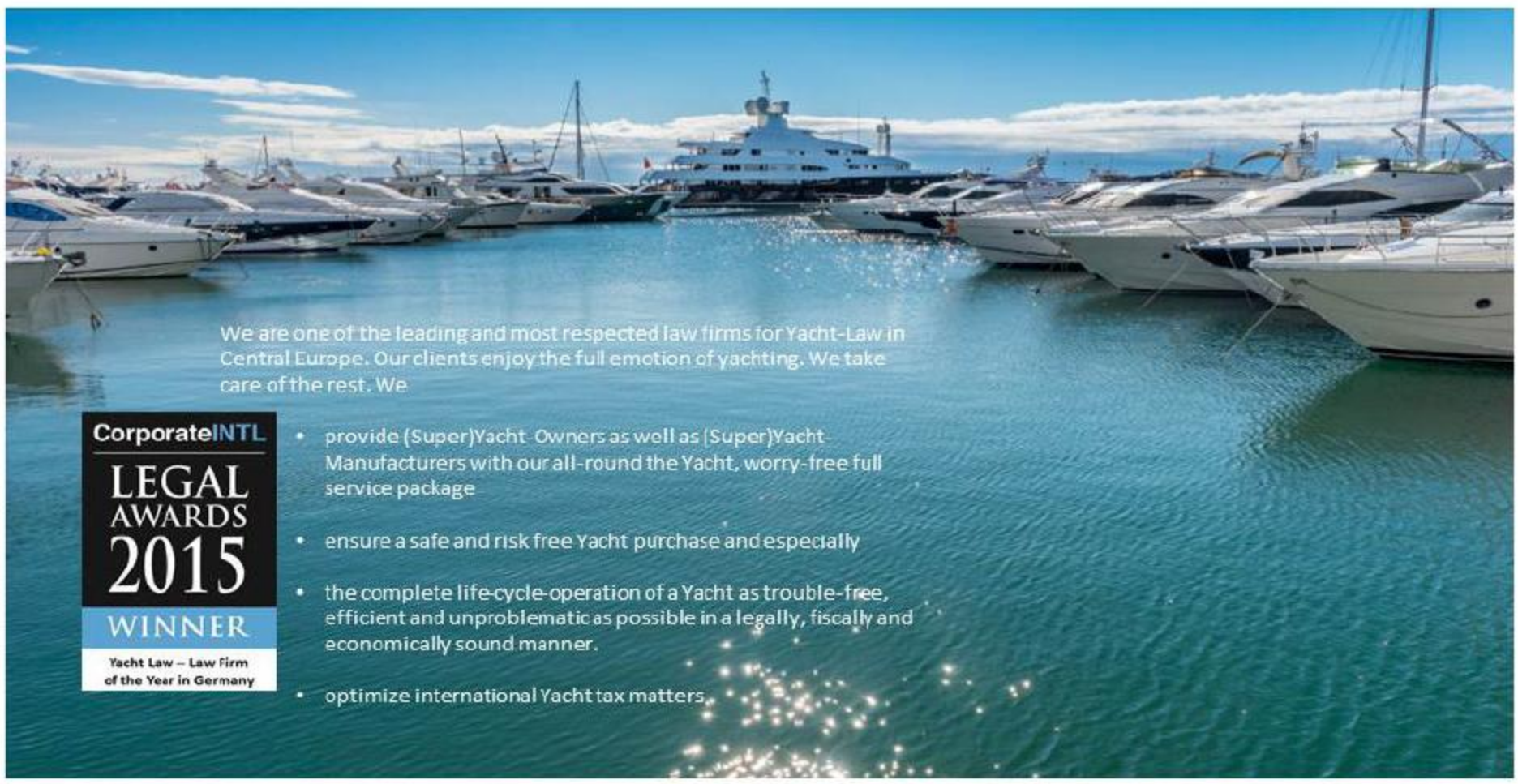
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Keating & Keogh is a leading law firm with over 40 years of experience providing legal solutions for its diverse client base from its offices in Limerick and Dublin.

"We are always seeking to deliver more; brighter ideas for our clients' challenges; extra insight that comes from genuine expertise; a thirst for more knowledge and a buzz for teamwork," said Stephen Keogh, managing partner. "It's about delivering better results for our clients."

As a full service law firm, Keating & Keogh offers its clients a broad range of legal services through its corporate & commercial, dispute resolution, taxation & estate planning, private client and property departments.

Keating & Keogh has been providing legal solutions for its clients since 1971. Mr Keogh stated that the firm's approach is to make life simple, not complicated.

"Our clients want straightforward, practical advice from people they can trust, so that's exactly what we provide," he explained. "At Keating & Keogh we have a tradition of delivering consistently excellent advice and providing a broad range of legal services to individuals, businesses, financial institutions, state agencies, educational institutions and public bodies on a local, national and international basis. We are a growing multidiscipline law firm with offices in Limerick & Dublin.

"Our business model is straightforward – the highest quality advice, outstanding client service and value for money."

Mr Keogh is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin, where he obtained an Honours Business Studies (B.B.S.) degree in Accounting and Finance in 2003. He also completed postgraduate studies in Law and he holds a Diploma in Commercial Litigation, from the Law Society of Ireland. Coupled with this Mr Keogh has experience in a variety of business sectors.

Prior to joining Keating & Keogh as a Partner Mr Keogh practiced with Eversheds in Dublin for five years, where he gained broad experience in all areas of commercial law. In particular he specialised in mergers & acquisitions, insolvency & restructuring, commercial contracts, business advisory and joint venture & shareholder agreements.

Mr Keogh also has extensive commercial property experience as he has advised one of the Irish pillar banks, a major Irish retailer and a state body.

Mr Keogh is a dedicated supporter of the recently independent Shannon Airport and to this end he has taken a position on the Board of Directors of Shannon Chamber of Commerce. Mr Keogh is also an active member of the Derg Business Alliance, the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association, the Crescent Past Pupils Union and the Trinity College Business Alumni.

Mr Keogh is also qualified as a Solicitor in England & Wales.

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Commercial Tax Litigation Law Firm of the Year in Italy



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BDDF Studio Legale Associato is an independent Firm established in 2000 with office located in Milan, Italy. The Firm is one of the founders of the alliance "Genesis" with offices strategically located in Paris and Brussels, who joined the forces of more than forty European lawyers dedicated to meet the legal needs of a diverse list of clients, prestigious industries and promising start-ups on local, national and international fronts.

The Firm provides services in areas of practice that are essential to domestic and international corporations and business entities operating in the following fields: general constructions, iron and steel manufacturers, technology vendors and distributors, books and magazines publishers, banks and financing corporations, etc. Regarding the type of clients assisted in Commercial Tax Litigation area are either SME or banks. In so doing, the Firm utilizes a team of specialized lawyers who are knowledgeable and experienced in the areas of law related to the needs of each client in order to achieve maximum efficiency and to offer the best assistance and service possible. Such continuous interaction and involvement of competent professionals allow the firm to offer expert services in a rapid and effective manner, in accordance with the specific need of each client.

BDDF has a strong expertise in Taxation, providing sophisticated tax planning for national and foreign companies across a range of transactions and situations and undertaking due diligence activities to verify the accuracy and correctness of the procedures adopted by the business with respect to revenue taxes, VAT - Value Added Tax and other applicable taxes. The Firm provides services including the examination of corporate structure, fiscal analysis of the foreign country in order to enable the client to estimate the convenience of doing business there, and the analysis of the international aspects concerning the transfer of the gain obtained (operating income, royalties, etc.) to Italy. In this field, BDDF has provided assistance to Italian companies in the creation of new companies located in the United Kingdom, Netherlands, Luxembourg, France and U.S.A. The Firm has also advised its clients on the establishment of joint-ventures between Italian and foreign companies.

When tax controversies arise, the Firm is skilled at representing corporate entities before the Italian Tax Courts and the Supreme Court (Corte di Cassazione), being experienced in all types of taxes as: corporate income tax, capital gains, VAT, stamp duties, real estate taxes, etc. with a very high percentage of success based on the amount/value of taxes under judgment before the competent Courts.

In particular, BDDF is proud of two recent successful awards granted by the Court in application of new interpretations of the law specifically launched by its professionals. The first decision, before the Tax Court of Appeal in Milan, regarding the Local Income Tax (IRAP), acknowledged the principle that a profit sharing scheme among parties who jointly render a service to a client has to be considered neutral and cannot affect the taxable income of each party.

The second decision before the Tax Court of Chieti, regarding the application of corporate tax to a bank, acknowledged the principle that a law modifying the credit losses deduction in 2008 cannot affect the deduction from the taxable income of the onward years of the deferred credit losses not previously deducted.

Fulvio Di Domenico, is a founder of the Firm and he is the head of the Tax department of the Firm. He graduated in law (magna cum laude) from the University "La Sapienza" of Rome in 1992 with a thesis in income tax law on fund management and the reserves in the tax withholding under Prof. Augusto Fantozzi. He then completed a master in fiscal law and fiscal corporate accounting at the University LUISS – Guido Carli, 1993. Admitted to Bar on January 11, 1996. His professional activities began in 1993 in the Tax department of Arthur Andersen and established this law firm in 2000, specializing in litigation and non-litigation issues for corporations and is engaged in industrial and financial matters.

Since the establishment of the Firm, he has engaged in various transactions, such as a proceedings involving the bankruptcy discharge of a public company and assistance in the establishment of a company having a public-private capital in the multi-utilities area. He has experience in assisting in procedures for the establishment under Italian laws of branch offices for foreign banks according to the Italian Consolidated Text on banking laws and the establishment of holding companies and the rules on capital adequacy and the limitation of risk. In addition, he has provided assistance to Italian companies in M&A transactions made through private equity funds and in transactions related to investments in the so-called "distressed assets."

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International Business Law Firm of the Year in Italy



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MPMLEGAL is a legal firm with over 20 years of practice, currently made up of about 15 lawyers specialized in commercial and corporate law. Our clients include small to medium-sized firms and companies in their initial phases of domestic and international development. As a matter of fact, MPMLEGAL also utilizes a network of legal firms in several foreign countries, which allows the firm to also extend to its clientele assistance beyond Italian borders.

Thanks to the significant experience MPMLEGAL has matured in various fields of law over its 20 years of business, it is able to offer its clients (Italian, international and multinational companies) legal counsel and judicial assistance in many different areas of specialization. It is highly qualified to support foreign companies that wish to create a business or branches in Italy. They assist them both for the distribution, licensing and franchising aspects (including trademarks and patents) and for the job-law ones. They can also execute merger and acquisition operations.

MPMLEGAL also runs the legal aspects of international companies in outsourcing manner. Among the recent cases MPMLEGAL has worked on there are:
- the Legal diligence for the acquisition of an Italian company manufacturing refrigeration products at national level by a Spanish multinational company;
- company restructuring of some important Italian companies

MPMLEGAL combines quality, professionalism and organization of large international law firms with fees that are more typical for law boutiques.

MPMLEGAL has been successfully chosen as the winner of the 2015 Corporate Intl Magazine Legal Award: 'International Business Law Firm of the Year in Italy'. This success has been granted by the sale of the famous Italian trademark Necchi to an American company. Meanwhile, another American company has purchased the trademark Pickwick.

Mr Mastracci has an expertise in Intellectual Property Law in Italy. His clients are large Italian and international companies and institutions. In particular, he assists public personalities, such as famous Italian singers (e.g. Ms Arisa, 2014 winner of Italian song festival "Sanremo", the Italian famous musical director Adriano Pennino, late Franco Califano, Gianluca Grignani), so that he is also expert in copyright law and authorship right issues.

In particular, Marco Mastracci has taken care of the drawing up of the recording agreement between the above mentioned Gianluca Grignani and Sony Music for the CD "A volte esagero".

Marco Mastracci is Foreign Legal Consultant for Italian legal matters in the State of New York (Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department). This is an implementation of Mr Mastracci's way of working in order to better serve his clients, providing assistance on demand in New York to American clients who wish to receive assistance in the field of Italian law. He is member of the ABA - American Bar Association (ID 02236115) (and Member of the board for International Commercial Transactions, Franchising & Distribution at the American Bar Association) and the IBA – International Bar Association (membership number 1077763).

Actually Marco Mastracci has obtained LL.M. in US Law for foreign lawyers at Washington University in St Louis. Among future projects, Marco Mastracci is assisting an international client who plans to build the biggest theme park on Renaissance in Florence and an Italian client who wishes to open an ice-cream franchising in the US.

Publications
Books for the Italian editor Alberto Castelvecchi:
- "Articolo quinto" (2006), "Separarsi" (2012), " Vittime delle Banche" (2014), "Potere e Perversione" (2014).
- Juridical and economic collection "Anticorpi" (creator and editor) (2013 – present).

Newspaper and magazine articles:
- "Il Trust è garanzia" ("Trust is a guarantee", n.d.T.) published on the magazine Trustee ed Attività Fiduciarie of Maurizio Lupoi
- Many articles published on the magazine "Italia Oggi" about labour law matters (2009 – present).

Maritime Law Firm of the Year in Italy



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We are specialist in business, commercial and shipping law. Our firm is probably the Italian leader in logistics, transport and port regulation.

Prof. Francesco Munari, our main expert in port regulation, transport law, maritime and air navigation law, is head of a team of highly skilled lawyers constantly facing the widest range of maritime issues, throughout Italy and abroad: typical maritime matters (maritime contracts and claims, collisions, etc.), port services, port and intermodal terminal management, public concessions, relations with port and maritime authorities.

Among the recent and relevant cases followed by our firm, the trans-loading of Syrian chemicals in the port of Gioia Tauro and the accident occurred to m/v Jolly Nero in the Port of Genoa, are probably also the best known to the general public.

To quote other recent achievements, it is worth mentioning the appointment of the firm as legal expert for the reform of maritime law in Mozambique, within a project carried out by an international team and financed by the World Bank.

The team's wide and long-term experience allows us to assist and represent any kind of client, from SMEs to large groups, from private to public entities, in any kind of business and regulatory scenario, providing them with a complete range of legal assistance both in consulting, litigation and arbitration activities.
Prof. Munari is often appointed as arbitrator in many maritime cases and has extensive experience in both national and international arbitrations.

Prof. Munari, who is member of the council of the European Maritime Law Organization, is often invited as speaker and rapporteur at national and international conferences dealing in particular with shipping law, European law and competition law.

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Prof. Giudici is the firm's main expert in company, banking and financial law. He has an extensive experience in shipping finance and debt restructuring, and related litigation. He advises boards of shipping companies on corporate governance and liability issues, especially about directors' duties.

Both Prof. Munari and Prof. Giudici are also authors of many publications. You can find them on the law-firm link (http://www.mgmp-avvocati.com/en/avvocati).
We have a strong international background and assist Italian firms working in foreign countries as well as international firms operating in Italy; we handle a wide array of disputes in national and international arbitrations and before national and EU courts and administrative bodies or agencies.

Our firm has also experts in the areas of corporate law, antitrust, M&A, commercial and labour law and provides support in human rights law, family law and child protection, at national and European levels.

Project Finance Law Firm of the Year in Italy



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PAVIA e ANSALDO is an Italian law firm with a strong international orientation, practice and presence.

The practice of the firm covers several areas of counseling and litigation (including domestic and international arbitration), encompassing Italian, EU and transnational legal services and activities.

In Italy, PAVIA e ANSALDO's principal offices are in Milan and Rome, which enable the firm to efficiently cover the territory of Italy. It has relationships with correspondent firms in most of the other Italian cities.

The firm operates an office in Moscow and has developed close professional relations with top firms in the major countries and cities of the world, thereby creating a valuable network of contacts, tested through many years of personal acquaintance and cooperation.

Pavia e Ansaldo is, and has been for years, one of the largest and highly qualified firms in Italy and a constant presence in the most important and complex "Italian transactions" on the international market.

Partners of the firm are sometimes members of the Board of Directors of Companies, on behalf and in representation of international corporate clients and in close contact with their internal legal and auditing functions, without being granted operational powers.

The firm maintains close correspondence relationships with attorneys in most important Italian cities, which enables it to provide clients with effective capillary assistance on the entire Italian territory.

The full-time presence of lawyers resident in Italy admitted to practice in foreign jurisdictions and of lawyers experienced in specific geographic areas (U.S., Germany, Spain, England; Central-Eastern Europe, Russia and the Far East) enables the firm to offer services in a wide range of legal fields covering the most important world markets.

The firm has always operated on an international platform, maintaining close connections with top ranking law firms in other jurisdictions and has established non-exclusive working relationships in the major cities of the world, thereby creating a network of experienced correspondents.

The firm has opened and operates a branch office in Moscow and St. Petersburg so as to provide closer on-site assistance to its Italian and foreign clients. In November 2007 Pavia e Ansaldo opened an office in Brussels.

The foreign language commonly used by the members of the firm is English. Many members are fluent in at least another language, particularly French, German, Spanish, Dutch; other languages (such as Russian, Mandarin Chinese and Japanese) are known on a working-ability level by individuals.

The firm maintains close correspondence relationships with attorneys in most important Italian cities, which enables it to provide clients with effective capillary assistance on the entire Italian territory.

Utility Model Law Firm of the Year in Italy



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GLP is a European IP firm recognized and respected worldwide. The firm specializes in the protection and enforcement of IP rights in Europe and overseas, wherever our Clients operate. GLP brings an instinctive commitment to cultivate all the skills required to deliver world-class services tailored to its Clients.

Since 1967 GLP has grown by word-of-mouth marketing among satisfied Clients that share our top commitment to delivering high-quality services and developing long-term partnerships. We like to be involved because we believe that partnerships ensure our Clients' satisfaction and ours.

In GLP we believe in partnership with our Clients, understanding their real needs, their industry and market, counseling them on the real world with the most efficient solutions to enable them to share the widest range of opportunities.

Clients describe us as "having a very deep knowledge - both technical and legal - and being effective, efficient, flexible, available and pleasant".

We are a quality top-ranked firm in Europe and in Italy always innovating our approach and looking at each success as a starting point.

We are extremely committed in always providing the best practice. We work in an international market with multi-sized Clients and we strive to use this to spice our approach with all the best flavours we experience or develop over time.

Most of our team has decades of experience in the IP field, from counseling to drafting applications, oppositions, contracts, legal and technical opinions. We draft and prosecute patent, trade mark and design applications all around the world, with the full awareness of the complexity of our work and the full responsibility of the trust our Clients place in us.

We have developed our own anti-counterfeiting system to monitor the web, from market places to social networks, and our IT team is able to meet and exceed every Client's expectation.

We push our team to communicate and to compare approaches and points of view.

Our knowledge counts over 100,000 cases, and when it comes to each Client, the "C" is in capital letter.

The Legal Department of GLP is headed by the managing partner Davide Luigi Petraz, who has an international experience. Mr. Petraz started his career after an L.L.M in Washington DC. Actually he is a Italian lawyer, a European, Italian and San Marino patent, design and trademark attorney.

Mr. Petraz is Member of the List of Neutrals of the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center. He is also a Council Member at EPI, Member of Executive Board of AIPPI Italy and Member of ECTA, INTA, LES, AIDB, MARQUES and INDICAM.

We now have offices in Udine, Milan, Republic of San Marino, Perugia and Zürich.

Alternative Investment Funds Law Firm of the Year in Luxembourg

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Alternative investment funds, corporate law, M&A, general business law.



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duvieusart ebel, avocat associés, an independent and dynamic Luxembourg law firm, combines recognized experiences in alternative investments funds, corporate law, M&A, private equity and international corporate taxation for the benefit of investment fund and assets managers, family offices, private investors, entrepreneurs, banks and insurance companies, multinational companies, financial intermediaries, correspondent law firms and domiciliation companies.

Our values

Our partners' personal and hands-on involvement in the files entrusted to them is particularly valued by our clients, and we are delighted to be perceived as a boutique law firm with highly skilled and dedicated human resources sharing strong professional values.

Independence:
we have made the decision to develop our firm independent of any institutional links, allowing freedom, flexibility and quick decision making.

Dependability:
we are a firm you can count on. Because we care about our clients, we build an open relationship with all of them. We make clear agreements with our clients about what we can do, within which deadline and at what price, and we make sure we deliver what we committed about.

High quality:
we strive for high quality. Delivering an impeccable service to our clients is the aim of all our team. We adopt a thoughtful and pragmatic approach to providing services in a cost efficient manner and implementing the highest level of services.

Tailor-made solutions:
we appreciate that each client has a unique set of expectations and our aim is to exceed these by being both approachable and proactive. Listening, understanding and devising solutions to the challenges faced by our clients is crucial to us.

Responsiveness and proactivity:
we always make a point to deliver timely, pragmatic and commercially driven solutions.

2014 Highlights:

2014 saw our firm obtaining the first AIFMD authorisation granted by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF), the Luxembourg financial regulator, to an internally managed alternative investment fund, a Luxembourg SICAR investing in Brazilian forest which is now being marketed in 15 European countries.

duvieusart ebel, avocat associés also assists alternative investment funds active in the private equity, real estate, agro-forestry and art sectors, in addition to more traditional financial asset classes.

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I started my career as lawyer in 1987 and founded my law office, Lex Thielen & Associates in 1990.

Looking for excellence in every matter, I have a clear vision of my profession: a full dedication to my clients. For 25 years, I have led my law office by working with multi-skilled partners who represent all legal areas and anticipate each client's needs.

The firm has a deep understanding that on an international business platform, lawyers must provide globalized services.

My law office abides by the motto: "We are not all born with defenses, and your defense is our profession, as lawyers and as human beings".

My vision starts with a statement: the real work of a lawyer does not start when clients come with an issue. The real work is to support them on every milestone with a high range of expertise.

The firm has a deep understanding that on an international business platform, lawyers must provide globalized services. In order to guide my clients in their cross-border and international activities, I assure them a worldwide support wherever they are located, through my affiliation with the International Bar Association and the Alliott Group, a worldwide alliance of independent accounting, law and consulting firms. Alliott Group includes more than 160 member firms in more than 60 countries.

My firm's main differentiator is its strong will to be "the lawyer of everyone – not only the lawyer of the wealthy professionals and private individuals in Luxembourg, but the lawyer of the poorest all over the world as well". To this end, for years I have been part of A4ID (Advocates for International Development) – an association that strives to eradicate poverty by providing pro bono legal assistance.

The focus of the firm's work is in corporate law, domiciliation of companies and family office.

In the area of litigation, every major field of civil litigation and arbitration is handled, including labour, family, criminal, corporate, commercial, intellectual property law, among other areas.

I am also specialized in real estate law and contract law, and I am the author of many publications pertaining to lease agreements as well as real estate matters. These books are now a reference in the Luxembourgish Court.

I am conscious of new challenges we have to cope with, as lawyers but also as Luxembourgish citizens. With new regulations from the European Union and from the international market (FATCA, ...) we need to find new solutions for our clients. Especially with the end of the banking secrecy.

These new challenges have changed my long term vision regarding how I lead my law office. Today and more than ever, I need my partners to work on providing all inclusive services which will answer to these challenges and keep Luxembourg as an attractive financial and business place.

Editor's Choice - International Investment Management Law Firm of the Year in Luxembourg



King & Wood Mallesons

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King & Wood Mallesons is a global firm powered by 2,700 lawyers in more than 30 locations. Together with clients, the firm aims to re-shape the future world for global business - connecting Asia to the world, and the world to Asia.

Alexandrine Armstrong-Cerfontaine is the managing partner of the Luxembourg office. She stated that putting clients (inside and outside the firm) is at the centre of everything it says and does.

"We are passionate about challenging the market to create a shared future, together. Bold in our aspirations and confident in our execution," she commented. "Our belief in the power of together delivers the best results for our people, our clients, and the firm. We operate as one family, one firm working collaboratively and supporting each other across all cultures.

"We combine quality and creativity, with the ability to get the right results through innovative solutions. We will build a stronger firm for the future generations by nurturing clients and our colleagues to excel at everything they do."

She added that the firm connects "learning and understanding to open doors and unlock opportunities in our local and international markets".

Ms Armstrong-Cerfontaine's practice focuses on advising private equity sponsors on their investments, corporate finance, syndicated financings and fund formation, including leveraged financing and restructurings. She acts for a wide range of investment houses in the private equity, real estate and leveraged finance sectors.

Ms Armstrong-Cerfontaine is recommended in Legal 500 (Luxembourg) which states that she is "a standout lawyer with an exceptional ability to grasp complex projects and respond to clients' requirements and needs".

She was a contributor to 'Encyclopaedia of Forms & Precedents': vol. 9(1), Companies, 2009, and vol. 10(1), Companies (Butterworths, 2011). She is the co-author of 'Business Start Up in Europe' (Certified Accountants' Educational Trust, 1998), and the author of various articles on insolvency law, company law and restitution. She is regularly invited to lecture in France.

She is a member of the Luxembourg Bar, the Paris Bar Association and the Law Society (England & Wales).

She received a Masters in Business Law of the University of Nancy II 1992, Magistère Juriste d'Affaires in 1993 and a DEA in Private Law in 1994.

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Construction and Real Estate Litigation Law Firm of the Year in Malta



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SAGA Juris is led by Dr Michael Sciriha and his partner Dr Patrick Galea. The firm is well-established and has, over the years, represented Malta's most prolific construction and real estate contractors in their judicial needs.

"SAGA Juris has always been highly involved in the education sector, and recruits and trains young enthusiastic lawyers in order to help them achieve the necessary experience coupled with their profession."

Dr Sciriha, managing partner, noted that Litigation is the backbone of the firm, and this is highly reflected in the number of construction and real estate case that have been, and are still being dealt with successfully, by SAGA Juris.

"Moreover," he said, "SAGA Juris has longstanding expertise on all ambits of construction and real estate litigation in Malta, and has successfully defended clients in various scenarios related to this sector."

SAGA Juris is the representative of 70% of the contractors working in construction and real estate in Malta, and has dealt with cases pertaining to:

- Warrants of arrest and seizure on property;
- Alleged Breaches of environmental policy;
- Injuries and deaths on the work place;
- Structural damages to property during construction;
- Alleged Illegal construction and construction without permits;
- Alleged bad workmanship;
- Unfair dismissal and dismissal on disciplinary grounds.

A great deal of notable work has been carried out by SAGA Juris in these areas over the years, and now both Dr Sciriha and Dr Galea have been able to contribute their knowledge and experience to law students at the University of Malta.

Lately, Dr Sciriha has also been appointed president of the University of Malta Council; meanwhile, Dr Patrick Galea has been lecturing property law and civil law in the law courts for many years.

Dr Sciriha added: "SAGA Juris has always been highly involved in the education sector, and recruits and trains young enthusiastic lawyers in order to help them achieve the necessary experience coupled with their profession.

"Over the years, SAGA Juris has developed into a multifaceted firm whereby various clients can be serviced for criminal, civil, corporate, commercial, property and family juridical disputes – while also extending comprehensive services in the financial, intellectual property and ICT fields."

Trademark & Copyright Law Firm of the Year in Luxembourg



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DENNEMEYER & ASSOCIATES

With the increasing number of global players setting up their IP assets management team in Luxembourg, it is vital to have a reliable partner supporting them with extensive know-how in worldwide filing, enforcement, licensing and management of IP rights. Dennemeyer & Associates S.A. is therefore very happy to be awarded Trademark & Copyright Law Firm of the Year in Luxembourg.

The law firm Dennemeyer & Associates is not only a traditional IP boutique. With more than 50 years of experience, its practice holds profound knowledge in intellectual property law with highly skilled worldwide partners making Dennemeyer one of the most reputed firms in the IP field.

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With its head office established in Luxemburg, a leading financial center, the law firm is proficient in implementing adequate IP-related strategies, helping clients to benefit from the favorable tax regime on royalties. Dennemeyer is nowadays the perfect intellectual property full service provider with longstanding experience in bulk filings and prosecution work on behalf of major global players. Further, its modular and fixed fee price structure is very appealing to its clients.

The firm's Trademark and Copyright service in Luxembourg is headed by Mr. Olivier Lombardo, a French, Luxembourgish and European trademark and design attorney. Before joining Dennemeyer, he gathered valuable experience with French Senator Pierre Lafitte (founder of Sophia Antipolis, one of Europe's biggest technology parks), in a German private practice and at the European Patent Office. Additionally, he gained insight into copyright issues of the media industry by co-founding a movie production company.

Specialized in trademark and design law, Mr. Lombardo has a wide range of experience in the enforcement of IP rights and the management of major multinational clients' portfolios in the automobile, fashion and food-processing industries, among others. Mr. Lombardo's experience in dealing with various aspects of the IP law and his strong understanding of the use of trademarks enable him to provide clients with global business-oriented solutions and practice-oriented contracts.

Mr. Lombardo also represents Dennemeyer & Associates at conferences and seminars and heads the Dennemeyer IP Breakfasts in Luxembourg. Fluent in French, English and German, Mr. Lombardo assists his clients worldwide and was listed for the second year in a row into the WTR 1000 (World Trademark Review) - The World's Leading Trademark Professionals 2014 and 2015.

Trademark & Copyright Law Firm of the Year in Luxembourg



Commercial Law Firm of the Year in Malta



MAMO TCV ADVOCATES

Dr. David Tonna
Partner

MAMO TCV Advocates is widely regarded as one of Malta's premier commercial legal practices, providing in-depth advice to clients on all aspects of corporate and commercial law.

The services offered comprise, inter alia, the setting up of companies and other commercial partnerships, trust formation and administration, preparation of corporate documents, advice in relation to corporate structures and transactions, mergers and acquisitions, public offerings of securities, dissolution and winding up, company reconstruction, re-domiciliation and insolvency procedures. Banking and Finance, Financial Services, Investment Funds, Intellectual Property.

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MAMO TCV ADVOCATES

Mamo TCV Advocates evolved from the merger in 2000 of two leading Maltese law firms - Tonna Camilleri Vassallo & Co., and John Mamo & Associates. Today, the firm is one of the largest legal practices in Malta.

"Operating from offices in the capital Valletta, the practice offers an impressive depth and breadth of expertise which enables the firm to handle a variety of different legal areas, and provide, in essence a 'one-stop' service to clients," said David Tonna, partner.

For the past years MAMO TCV has been top ranked by Legal 500, IFLR 1000, Martindale-Hubell, Chambers Global and Chambers Europe. For instance, IFLR 1000 refers to MAMO TCV as a firm which is "described by peers as "a top notch firm" and one which forms "part of the Maltese equivalent of the magic-circle firms"". Martindale-Hubell considers MAMO TCV as being "One of Malta's largest and leading law firms" whilst that Legal 500 describes the firm as one of the "best respected firms" in Malta.

The firm's aim is to:

- provide specialist legal advice to clients in a timely and effective manner by combining the diverse resources of the firm in the most efficient way; and
- to make a difference in its sector on the Maltese Islands by keeping abreast of local and international legal developments in order to help clients achieve their aims.

The firm also operates overseas through an international network of lawyers to cover a broad range of legal areas, in particular in corporate and commercial practices, banking and finance, IP, communication, media and technology as well as shipping.

"We are also the preferred correspondents in Malta for various, leading law firms based in Europe, particularly those operating out of the UK," concluded Dr Tonna.

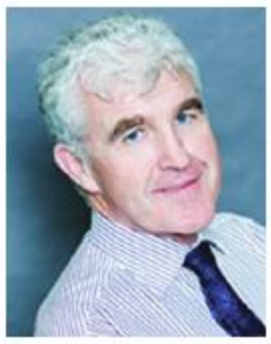
In Malta there is one form of company - the limited liability company - this may be private or public.

In this respect, the approval of the Registrar of Companies is required prior to setting up of a company. This is readily available provided the Registrar subject to the requirements indicated hereunder being satisfied. Furthermore, in the case of companies which are to operate in particular sectors, a license of authorisation under the applicable laws and regulations will also have to be applied for and be granted.

A limited liability company may be registered by the shareholders or their authorised agent. MAMO TCV may carry out all necessary formalities.

The length of time to incorporate depends on the type of company and on whether all information and documentation is available and in order. However, generally, the process may take as little as 24 hours.

Boutique Defence Litigation Law Firm of the Year in Northern Ireland



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O'Hare Solicitors is recognised as a leading litigation firm in Northern Ireland, able to offer clients over 100 years' collective experience and expertise in every aspect of litigation, providing professional and highly proficient representation for plaintiffs and defendants alike.

"Having been retained to defend cases and claims arising in employer liability, public liability, and claims for road traffic accidents, our solicitors have the experience to give a high quality service in these and other areas of the discipline," said Gerard O'Hare, the founding member and senior partner of the firm. "We have represented a number of high-profile clients in the field of litigation in and beyond Belfast, including major companies, services, and councils."

In working with other groups, the firm is expanding its experience and capability within litigation law and practice. Its work with the Gaelic Athletic Association has enabled its solicitors to develop familiarity and expertise in working in Sports Law.

O'Hare Solicitors' experience has enabled the firm to advise in relation to remedial action to avoid risks including risk assessment, risk avoidance and risk management.

"Indeed regularly during the defence of many claims we pride ourselves on our ability to provide this risk management advice as an added service to the client," continued Mr O'Hare.

"With experience in representing both plaintiffs and defendants in litigation, our solicitors have a unique advantage in building early and effective working relationships with opposing legal counsel, beneficial in pursuing and arranging early settlements, as well as insight into strategies of legal representatives for plaintiff and defendant."

Mr O'Hare stated that the firm's success in defending against fraudulent claims and those with dubious foundations goes hand-in-hand with working relationships with its colleagues. This allows the firm to ensure that genuine claims are handled promptly and sympathetically, saving clients' time, saving on costs, and minimising further disruption and distress.

O'Hare Solicitors offer advice, support and assistance in:

- Personal Injury
- Road Traffic Accidents
- Public Liability
- Accidents at Work
- Medical Negligence
- Commercial Litigation

The firm has a very broad base of clients in the business sector, catering inter alia for the insurance industry, hoteliers and publicans, the book-making fraternity, utility providers, local councils, sporting bodies, banks and other financial institutions and many other sectors.

In addition, O'Hare Solicitors also provide a comprehensive range of services for the individual and have an extensive loyal client base that enjoys its friendly and informal approach.

The firm has been Solicitors for the Communication Workers Union since 1983 and the services it has provided to union members, their families and friends since that time have helped it to develop the skills to provide a wealth of advice and services to its individual client base and the public in general.

Boutique Cross Border M&A Law Firm of the Year in Portugal



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Maria Antonia Cameira is the managing partner of CL@Cameira Legal, leading Portuguese and Brazilian law firm with its roots in the City of London and Lisbon, a prestigious, international client base and a reputation for excellence.

The firm was established over a decade ago, with the objective of creating a unique legal bridge linking international investors carrying out business through the UK's financial centre to Portugal and, particularly, Brazil.

"At Cameira Legal we bring a creative, quality and business-aware approach to all of our work, no matter the complexity," said Ms Cameira. "Our genuine commitment to understanding and supporting clients by building stronger, deeper, more mutually beneficial relationships brings about a straightforward commercial and dynamic approach. We enjoy close working relationships with leading law firms across the world.

"The wider economic environment remains a significant challenge. Our particular strengths as a firm have helped us to remain busy and provide a positive and constructive service to all our clients. We firmly believe in maintaining a sense of perspective - our clients will certainly be best served if an element of warmth and humour is in the mix."

Cameira Legal provides its corporate and investment banking clients with technical and commercial advice on all aspects of M&A and corporate finance transactions.

"For each transaction, we learn about your specific requirements and ensure that our legal services are tailored in the way that best suits them," added Ms Cameira.

Clients benefit from the firm's comprehensive expertise across all corporate disciplines, including: public and private M&A; joint ventures; growth by alternatives to M&A; and corporate advisory.

CL@Cameira Legal has represented several national and international clients in M&A and joint ventures across different economic spheres of activity.

"Our experience extends beyond transactional work and we also look after our clients through every stage of the company life-cycle," continued Ms Cameira. "Our M&A and Corporate Finance practice is well supported by expertise from our other practice areas such as Tax, Capital Markets and Securities, and Real Estate."

Maria Antonia Cameira's practice focus on cross-border mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions. She has advised in numerous acquisitions and private equity deals of international investors in Portugal, Brazil, Mozambique, Angola and China.

Her career began in Brazil 30 years ago, where she was a member of a Portuguese and Brazilian leading law firm. She then moved to Paris where she worked as an associate to a leading French law firm and later on to London where she has been associated with several Anglo-Portuguese-Brazilian legal projects, advising in a broad range of the transactions ranging from project development and financing to real estate transactions, acting for equity investors, developers, and lenders.

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Criminal Law Firm of the Year in Portugal



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ROGÉRIO ALVES & ASSOCIADOS - LAW FIRM, in Lisbon, is formed by the coming together of several lawyers around former Bar Association Chairman Rogério Alves, partaking in their love for the profession and their individual track-record.

ROGÉRIO ALVES & ASSOCIADOS - LAW FIRM's motto is: the strong and determined defence of our clients' rights, wherever it matters.

Our main concern is to advise our clients, in a highly skilled, permanent and attentive manner, on how to best fulfil their rights and comply with their duties and obligations. To choose pre-emptive legal advice as centrepiece of dispute resolution, to uphold the law in all its aspects, to abide with applicable professional ethics and to defend, wherever necessary, the rights we are entrusted with.

ROGÉRIO ALVES & ASSOCIADOS - LAW FIRM's determination and focus are the centrepiece in providing flawless and thorough legal advice to our clients. In the defense of our Client's rights, ROGÉRIO ALVES & ASSOCIADOS - LAW FIRM assesses all angles in each dispute and advise its Client on how achieve their goals, under the Law.

Our main practice areas are as follows:

Litigation & Arbitration

Litigation incorporates one of the main aspects of forensics. It is where our clients' interests must be legally defended, through courts and other decision-making entities.

Arbitration has been standing out within litigation as a new and modern way of accessing a final legal ruling, in a swifter, less formal and therefore more efficient manner.

Whether having litigation with criminal, civil or commercial nature, and also in matters related to private international law, we fully commit ourselves to each case, with maximum competence and fighting spirit, in order to uphold the rights of those who entrust them with us.

This practice area is co-led by its managing partner Rogério Alves and partner João Perry da Câmara.

Business Law

ROGÉRIO ALVES & ASSOCIADOS - LAW FIRM's business law practice area has been created in order to provide a fully integrated and comprehensive legal service for professional clients - companies and entrepreneurs - as to start, develop and grow a business venture. Thriving to provide a vast array of legal advice designed specifically for businesses.

ROGÉRIO ALVES & ASSOCIADOS - LAW FIRM's business law practice area has been created in order to provide a fully integrated and comprehensive legal service for professional clients.

In permanent liaison with our clients, we provide a pragmatic, regular and ongoing legal advice in all business related areas such as corporate and commercial law, finance and banking law, tax law, real estate and construction law, sports law, counselling on internationalisation projects in Portuguese speaking countries, financial restructurings and bank liabilities management, health and pharmaceutical law, media and technology.

This practice area is co-led by its partners Filipe Barata and João Pedro Varandas.

Public Law

Our practise area of public law aims to provide clients with a specialised service in the various aspects of administrative law, with main focus in the areas of procurement, planning law and construction law, public employment, environmental law, fund law and community funding, expropriation and administrative law in general.

We provide customised legal advice in all matters of public law, which may take many different forms, depending on the specific needs of each client, namely legal advice granted in given projects or transactions, providing legal information and advice, update and follow-up of legal proceeding in an administrative stage and patronage in court or arbitration proceedings.

This practice area is led by João Pedro Varandas and the of-cousel Henrique Rodrigues da Silva.

Emerging Tax Law Firm of the Year in Russia

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Schekin & Partners specializes in tax, commercial, corporate law and various types of litigation.

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Samardžić, Oreški, Gecić & Grbović (SOGG) is a full service business law firm providing its clients with the highest quality legal advice across a wide range of key areas of corporate law in the Western Balkans (Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Macedonia and Montenegro). The firm is particularly noted for its legal expertise, high professional and ethical standards, meticulousness, and responsiveness.

SOGG is firmly committed to providing advice at the highest level and achieving lasting results for clients. SOGG has one of the strongest internationally trained teams currently available on the market, which includes graduates from Cambridge, Harvard, Georgetown, Florence's EUI, Nottingham, Bologna, and Panthéon-Assas. Members of the team have benefited from practicing in some of the leading global law firms and legal centers such as Vienna, Paris, and Brussels. This, combined with a thorough knowledge and understanding of the local legal, business, and political environment, puts SOGG in a position to provide unique and comprehensive advice to international clients with business interests in the Western Balkans.

The team at SOGG is recognized as a market leader in advising clients on some of the most complex and challenging transactions in the region. From the onset of the transition to a market economy in the ex-Yugoslav countries, SOGG has effectively and successfully represented both national and international clients in their local and international business transactions.

SOGG's partners and counsel are regarded as leaders in the regional legal profession, regularly working with international organizations and bodies, speaking at industry events, and teaching corporate and regulatory law in law schools. To best serve clients' interests, SOGG maintains close working relationships with all national regulators as well as with key regulatory contacts across all government sectors. Some of the partners and counsel are numbered among the leading experts in the field of corporate law, utilizing their first-class expertise to render in-depth advice and analysis to clients.

Recent experience includes, *inter alia*, advising Etihad Airways regarding its strategic partnership with the Serbian Government and acquisition of a 49% stake the national airline, which was the largest regional deal in 2013/14 (a transaction that according to Oxford Economics is estimated to have contributed to a 1.5% growth in GDP in Serbia in 2014 alone).

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Bazarov, Golikov and Partners Law firm was founded in 2006 to meet the rigorous requirements of a diverse client case. In the ensuing years, managing partner Dmitry Bazarov and partner Alexander Golikov have gained experience and expertise in the highly competitive legal market. The team is made up of highly qualified professionals from various fields of practice, with extensive knowledge and first-hand experience in managing complex projects. Further, the team is a member of the Franco-Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIFR) and the Association of European Businesses in Russia.

Today, Bazarov, Golikov and Partners Law firm has significant resources to resolve the most complex issues in various fields of business, and has managed to attain sustainable growth in all its core competencies. Clients include major Russian and international gas, oil, energy and metallurgy companies, developers and construction enterprises as well as insurance and banking companies.

The firm also provides consultancy services in the field of tax law, and represents taxpayers' interests with respect to the tax authorities and tax litigation. Drawing on their experience in related fields, its experts ensure thorough and professional relationships with the tax authorities, providing clients with a key advantage.

Bazarov, Golikov and Partners Law firm is specialised in out-of-court resolution of disputes with the tax authorities. Services in this key area include consultancy services in tax disputes; representation during tax audits – both at the tax authorities' offices and on-site; pre-judicial settlement of tax disputes and out-of-court disputes with tax authorities; as well as consultancy on refunding excess tax withheld or collected.

It also assists in preparation of legal opinions of varying degrees of complexity on the applicability of profit tax, VAT, personal income tax, excise duties, corporate property tax and the use of tax rebates and tax benefits.

Meanwhile, the firm offers expertise pertaining to bankruptcy and insurance, taking careful account of the particular features of every step in the process and of its clients' legal status. Its specialists are highly experienced in carrying out the most complex bankruptcy proceedings, such as with companies under administration or undergoing financial restructuring.

In addition, representation in bankruptcy proceedings in courts of arbitration are provided, as well as drafting of debtor's counter-arguments to creditors' claims, petitions, settlement deeds and any other required service documents. In this area, protecting the interests of the client as creditor are paramount.

Bazarov, Golikov & Partners is currently comprised of two partners and 23 professional attorneys. Recent case work has included representation of a major Irish bank in protection of its assets during bankruptcy proceedings in a number of Russian regions. This particular asset recovery project had a value of over EUR 200 million.

The firm also conducted an elaboration of a complex legal stance and identification of a strategy to protect a client's interest in a dispute resulting from a construction contract for an amount of over 1.2 billion rubles.

Bazarov, Golikov and Partners has significant resources to resolve the most complex issues in various fields on business.

Boutique Commercial Litigation Law Firm of the Year in Scotland

Specialist knowledge and experience

We do what we know we're good at: we manage and resolve commercial disputes and litigation. We can help any business which finds itself involved in a dispute and we are regularly retained by solicitors from England and other countries to represent their clients in cases before the Scottish courts.

We also assist other Scottish lawyers who don't specialise in litigation but want to be able to refer their clients to an accredited specialist firm that they can trust to do the work well for a reasonable fee. Whether you are a business client, a solicitor from another jurisdiction or a Scottish lawyer who wants to provide a service to clients by establishing a relationship with a niche specialist firm, we will be happy to tell you how we can help if you get in touch. We act in disputes relating to:

Commercial agreements and obligations

Company and corporate

Intellectual property, information technology

Property

Insolvency

Debt and asset recovery

Halliday Campbell WS are Signet Accredited Specialist Commercial Litigation solicitors. We are listed by Legal 500 as a leading commercial litigation firm. We were Scottish Legal Awards Litigation Team of the Year finalists in 2011 and 2012 and Law Awards of Scotland Litigation Firm of the Year finalists in 2012, 2013 and 2014. We are located in Edinburgh, Scotland.

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Prol & Asociados Lawyers

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Prol y Asociados (P&A) is a boutique Law Firm which has developed a reputation for its expertise in protecting banks' and financial institutions' interests in Spain.

- Its activity of legal counselling ranges from banking and financial transactions to corporate and M&A/joint venture dealings.
- It is also very active in banking and financial litigation and arbitration as well as in solving the Employment Law issues the institutions working in those fields might face.
- It has a long standing reputation for successfully managing complex financial transaction.

P&A delivers high quality legal services to clients (with a strong international practice), combining tradition and innovation:

- The Partners in charge of the different matters are deeply involved in the handling of the file since beginning until completion, taking all the necessary decisions (on strategy, negotiation, drafting and execution).
- Close collaboration with its clients (availability and reactivity).
- Combines long standing experience with legal expertise and depth knowledge of Spanish Law requirements.

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ISLAW is a leading Spanish commercial law firm representing local and international clients in transactions throughout Spain and Europe. Its areas of practice cover transportation law, including land, air and maritime, insurance and reinsurance, cross border transactions, energy, environmental law and product liability, commercial litigation and arbitration.

"Our practice is multi-jurisdictional and covers legal and other non-legal technical disciplines," said Jose A. Infiesta Alemany, partner. "As a result, we recognise and value the contributions of people with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. We take pride in having a strongly diverse working environment and strive to enhance this value in the firm and its operations."

Mr Alemany stated that global thinking is one of ISLAW'S core values. He highlighted the firm's international outlook and knowledge of the languages and legal culture of the different countries where our clients do business. The team is competent in both common and civil law systems and is fluent in English, French, Italian and Portuguese.

"Combining professional excellence with cost effectiveness is capital for our team," added Mr Alemany. "Affairs entrusted to the firm receive direct, immediate and personalised attention from our partners, thus avoiding large law firms' bureaucracy and offering top quality and pragmatic legal advice at competitive fees. We uphold the highest standards of legal representation with a focus on excellent client service."

ISLAW is one of Spain's most preeminent law firms in the area of shipping law. The firm's team has more than 15 years of experience providing legal advice and assistance in the area of dry and wet shipping.

The firm's client base is extensive, encompassing numerous major P&I clubs, owners and charterers and insurance companies. It handles the full range of maritime law work including collisions, salvage, pollution and total loss. The firm's dry shipping practice encompasses advice on charter parties, bills of lading and cargo claims.

"We are experienced and successful litigators in this sector and have been involved in a number of high-profile cases in the Spanish High Court and Supreme Court," said Mr Alemany. "We also offer particular expertise in cross-border litigation and international arbitration in this area."

ISLAW's team focuses highly on both national and international insurance litigation.

"We represent a broad range of clients in this sector and have experience with very high-profile insurance cases in Spain," continued Mr Alemany. "In the last years we have consolidated our position as one of Spain's most preeminent law firms in the sector and we have been praised by our clients for our high level of industry expertise."

The firm's base of clients in this sector includes major insurance companies worldwide and the most relevant UK P&I clubs. It has particular expertise in the French and British markets.

Building on its outstanding reputation in maritime law, the firm's insurance and reinsurance practice has expanded and now covers all forms of marine and non marine insurance, reinsurance and excess of loss products, including hull and machinery, protection and indemnity, cargo, charterers' liability, engineering and energy.

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BMG Attorneys was founded in 1996 by four law lawyers from a highly respected international law firm. Today, the firm has offices in Geneva and Lausanne and employs about 25 lawyers and other fee-earners.

All members of the law firm are highly qualified. The attorneys hold post-graduate diplomas from renowned academic institutions, and many of them have gained professional experience abroad. Some are also associated with universities.

Most of BMG Attorneys' clients are companies and institutions located in Switzerland and abroad. The firm represents the interests of its clients in all areas of commercial law and assists companies wishing to set up in the Lake Geneva region. BMG provides all legal services needed to support the business operations of clients in various industrial and service sectors, in Switzerland and internationally.

The firm's intellectual property services cover:

- Patents, Trademarks, Designs, Copyrights, Domain Name, Trade Secrets
- Anti-Counterfeiting
- Registration and Enforcement of IP Rights in Switzerland and Abroad
- Data Protection
- Marketing
- Unfair Competition
- Product Liability

Sylvie Gurry-Veit is one of the founders of the firm. She advises a number of corporations and private undertakings on any aspect dealing with intellectual property and business activities involving brands, technology and services, from start-ups to well known Swiss and foreign multinationals. She has expertise in Switzerland and internationally.

Her team is made of specialised attorneys and paralegals trained to handle Swiss and international work from prosecution of intellectual property to structuring and defending business activities in Switzerland and abroad.

Prior to founding BMG Attorneys, she had been an associate and a local partner of Baker & McKenzie Geneva (1989- 1995), a teaching assistant in International Monetary Law, at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, University of Geneva (1987-1989); she also trained in Société Générale Investment Bank, as an Analyst. She seats as an expert at the local Commission of the Federation of the Swiss Industry. She has academic training in France, Australia and Switzerland.

Ms Gurry-Veit is a member of International Trademark Association (INTA); International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI); Licensing Executives Society (LES); International League of Competition Law (LIDC); Geneva Association of Business Lawyers (AGDA); and MARQUES – Association of European Trade Mark Owners. She is fluent in both French and English.

Ms Gurry-Veit believes that "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts" perfectly describes the spirit of BMG Attorneys.

"Indeed, we stress the importance of synergies over individualism," she explained. "The partners and staff of the law firm are all independent-minded individuals as well as recognised and respected professionals in their field. But what makes our firm truly unique is something else: at BMG, it is the group, rather the individual, that makes the difference.

"Our daily teamwork is rooted in a shared outlook and a culture of dialogue that encourages the open exchange of ideas across all levels of the firm. We strive for a subtle balance between sound analysis and creativity, and constantly search for the best solutions to meet our clients' needs. We see ourselves as true partners of our clients, and as such do our best to gain a thorough understanding of their professional and business activities."

BMG Attorneys was founded on the principle of total financial integration among the partners. Ms Gurry-Veit stated that this structure ensures that the firm's clients' interests are its main priority. It also allows the firm to manage these interests in a flexible manner and to provide its clients with the skills most relevant to their needs.

"Our potential for synergy is illustrated by the way we manage interdisciplinary or international cases: for maximum efficiency, each case is handled by a specially-constituted team," she continued. "Cases involving an overseas component are managed in coordination with trusted partners, whom we select according to the needs of the case but also on the basis of the same high standards we adhere to in Switzerland. Our open network structure allows us total flexibility in the choice of our partners in terms of quality. As a result, we maintain excellent relationships with law firms around the world, which allows us to offer our clients optimal solutions in the country of their choice."

Ms Gurry-Veit summed up the firm's philosophy and values with the quote "take things seriously without taking oneself too seriously".

"If we had to describe ourselves in a few words we would say that the positive work environment we nurture within the firm influences our relationships with our clients. We would say that we reject all forms of ostentation and hierarchy. We would also stress our attachment to a code of ethics. Because we see ourselves as business lawyers not businesspeople, we refuse to set up offshore structures or manage private assets. But what interests us most is not talking about us but talking about you, and how we can work together to find the best solutions and most successful outcomes for your projects," she concluded.

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YazıcıLegal offers a broad range of legal services in banking, capital markets, finance, energy, mergers and acquisitions, privatizations, competition, intellectual property, foreign investment, information technology, communications, construction, licensing, franchising and other corporate and commercial matters. Lawyers of YazıcıLegal have been advising clients in complex domestic and cross-border transactions with a focus on the above mentioned areas for over twenty years and have accumulated substantial experience in bank and capital markets regulatory issues, project and structured finance transactions, mergers & acquisitions, energy, private equity and foreign investments and privatizations.
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Balay, Eryigit & Erten has a group of experienced, talented, business minded and bi-lingual lawyers who deal with corporate matters in its widest definition. Two out of three partners of the firm led large law departments in very large multinational organisations and practiced law in Turkey and abroad. The firm provides its multinational and domestic clients with wide range of legal services and actively support them to achieve their goals in Turkey.

"We offer our clients trustworthy and clear legal advice with reasonable costs," said Mr Erten. "The firm's practice is evenly distributed between litigation and corporate work. Such a balanced distribution in our work profile enables us to address ever-changing needs of our clients in various focus areas."

Mr Erten believes that it is difficult for corporate clients to find a law firm that is flexible enough to provide them with tailored solutions for their important corporate and litigation issues. He noted that Balay, Eryigit & Erten Attorney Partnership sets a high value on honesty, openness and diversity.

"We strive to provide novel ideas to our clients that make legal and business sense to prevent issues to become problems and offer innovative solutions for the resolution of disputes, if the disputes are unavoidable," he elaborated.

Balay, Eryigit & Erten mainly represents large domestic and multinational clients from various industries i.e. energy, pharmaceuticals, FMCG.

"Our firm consists of senior lawyers who acted as in-house / outside counsels throughout their careers, which give them a unique view on business matters," continued Mr Erten. "Our well-rounded and business-minded approach is appreciated by all of our clients."

Balay, Eryigit & Erten recently concluded a massive project for a client – one of the biggest players in the energy sector – in a short period. Mr Erten stated that the firm beat the expectations of the client both on timing and the budget of the project. While dealing with this huge project, the firm also concluded an important M&A project and continued its day-to-day work with other major clients.

Mr Erten believes that this proves the flexibility and multitasking abilities of the firm.

"We believe change is in the nature of law business. Therefore, in the next 12 months we plan to further enhance our abilities and expand our reach to different jurisdictions to address the regional legal needs of clients," concluded Mr Erten.

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The Firm differentiates itself from competition through adhering to 3 key principles:

Client-Centric Approach: We focus on the needs of our clients to provide 360-degree solutions across different practice areas instead of following a project-by-project approach, which enables us to sustain long-term client relationships.
Hands-on Approach: In contrast to many of our competitors who we prefer to call "desktop lawyers", we immerse ourselves in the processes along with our clients and actively manage workstreams as an insider rather than following observe-then-advise approach.

Team-based Approach: The collegiate culture of the firm, along with deeply rooted legal expertise across practice areas enables us to follow a team-based approach where our clients feel the confidence of having multiple competent and experienced people leading different workstreams instead of being key-man-dependent.

The Firm has a diverse client base where we serve both individual and corporate clients. Historically, majority of our client base has comprised of blue-chip domestic corporations in a broad range of industries including metals and mining, transportation, infrastructure, industrials, consumer goods, retail, education, healthcare and logistics.

Going forward, our top priority for the next 12 months is to further expand our international client base to complement our already strong base of domestic clients. The Firm's relentless focus on applicability, execution and implementation, combined with its profound knowledge of the delicate intricacies of the local legal and regulatory frameworks provides a competitive advantage for our international clients who, more often than not, are concerned with not only the accuracy of legal advice they receive from local firms, but also the enforceability of legal decisions domestically.

Last but not the least, the quality of the team has always been, and continues to be a key differentiating factor that has been pivotal to our success as the Firm has evolved from historically a family office to a full-service professional law firm. The Firm is currently led by Mehmet Asim Iplikcioglu (third generation) who has built a strong, diverse and experienced team with substantial track record that has resulted in a collegiate, dynamic and result-oriented culture that continues to drive the Firm.

The Firm specializes in commercial and criminal law.

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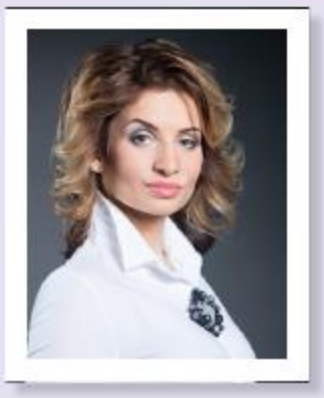
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- M&A transactions in banking and financial markets;
- Accounts payable and accounts receivable restructuring;
- Bond issuance for banking/non-banking financial groups.



THE AMERICAS WINNERS

The US has the largest and most technologically developed economy in the world. Business firms in the US enjoy a greater degree of flexibility compared to businesses in other regions in terms of innovation and expansion.



The firms are at or near the forefront in technological advances, particularly in computers and in medical, aerospace, and military equipment. These advances largely explain the gradual development of a 'two-tier labour market'. At the bottom they lack the education and skills of those at the top. Additionally, they don't receive equal pay raises, health insurance coverage and other benefits of those at the top.

Crude oil prices doubled between 2001 and 2006, the year home prices peaked. As imported oil accounts for nearly 55% of US consumption, the increasing prices depleted consumers' budgets, causing many to fall behind in their mortgage payments. Oil prices rose another 50% between 2006 and 2008, and bank foreclosures more than doubled in the same period.

These elevated prices caused a drop in the value of the dollar and deterioration in the US merchandise trade deficit, as well as weakening the housing market. By mid-2008, the US was pushed into a recession. This was the deepest and longest downturn, which the US economy has not fully recovered from, since the Great Depression.

In October 2008, the US Congress established a $700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) to help stabilise financial markets. In January 2009, the US Congress passed and President Barack Obama signed a bill providing an extra $787 billion fiscal stimulus to create jobs and help the economy recover.

Total spending on healthcare rose to 17.9% in 2010. In March of that year, President Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, a health insurance reform that will extend coverage to an additional 32 million American citizens by 2016.

In July 2010, he signed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. This law was designed to end taxpayer bailouts of financial firms and improve accountability and transparency in the financial system.

The Iraq and Afghanistan wars further contributed to the growth of the budget deficit and public debt. According to government figures, the cost of the wars was almost $900 million through 2011.

In 2010 and 2011, the federal budget deficit reached nearly 9% of GDP. In 2012, the federal government reduced the growth of spending and the deficit shrank to 7.6% of GDP.

While the strategy for most companies in 2011 was about getting back to basics and weathering the storm of unemployment and recession, 2012 did not see a large amount of economic success for North America. According to the government's final report on the fourth quarter, US economic growth was weak at the end of 2012, but better than originally thought. GDP rose at a 0.4% annual rate in the quarter.

In December 2012, the Federal Reserve Board (Fed) announced plans to purchase $85 billion per month of mortgage-backed and Treasury securities in an effort to hold down long-term interest rates, and to keep short-term rates near zero until unemployment drops below 6.5% or inflation rises above 2.5%. In late 2013, the Fed announced that it would begin scaling back long-term bond purchases to $75 billion per month in January 2014, and reduce them further as conditions warranted; the Fed, however, would keep short-term rates near zero so long as unemployment and inflation had not crossed the previously stated thresholds.

Long-term problems include stagnation of wages for lower-income families, inadequate investment in deteriorating infrastructure, rapidly rising medical and pension costs of an ageing population, energy shortages, and sizable current account and budget deficits.

The US and Canada have similarly modern and sophisticated economic systems. Approximately three quarters of Canada's exports go to the US. It is the US' largest foreign supplier of energy, including: oil, gas, uranium and electric power.

Canada's economic growth between 1993 and 2007 was strong. But due to the global economic crisis, the economy fell into a recession in the last months of 2008. However, Canada's banks emerged from the financial crisis among the strongest in the world. Canada achieved marginal growth in 2010-13 and plans to balance the budget by 2015.

Brazil's economy, the largest of the South American countries', experienced two quarters of recession in 2008. However, with its well-developed agricultural, mining, manufacturing and service sectors, it was one of the first economies to begin recovery.

According to Finance Minister Guido Mantega, investment and stronger exports will see Brazil's economy improve in final 2014 figures (which have not yet been made available). Although the $2.56 billion trade surplus in 2013 – the lowest since 2000 – was disappointing, he noted: "The balance will improve with increased oil production and derived products."

The majority of the Caribbean's import-export business is with the United States and most of the region's tourists are US citizens. This means that the US economy has a great deal of influence on the Caribbean, particularly as tourism is the primary industry of the region.

Growth in Latin America and the Caribbean decelerated in 2013, to a pace of 2.6%, but is forecast to improve to 3.6% in 2014's final figures, and to 4.1% in 2015. In South America, Brazil is still growing at a subdued pace, curbed by weak external demand, volatility in international capital flows and tightening monetary policy. The expected improvement in the outlook will depend on strengthening global demand. Private consumption has been supportive of growth in many South American economies.

Growth in Mexico and Central America is expected to accelerate in 2014-2015, supported by better performance of manufacturing exports and stable domestic demand, as well as structural adjustment. Growth in the Caribbean has been hampered by weak external demand – for the tourism sector in particular – and weaker commodity prices, but is expected to strengthen in the outlook.

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Machioni Advogados' approach to legal problems is innovative, singular and global. The firm seeks definitive and comprehensive solutions based on an institutional and strategic vision of its clients' business. The firm's approach is the same whether its client is an individual, company, institution or government body.

"Using knowledge from the analysis of sectors that directly influence the concrete issue (society, government, press, legislation, academic and scientific, industry, anti-trust, unions, etc.), we consider all variables to provide our clients efficient strategic and legal planning to best serve their interests," said Jarbas Andrade Machioni, partner.

"This differentiated and multidisciplinary legal approach means we are able to provide: strategic legal action plans, crisis management advice, advice and assistance in organising businesses and companies, strategic litigation analysis and representation, advice to in-house legal departments, analysis and preparation of contracts and standard terms, and the definition of terms and legal models for corporate activities. In short, we offer specialised and innovative legal advice."

Machioni Advogados is closely intertwined with the academic and scientific environments at Brazil's leading universities and worldwide centres of excellence in legal research.

Marcus Elidius Michelli de Almeida, PhD, the firm's associated consultant, is also a university professor. His work with the firm has a decisive role in training its lawyers in the latest legal developments to keep them always in the vanguard of the law.

"In a single environment, up to date technological resources and online technology exist side-by-side with our extensive library, which has works dating to the 18th century together with the latest worldwide releases," continued Mr Machioni.

"This is the spirit of our office: the perfect alliance of innovation and knowledge for the benefit of our clients."

Mr Machioni specialised in institutional issues and the legal aspects of company crisis management related to corporate, market and tax issues. He is a pioneer in developing strategic analysis in advocacy, as well as being specialised in contracts and the legal organisation of companies.

He began his legal studies in Rio de Janeiro, at the Rio de Janeiro State University Law School, and graduated from Faculdades Metropolitanas Unidas (FMU) in São Paulo. Mr Machioni specialised in company law at Universidade Mackenzie and studied Philosophy of Law at the University of São Paulo (USP).

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Lautenschlager, Romeiro e Iwamizu Advogados provides specialised legal services in litigation and consulting, relating to a wide range of areas and fields of law. The firm is dedicated to providing successful and timely results to its clients, keeping them constantly informed about the status of their matters. Its professionals are highly skilled and prepared to act in a globalised environment, thanks to their years of international experience.

The firm represents clients in court in public and private litigation involving the several fields of law, such as civil, commercial, corporate, bank, bankruptcy, consumer protection, antitrust, administrative law and intellectual property litigation, among other fields, before the lower courts, state courts of appeals and higher court levels. It also offers preventive assistance to companies aiming at preventing possible lawsuits and we conceive strategies to reduce contingencies through negotiation, agreements and deals.

Mr Romeiro has a solid background in civil and commercial complex and strategic judicial litigation, comprising cross border litigation, class actions, contractual disputes, corporate litigation, product liability and credit recovery, among others. He also has large experience in arbitration proceedings involving commercial matters of different nature.

He has successfully acted in the following recent matters, among others:

- US$ 50 MM corporate litigation, representing an American company;
- US$ 80 MM antitrust litigation, representing a Brazilian group of companies;
- Class actions involving advertisement, on behalf of the producer of the products under dispute;
- US$ 200 million credit recovery for financial institution, concerning syndicated loans operations and others

Mr Romeiro has a solid background in civil and commercial complex and strategic judicial litigation.

Lautenschlager, Romeiro e Iwamizu Advogados' goal for 2015 is to keep consolidating its name in the very competitive market that Brazil has, including the litigation and arbitration practices. The firm has been considered one of the best litigation firms in Brazil from directories such as Chambers & Partners, among others and the partners Eduardo Romeiro and Antonio Penna have been appointed as leading attorneys in the area. The firm shall keep following the same objectives of serving its clients in the best fashion on strategic litigation and arbitration matters, keeping all of the good characteristics that a mid-sized firm can offer, including flexibility in the fee arrangements.

Specialist - Energy Law Firm of the Year in Brazil

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SERRÃO ADVOGADOS

Serrão Law Firm has recognised experience in energy law. The office works in consulting and representation of major economic actors in the distribution, generation, transmission and sale of electricity.

The firm provides services in:

- Constitutional law
- Administrative law
- Infrastructure and regulatory
- Civil litigation
- Administrative litigation

The firm has received a number of awards and was ranked in the following publications:

- Chambers Latin America 2015: "Energy and Natural Resources"
- Chambers Global 2014: "Energy and Natural Resources"
- Chambers Latin America 2013: "Energy and Natural Resources"
- Chambers Latin America 2011: "Energy and Natural Resources"
- Chambers Latin America 2009 : "Energy and Natural Resources"
- Chambers Global 2007: "Energy and Natural Resources"
- Legal Analysis 2013: "Infrastructure"
- Legal Analysis 2012: "Infrastructure and Regulatory"
- Legal Analysis 2011: "Infrastructure"
- Legal Analysis 2010: "Infrastructure and Regulatory"
- Legal Analysis 2009: "Infrastructure"
- Legal Analysis 2008: "Infrastructure and Regulatory"
- Legal Analysis 2007: "Infrastructure"
- Legal Analysis 2006: "Infrastructure and Regulatory"

Dr André Serrão Borges de Sampaio, senior partner, received his Bachelor of Laws in 1994 and his Master in Law in 1999, from the University of Brasília/Unb, Brasília - DF.

He was the Consultant General of the Union and member of the Executive Committee and Coordinator of Legal Services Committee of the House for the Management of the Electric Power Crisis, 2001-2002.

Commendations:

- Order of Rio Branco in the Official Degree, conferred by the Hon. President of the Republic by Decree of 26 April 1996.
- Order of Rio Branco in the Grade of Commander, given by the Hon. President of the Republic by Decree of 29 May 2002.

Editor's Choice - Family Law Firm of the Year in Canada



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Catherine Pawluch is one of Canada's leading transport lawyers and has advised Canadian, American, Asian and other international corporations in the transport and logistics industry on virtually every aspect of transportation, supply chain, logistics and distribution laws. In the words of one client, Catherine has an "incredible ability to combine business acumen and exceptional legal knowledge".

Catherine advises leading international airlines operating passenger and cargo services to and from Canada on aviation regulatory, customs and border crossing compliance requirements. She has advised numerous U.S.-based motor carriers and logistics services providers in establishing cross-border operations between the U.S. and Canada. Catherine also advises Fortune 500 manufacturers, producers and retailers in relation to their supply chain and transport law requirements, including import/export control compliance. She is often retained as special transport counsel by other leading Canadian law firms. Catherine is one of the few lawyers in Canada that has a multi-modal transport law practice. It is for that reason that Catherine was elected the first ever Canadian President of the U.S. Transportation Lawyers Association. She was also the first woman President of the Canadian Transport Lawyers' Association. She has served as a Senior Advisor to the International Transportation Committee of the American Bar Association's International Section. Following the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Catherine was invited to participate on a tri-national committee to harmonize liability laws and to create a uniform bill of lading for surface transportation in the three NAFTA countries.

Catherine has been recognized as a leading lawyer in many notable international and North American ranking guides, including: Chambers Global (Transportation Law); Expert Guides: Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Lawyers; Expert Guides: Guide to Women in Business Law; Expert Guides: Guide to Leading Practitioners: China-International/ Competition and Antitrust; Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory (Transportation - Road & Rail), Most Frequently Recommended; Best Lawyers in Canada (Transportation Law); Who's Who Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Lawyers (Canada and International); Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, Guide to the Top 100 Industry Specialists in Canada; Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada.

Catherine is co-head of Davis LLP's Transportation Law Practice Group. The lawyers in the Group are unrivalled in Canada, in terms of the breadth and depth of their transport law expertise and extensive experience. The Group advises both foreign and domestic clients regarding transportation law, including purchases, sales, leasing, or financing of aircraft or transport equipment, border security compliance requirements, tax, customs and export controls issues as they relate to the aviation and transport sectors. The Group has advised extensively on mergers and acquisitions in the transport sector, and has a proven track record of successfully obtaining pre-merger clearances under Canada's competition, foreign investment and transport legislation.

Individual - Securities Litigation Lawyer of the Year in Canada



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Shapray Cramer Fitterman Lamer LLP is one of Canada's premier litigation law firms specializing in corporate and commercial litigation, alternate dispute resolution and strategic advice.

Our lawyers are recognized by their peers and the firm's distinguished roster of clients for their demanding standards, intense work ethic, innovative approaches to the art of persuasion and the pursuit of creative dispute resolution techniques. Each has enjoyed successful careers at large, full service law firms before joining forces in a boutique environment devoted exclusively to representing clients involved in a broad variety of commercial disputes. We have been counsel in many of the high profile cases that have made inroads in Canadian jurisprudence. Complex, intense litigation and arbitration is our forte.

The firm's clients range from entrepreneurs to major Canadian and US-based corporations. Our work frequently involves large, complex or high-profile disputes, and we routinely manage intricate, multi-party litigation and document-intensive cases.

Our lawyers have represented clients before all levels of court in Canada, including in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario.

Howard Shapray, Q.C. is one of the leaders of British Columbia's commercial and securities litigation bar. In a career that has spanned more than four decades, he has successfully prosecuted and defended a gamut of civil claims: corporate disputes, property and environmental cases, mining litigation, securities regulatory disputes, fraud and conspiracy claims, professional liability claims, libel and slander, commercial arbitration, intellectual property issues, and matrimonial and estate disputes.

Mr. Shapray has appeared as counsel in all levels of the Canadian courts, including the Supreme and Appeal Courts of British Columbia, the Superior Court of Ontario and Ontario Court of Appeal, plus the Alberta Queen's Bench and Alberta Court of Appeal. Working with some of the top-rated lawyers in the United States, Europe and Africa, he has also represented clients in foreign litigation.

The firm's clients range from entrepreneurs to major Canadian and US-based corporations. Our work frequently involves large, complex or high-profile disputes, and we routinely manage intricate, multiparty litigation and document-intensive cases.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Law Firm of the Year in the Cayman Islands



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Travers Thorp Alberga (TTA) is a full service offshore law firm with offices in the Cayman Islands and Hong Kong. Its strengths include funds, banking, corporate, private client, regulatory and dispute resolution. Languages spoken by the firm include English, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Mandarin. Lawyers in the firm's Hong Kong office are vastly experienced in the Asian market.

Anna Peccarino, TTA partner, is an experienced litigation and alternative dispute resolution partner with over 15 years' post qualification experience gained under the relevant legal systems of London, Paris, Rome, the Cayman Islands and Jersey, Channel Islands.

Ms Peccarino's litigation experience includes directors' governance and shareholder disputes; all aspects of insolvency, including cross-border liquidations and international asset tracing actions, enforcement of foreign judgments, arbitral awards and injunctive relief; breach of trust actions, director and trustee liability; insurance and reinsurance claims and engineering and construction disputes.

Ian Huskisson, also a partner at the firm, is a commercial litigator with over 15 years' experience. Recent engagements include acting as trial advocate and in the Court of Appeal in a claim against a company director for breach of fiduciary duty, leading asset recovery proceedings in a variety of jurisdictions following a substantial fraud and acting for one of the "big four" accountancy firms as an expert witness in bankruptcy law.

TTA operates a unique 'partner heavy' model where clients are guaranteed the close involvement of, and direct contact with, an experienced partner at all times. It can also offer competitive and, where possible, flexible alternative fee arrangements that many other firms cannot.

Very rarely is it actually in a client's interests to take a case to trial. When parties are in the midst of fully contested proceedings, it can be difficult for them to have a sensible dialogue about settlement. The various options for ADR can be deployed to overcome this issue, but it takes experience and an understanding of the personalities involved to select the right approach and the right time to make the approach.

The firm's dispute resolution group has acted in numerous high-profile international disputes, the vast majority of which have been settled out of court prior to trial. Recent settlements include a long running set of disputes involving the financing of a flagship development project in the Caribbean and of a complex multinational quasi-partnership dispute. On the ADR side, the group has acted in more than 100 mediations, both as mediator and as representative of the parties. It also advises on other formal forms of ADR, such as early neutral evaluation, and regularly takes the lead on informal settlement negotiations.

TTA regularly acts for investors, funds, directors, shareholders, banks, high net worth individuals and others from all over the world. Several of the firm's lawyers have valuable industry experience, particularly the funds industry, which helps them better understand the sorts of issues their clients face day-to-day.

TTA operates a unique 'partner heavy' model where clients are guaranteed the close involvement of, and direct contact with, an experienced partner at all times.

Editor's Choice - International Trade Law Firm of the Year in Colombia

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Espindola International Consultants was established in 1979. Its offices are located in Cali and Bogotá, Colombia.

Services include: International Trade Law, Customs and Foreign Exchange Regulations, Foreign Investment, Banking and Insurance Laws, Maritime and Aviation Laws, Corporate and International Commercial Law, Taxation, Business Law, Administrative Law, Dispute Resolutions, Audits and Compliance in Customs and Trade Matters, Mergers and Acquisitions, Litigation in Customs and Foreign Trade matters, Logistics and International Business Planning.

LA Marketing, Product & Information Management, Sony Alpha Cameras, Miami, Fla *"Carlos is an extremely effective expert in the field of international commerce, and brought with his team years of expertise and the highest professional ethics and integrity I've ever seen. Another asset that grabbed my attention was his professional experience and network, having worked for the most prominent transnational companies in both legal and commerce consultation, with highly recommended results both in the US and Latin regions. It's my pleasure to recommend Carlos and Espindola Intl Consultants."*
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Clarke, Modet & C° is the largest IP group in Spain, Portugal and Latin America, offering unrivalled cumulative IP expertise in Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking markets. The firm has provided global expertise with deep local knowledge for more than 135 years.

Carolina Daza Montalvo is an attorney with expertise in IP spanning more than 10 years.

Carolina Daza Montalvo is an attorney with expertise in IP spanning more than 10 years, having handled large trademarks portfolios for multinational companies, advising clients regarding its trademark enforcement and prosecution as well as filing administrative and judicial actions in order to defend clients' IP rights.

"I have worked for Clarke Modet since 2010, currently holding the position of Head of the Trademark Department," noted Ms Daza Montalvo. She added: "The firm's core strength resides in its global view with strong local expertise. We offer in-depth understanding of the local practice through a network of wholly-owned companies."

The wider firm is recommended by industry insiders for its sheer scale – spanning 10 companies and 32 branches in 10 countries. And despite this large coverage, Clarke Modet retains a hands-on involvement throughout each case, working closely with clients to provide a global – yet comprehensive and bespoke – view of their cases at all times."

Moreover, Clarke Modet offers the services of more than 460 professionals in all areas of intellectual property, including multidisciplinary teams with extensive international experience formed in law, science and technology, providing tailor-made solutions to a diverse client base.

"Thanks to our network of wholly owned companies we deliver a cost-effective and flexible fee structure that adapts to our clients' business needs," added Ms Daza Montalvo.

Today, the firm's comprehensive service portfolio encompasses:

- Patents and utility models
- Industrial designs
- Planet varieties
- Trademarks
- Domain names
- Denominations of origins and geographical indications
- Anti-counterfeiting
- IP enforcement
- IP litigation and ADR services
- Unfair competition
- Valuation of IP assets
- FTO (freedom to operation)
- Contract terms and protocols
- Technology intermediation (patent and trademark licence, R&D agreement, NDA, MOU, MTA...)
- Technology surveillance
- Technology intelligence
- Copyright
- Digital content (prosecution and exploitation)
- Traditional knowledge

Mid-Market - Tax Law Firm of the Year in Colombia



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MAURICIO A. PLAZAS VEGA ABOGADOS & CIA. is a Colombian law firm with practice in the following areas: tax law; constitutional law; community law; public finance law; corporate law; and foreign investment.

"It is a fundamental practice for the legal staff to work as a team in the consultation and litigation matters, which allows us to reach to conclusions that have been thoroughly discussed and result in viewpoints imposed by dialectic and argumentation in a social science such as law," said Mauricio A. Plazas Vega, founding partner.

Tax is the field in which the firm has received the most extensive recognition. Mr Vega stated that the firm has developed considerably in terms of both tax planning and consulting, as well as representing clients in litigation for these matters.

The firm provides consulting on matters pertaining to taxes, user-fees, special assessments and parafiscal income at the national and local levels.

"We draw on the extensive experience of the founding partner and the team of partners, with a very solid academic foundation, as well as national and international recognition, which is the result of the works, studies and research on tax matters that have been conducted in universities, institutes and research centres in Colombia and abroad," continued Mr Vega.

"Our most significant strength lies in the concurrence of the consulting and planning work with the litigation activity, which allows us to have a broad and complete view of the problems and difficulties that typically arise in the application and interpretation of tax laws."

Mr Vega is: Attorney of the Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario (in 1979 – Bogotá, Colombia); Doctor of Law from the Universidad de Salamanca (in 2000 – Salamanca, Spain); a university professor; former member of the Board of Directors and collegian of the Universidad del Rosario. He is also director of the Instituto de Acción Social Rafael Arenas Angel "SERES", and director of the Public Finance Law and Tax Law Department at the Universidad del Rosario. He is a guest professor and lecturer at several universities in Colombia in master's degree and postgraduate programs.

Mr Vega is a guest professor invited by the School of Law of the Universidad de Buenos Aires (Argentina), the School of Jurisprudence of the Universidad Federico II of Napoli, Italy, as well as other European and Latin-American universities.

The firm provides consulting on matters pertaining to taxes, user-fees, special assessments and parafiscal income at the national and local levels.

Among other books, he is the author of:

- Derecho de la Hacienda Pública y Derecho Tributario (Public Finance Law and Tax Law) (Bogotá, Temis, 2006 and 2007, two editions);
- a work that has been translated into Italian by professor Andrea Amatucci and published by Editorial Jovene, Napoli, 2009, under the title Il diritto della finanza pubblica e diritto tributario,

El impuesto sobre el valor agregado (Value Added Tax) (Bogotá, Temis, 1998, two editions);

- Derecho tributario comunitario (Community Tax Law) (Bogotá, Legis, 2001, with a second edition coming soon); Ideas políticas y teoría del derecho (Political ideas and theory of law) (Bogotá, Temis and Universidad del Rosario, 2002);
- Kant: el Newton de la moral y el derecho (Kant: the Newton of the moral and of the law) (Bogotá, Temis, 2004);
- La cuestión social y la nueva izquierda en América Latina (The social matter and the new left wing in Latin America) (Bogotá, Temis, 2007);
- Del realismo al trialismo jurídico (From the juridical realism to the juridical trialism) (Bogotá, Temis, 2009, two editions); and
- El Frente Nacional (Bogotá, Temis 2011).

He is a former president of the Instituto Latinoamericano de Derecho Tributario; honorary member and former president of the Instituto Colombiano de Derecho Tributario; ad hoc Justice for the Council of State and for the Constitutional Court; numerary member of the Academia Colombiana de Jurisprudencia; and a legal adviser for companies in the private sector and for the government.

Specialist - IP Law Firm of the Year in Colombia

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Márquez – Robledo is a modern, dynamic and highly-specialized firm, strategically focused in advertising law, intellectual property, sports & entertainment, marketing, strategic communications, new technologies, competition and antitrust law and consumer protection. It is probably one of the most specialized firms in these areas in Colombia and as such is recognized by the market. Our attorneys are not only highly trained in legal topics related to advertising, intellectual property, sports & entertainment, strategic communications and markets, but they are also familiar with the commercial management of this business, its actors, needs and language.

As a result, the Firm provides legal advice to some of the main Colombian and foreign companies involved in these matters, such as companies in the advertising, media, aeronautic, oil and energy, communications, transportation, consumer appliance, cultural and entertainment industries and food and pharmaceutical sectors, among others. The Firm also advice some of the most important singers and athletes, winners of Academy Awards and some of the world's most renowned championships. Through the last years, probably no Colombian law firm has participated in so many award winning advertisement campaigns or worked with so many Academy award winners.

The advice offered by the Firm goes beyond legal matters, becoming a real commercial ally of clients, with a view to create added value and always offer an adequate advice. For this purpose, the Firm has created a series of tools devoted to the attention of companies (regardless of the economic sector) that need added value for the management of their legal, commercial, advertising, intellectual property, branding, relational marketing, digital marketing, social networking, e-commerce, media selection and booking matters, among others.

Our special focus on advertisement, entertainment and intellectual property law, differs broadly from competitors, generally specialized in the filing of intellectual property rights (trademarks). Our practice focuses on negotiation of rights and agreements, for example international endorsements, international music agreements, international advertisement promotions, as well as legal advice in tax, labor, estate planning, insurance, cash flow, real estate and agreements for the sports and entertainment industry.

Each of the Firm's attorneys has been in contact with the realities of the advertising, marketing, intellectual property and entertainment markets, permanently getting training in the current trends of the market, studying specialized publications and attending national and international seminars, in order to always offer a legal/commercial advice that truly provides value.

The presence of the Firm in the advertising market is so important that it offers advice to more than 50% of the advertising market of the country (percentage based on the investment made by announcers), which allows us to assert that we know this market and its real needs in depth.

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Corporate Finance Law Firm of the Year in Guatemala



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Grupo Legal Intergrado offers a service of the highest quality, personalised, comprehensive and with competitive rates, always based on professional ethics and the search for excellence. Alex Quesada Quintana, partner, stated that the success of its clients is what drives the firm, and how it measures its success.

"We are people who work with values, which include, among others, the following: ethics, transparency and professionalism," he commented. "Likewise, the internal values of Grupo Legal Intergrado are reflected on the outside, projecting in each work, integrity, consistency and discipline of excellence."

The firm is recognised nationally and internationally as a firm that presents solutions fully and effectively. It also has an international presence, as a strategic point in the business of its customers.

The firm is born as a result of a vision, by its founders, to provide legal services in an efficient and reliable way through alliances with other firms in Latin America, creating one capable firm to perform work on a national and international level.

The firm's corporate department has a highly competitive, efficient and reliable team, which is characterised by providing its clients with advice and services related to:

- Corporate governance;
- Mergers and acquisitions;
- Family businesses;
- Corporate Restructuring;
- Estate Planning;
- Commercial Contracts;
- Support agreements;
- Rifts; and
- Notaries in commercial matters.

Mr Quesada's experience, accumulated over the years in and out of Guatemala, has allowed him to consolidate their knowledge in the areas of corporate law/corporate, finance, insurance and real estate.

His experience in Spain as an associate in the corporate/financial area at one of the most distinguished law firms globally (PWC / Landwell), allowed him to successfully participate in relevant corporate restructuring transactions (mergers, acquisitions, splits, transformations) of entities present in countries within and outside the European Union, in the mining and real estate sectors.

His return to Guatemala is motivated by the invitation of a group of local investors to participate in the planning and execution of several real estate projects, some of the most recognised in the City. In 2010 he joined in founding Grupo Legal Intergrado.

He recently advised on three international acquisitions and sales of local insurers. These were the first three such transactions supported by the Superintendency of Banks that took place in Guatemala since the entry into force of the Law on Insurance Activity, allowing such operations.

M&A Law Firm of the Year in Mexico



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Vázquez Aldana, Hernández Gómez & Asociados (VAHG) operates in Mexico City and Guadalajara, Mexico, consolidating more than 50 years of legal practice.

"VAHG is formed as a result of the prestige, experience, reputation, business approach, high ethical values and professional standards, responsiveness, accountability and trust of its partners," said Fernando Hernández Gómez, partner.

VAHG is now recognised as a leading legal firm in M&A, contract law, banking and securities law, real estate law as well as corporate transactions in general, including notary public and commercial notary public services, within its geographic area in Mexico.

"As a result of its non-stop search for high added value, VAHG is proud of having the trust of worldwide known Mexican and multinational companies as a result of the adoption of its professional service model," continued Mr. Hernandez. "We have immediate access to different local jurisdictions around the world through Consulegis, EEIG, an international network of independent law firms to which we are members."

Mr. Hernandez believes that VAHG represents an invaluable sum of prestige and reputation with strengths and capabilities to conduct international transactions, operating under the highest standards of services and quality, together with a singular personal approach, developing a unique strategic competitive factor and high appreciation of its clients.

He stated that the firm values each of its members, noting that the human and professional capabilities of the team allow it to be able to know each and every one of its clients. The firm develops long term relationships with clients as a result of its quality and personal treatment.

The firm's mission is to be the leading firm in providing services in each of its areas of expertise to ensure legal certainty and strategic legal counsel under the highest quality standards in the transactions engaged in by its clients, working professionally in their decision making processes and preventing conflicts and resolving them only when needed, thereby facilitating the conduct of their business.

VAHG has one of the leading practices in mergers and acquisitions. Its partners and associates have participated in complex transactions involving investors, markets and jurisdictions of different countries.

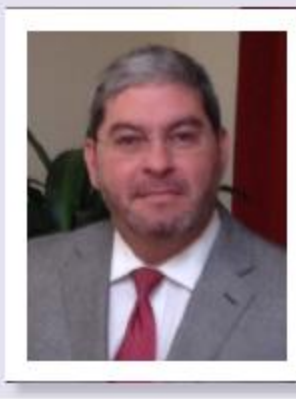
"VAHG`s expertise and knowledge in mergers and acquisitions, concentrations, joint ventures and strategic alliances within regulated or unregulated sectors is unique; and it has focused on representing both Mexican and foreign investors," continued Mr. Hernandez.

The firm has participated in public and private placements in domestic and foreign markets. Mr. Hernandez believes that the firm's perspective on business and financial matters allows it to be sensitive and propose alternatives that address the needs of its customers.

"Our perspective on business and financial matters allows us to be sensitive and propose alternatives that address the needs of our customers.

"Our level of service in this area ensures the implementation and development of transactions with the best results for our clients in the necessary and appropriate timing," he concluded.

Specialist Insurance Law Firm of the Year in Mexico



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Néstor Rodríguez and Pablo Medina are partners at Medina & Rodriguez Abogados, S.C. The firm offers civil and commercial litigation, however most of its clients, counterparts and competitors identify it from its involvement in insurance law. The firm has been part of this specialised market for more than two decades.

Medina & Rodriguez Abogados has advised insurance and reinsurance brokers, insurance and reinsurance companies and the insured themselves on the development of products, the legal framework regarding their commercialisation and promotion, strategic alliances, claims and litigation.

Néstor Rodríguez has over 20 years of experience. He has always worked closely with insurers and reinsurers, as well as internally with several of the most important representatives of the insurance sector, including authorities, not only in the legal department but in the technical and claim areas.

Pablo Medina has been a member of AIDA (International Association of Insurance Law) and CILA (Latin American Confederation of AIDA) since 1992. He is also a founder and member of the Executive Council of IBDS (Brazilian Institute of Tax Direito two).

He is the author of "Revised Law for the Insurance Agreement", 2011 of which the second edition, with latest amendments, is currently being printed.

"Very few lawyers comprise the insurance law world and this firm is the result of the partnership between two very renowned, active participants in national and international forums," said Mr Rodríguez.

He noted that the firm has "the experience brought by the active litigation in this matter, having conducted hundreds of disputes and being in charge of the legal areas of several insurance companies, advising insurance and reinsurance brokers, developing insurance products and being protagonists in the big market's claims".

The firm's clients mainly include insureds and insurance companies, which differ from their counterparts or need consultancy in the interpretation and application of an insurance agreement (policy).

"We acknowledge and recognise from the interpretation and appropriateness of an insurance agreement (policy), the rights and obligations of those involved, the range of coverage and its exceptions, and of course, the best way to conclude a claims process and the eventual filing of it before the diverse forums and regulators," added Mr Medina.

"Our firm has the knowledge of the local market circumstances and legal frame as well as the understanding of the international market which allows us to be a great translator between the local and international practices."

Medina & Rodriguez Abogados' primary objective for the next 12 m**onths is to maintain its position as one of the most recognised law firms specialised in insurance practice.**

The firm's clients mainly include insureds and insurance companies, which differ from their counterparts or need consultancy in the interpretation and application of and insurance agreement (policy).

Intellectual Property Law Firm of the Year in Peru / Trademark Law Firm of the Year in Peru



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BARREDA MOLLER

Barreda Moller is a first class law firm in Latin America. The firm has consolidated solid prestige exercising law with ethics and academic rigor.

"We assure total satisfaction to our clients and the highest level possible in our law practice," said Alfredo Barreda, partner. "We can fulfil all kinds of legal needs for clients living in Peru and abroad. Our firm has reached an outstanding level due to the professional efficiency of its members, making us highly competitive in the market."

The firm's business partners and associates participate actively in Peruvian and international institutions of intellectual property such as INTA, AIPPI, AIPLA, LES, IACC, ECTA, PTMG, MARQUES, FICPI and ASIPI.

Two of the firm's partners were appointed presidents of ASIPI, as well as of the Peruvian chapter of AIPPI and LES. Its associates have also held positions of secretaries and treasurers in national and international associations.

Mr Barreda stated that the firm has developed an intense and outstanding law practice in intellectual property throughout the years.

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Mr Barreda noted that intellectual property is a theme of major importance in the modern economy due to the immense value that trademarks and patents have.

"This forces clients to strengthen industrial property rights, which motivates the members of our firm to specialise in the design of effective strategies to protect these rights," he continued. "We also guarantee total satisfaction for our client's needs in the intellectual property area."

The firm has a team of attorneys with a vast experience in law practice. It strives to train and motivate a new generation of lawyers and engineers. Members of the firm have a high level of professionalism, commitment and working skills that assures the continuity of the organisation.

The firm has accumulated a vast experience in trademarks, patents, copyrights, litigations, domains, contracts and licensing for the protection of intellectual and industrial property of its clients.

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Mark Anthony Fulford is a managing partner at F Chambers Attorneys based in Providenciales. He is an organiser and communicator with extensive experience in public administration and policy making, public relations, banking, sales and marketing. His expertise lies in inward investment, corporate structuring, development, immigration, employment and real estate.

He is an outstanding graduate of the University of Buckingham Law School where he was the first Turks and Caicos Islander to receive the coveted Merit Prize Award. At Buckingham University he served as President of the Law Society, a position that ushered him into the company of distinguished leaders including His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent. Prior to returning to the TCI where he is now the managing partner of F Chambers, he gained work experience in an array of practice areas with reputable law firms in London, and in Bermuda.

Mr Fulford has successfully conducted numerous cases in the Magistrate Court, Labour Tribunal, Supreme Court and Court of Appeal in the Turks and Caicos Islands. He serves as the President of the Legislative Committee of the TCI Bar Association. He is a founding member and Chairman of the Advocates Legal Group, which is the largest group of Legal Aid lawyers that undertake litigation for the indigent. He is a member of the International Bar Association and sits on the Law Firm Management committee. Mr Fulford has served as Special Assistant to the first Premier of the TCI and as an Advisor to the second Premier of the Turks and Caicos Islands. He regularly provides his opinion on specially commissioned work to the current Premier.

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He has achieved an 'AV Preeminent' (5 out of 5) Peer Rating, Martindale-Hubbell's highest peer recognition, generated from evaluations by other members of the bar and the judiciary for legal ability and ethical standards. He is also rated "superb" (10 out of 10) by the leading independent attorney rating service, AVVO, and has been selected by his peers as a Super Lawyer, representing the top 5% of practising attorneys in Southern California. Mr Golubow is a member of the International Network of Boutique Law Firms (INBLF), an invitation only network of lawyers from single-discipline boutique law firms with the highest level of knowledge, experience, reputation and credentials comparable or superior to what can be found at the highest-ranking full-service law firms.

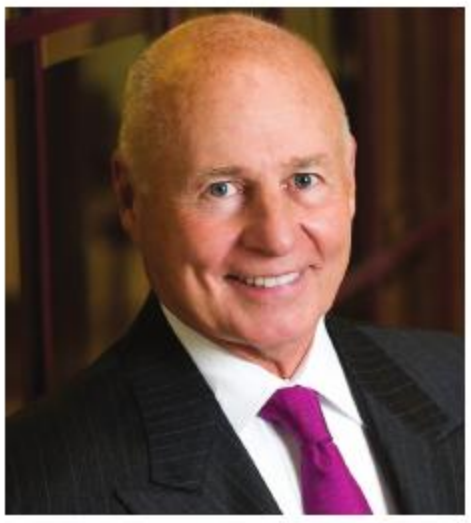
Further, Mr Golubow served as an educational co-chair for the California Bankruptcy Forum's 24th Annual Insolvency Conference in May 2012. He has lectured or been interviewed on varied insolvency related topics including recently, as a guest on Commercial Real Estate Radio (creradio.com) discussing the topic of Commercial Real Estate Bankruptcy – What You Need to Know, on April 4, 2014 and discussing the topic of Investing in Distressed Real Property in Bankruptcy, on February 13, 2014; and as a moderator for 'Debtor-Creditor Feud: The Good, the Bad and the Reality of Receiverships' at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association 24th Annual Convention in November 2012.

He was also a panellist for Bankruptcy in the Americas, Roundtable, September 2014, produced by Financier Worldwide; 'But I Thought We Were Safe: Are Priority Claims and Legacy Employee Liabilities at Risk in a 363 Sale?' at the American Bankruptcy Institute's 25th Annual Winter Leadership Conference in December 2013; 'War of the Roses, The Impact of Divorce Proceedings on Business and Personal Bankruptcy Cases' at the California Bankruptcy Forum's 25th Annual Insolvency Conference in May 2013; 'Bankruptcy Reorganization Plan Strategies for Debtors, Lenders and Creditors Proposing or Opposing a Plan of Reorganization', a webinar produced by Strafford Publications in September 2011; the US Bankruptcy Roundtable, October 2012 and October 2010, produced by Financier Worldwide; and for the US Automobile Sector Roundtable, February 2009, produced by Financier Worldwide.

Moreover, Mr Golubow served as judicial law clerk and judicial extern to the Honourable John J Wilson, United States Bankruptcy Judge in the Central District of California, Santa Ana Division.

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Girardi | Keese has a strong reputation for holding manufacturers responsible for their mistakes when defective products injure people. Examples of this are when a product is unsafe because of bad product design, defective materials, a manufacturing mistake, failure to provide accurate instructions or failure to provide adequate warnings.

This can happen when a product is rushed to market; it often turns out that the manufacturer knew the product was dangerous. The attorneys at Girardi | Keese have the experience, knowledge and ability to investigate, find the defects and litigate a product liability case. In many cases, a change that would not have cost the company much could have prevented serious injuries or wrongful death.

The firm has successfully challenged auto manufacturers for unsafe product design and dangerous component parts. It has also taken retailers and manufacturers to court for selling unsafe toys and children's products. Furthermore, the firm's trial lawyers have gone to court on behalf of people harmed by dangerous drugs or by defective medical devices. Its product liability lawyers have even fought airplane and component parts manufacturers when design defects caused airplane accidents.

Girardi | Keese has successfully recovered more than three billion dollars on behalf of its clients over the years. Some of the firm's cases include: a $4.85 billion settlement with Merck for personal injuries to consumers of the drug Vioxx; a $785 million jury verdict against several chemical manufacturers for toxic tort personal injury claims; a $633 million settlement with PG&E for toxic tort personal injury claims by residents of Hinkley, California (made famous by the film Erin Brokovich); and a $45 million jury verdict against the Ford Motor Company in a product liability case for a 12-year-old boy who was paralysed due to a defective seatbelt.

Christopher T. Aumais, Girardi | Keese attorney, specialises in the areas of product liability, insurance bad faith, commercial torts, intellectual property, personal injury, and wrongful death. He takes a "hands on" approach in representing individuals or businesses who have suffered as the result of another party's negligent actions.

Mr Aumais is a member of the American Bar Association, Public Justice Foundation, American Association for Justice, Consumer Attorneys of California and Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles. He has studied law in four countries and is bilingual in French and English.

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Mr. Labaton has also written articles analyzing whistleblower laws and cases for numerous publications and lectured at numerous law schools. Most recently, he authored an article that will appear in the Loyola Chicago Law Journal discussing his prosecution of a False Claims Act case that has received national attention. Another case that he litigated, and which was settled, was featured in a book written by one of his clients.

Mr. Labaton's partners, Jeffrey Isaacs and Jerome Friedberg, are also former federal prosecutors who, like Mr. Labaton, worked in the United States Attorney's office in Los Angeles. Previously, Mr. Labaton was the Whistleblower Practice Group Leader for Motley Rice, LLC, one of the largest and most successful plaintiffs' firms in the United States, and the managing partner of its Los Angeles office.

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Brett represents clients in diverse industries and service sectors, with a concentration in computer software, hardware and services, in addition to automotive, travel and hospitality, financial services, health-care, oil and gas, and Internet services.

Selected by Leading Lawyers Magazine as a "Leading Lawyer in Intellectual Property," Brett has also been named a "Super Lawyer in Intellectual Property Litigation" for ten consecutive years and one of the top 100 lawyers in the State of Illinois. Based on surveys and interviews with lawyers across the United States, Brett was also named an "IP Star" by Managing Intellectual Property.

Brett represents clients in diverse industries and service sectors, with a concentration in computer software, hardware and services.

His activities and awards have included teaching for five years as Adjunct Professor at DePaul University School of Law; chairing the ABA Subcommittee on Foreign Trademark Law; publishing in various law journals and publications; presenting at annual meetings of both INTA and AIPLA; and acting as the U.S. Delegate for Trademark Harmonization to l'Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle (AIPPI). Fluent in French, Brett is past President of the French-American Chamber of Commerce in Chicago and serves the Mayor of Chicago as Chair of the Chicago-Paris Sister Cities Committee.

Brett received a BA in Political Science and a second BA in French with high honors from the University of Illinois, and his JD from Yale University.

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Asia is the largest continent in the world, located entirely in the eastern hemisphere, east of Europe and northeast of Africa. Oceania includes Australia, New Zealand and a host of island nations, stretching from Asia's east coast to parts of the South Pacific in the western hemisphere.

After a notable slowdown in 2011-2012, economic growth in East Asia stabilised at a moderate level in 2013. The region continues to be adversely affected by relatively weak external demand from developed economies, as well as an adjustment to slower growth in China. A moderate pickup to 6.1% is forecast for 2014 and 2015 together, mainly driven by a gradual recovery in export growth amid improving conditions in developed countries. In most East Asian economies, private consumption and investment will continue to expand at a solid pace, supported by stable labour market conditions, low inflation and fairly accommodative monetary policies. Fiscal policies will remain moderately expansionary and continue to provide support for growth.

Growth in South Asia remains lacklustre as a combination of internal and external factors hamper activity, particularly in the region's largest economies, such as India, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan. Growth is forecast to pick up moderately to 4.6% in 2014 (when final quarter figures for that year are made available) and 5.1% in 2015, supported by a gradual recovery in domestic demand in India, an end to the recession in the Islamic Republic of Iran and an upturn in external demand. However, in most economies, growth will likely remain well below the level prior to the global financial crisis.

Western Asia is estimated to accelerate to 4.3% in 2014. While the member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have been on a stable recovery path, continuing political instability, social unrest, security incidents and geopolitical tensions have hampered a number of other economies in the region. The Syrian crisis has been impacting the neighbouring countries in a multifaceted way. The subdued cross-border economic activities – including trade, investment and tourism – between GCC countries and the rest of Western Asia continued to fail to bring intraregional positive spill-over effects. The stagnation of private capital inflows put Jordan, Lebanon and Yemen under moderate foreign exchange constraints. Turkey continued to face financial pressures, with its currency depreciating and interbank interest rates rising as a result of the decline in international capital inflows.

In Japan, the large expansionary policies aiming to reflate the economy managed to end the decade-long deflation in 2013, as the consumer price index (CPI) is estimated to increase by 0.3%, and is forecast to hit the target of 2% in 2014's final figures.



Australia will maintain a relatively fast rate of economic growth in comparison to many other advanced economies. The real GDP growth is estimated to pick up to an average of 2.8% in 2014-15. The economy expanded by 0.8% q/q (2.8% y/y) in the final quarter of 2013 following a 0.6% (2.4%) gain in the prior three months. In 2013 as a whole, output grew by 2.4%. Economic momentum has lately been adversely impacted by weakening mining investment activity.

Though recovering, household spending continues to be held back by labour market softness; at 6% in February, the jobless rate has climbed to its highest level since 2003. Nonetheless, as the housing market continues to improve, and the effect of monetary stimulus measures filter through the economy, consumer confidence and household spending growth should pick up, thereby increasingly offsetting the lower investment gains.

The resource sector continues to be the key economic motor. Commodity exports (equivalent to around two-thirds of total exports) are performing well, reflecting increasing mining capacity following project completions. Accordingly, net exports will likely be a contributor to output growth in the near term. Economic conditions in China and Japan are highly relevant for Australia as the two countries purchase almost half of the nation's shipments abroad.

Over the past 20 years, New Zealand has been transformed into an industrialised, free market economy that can compete globally. In 2012, New Zealand's economic increase reached a four-year high.

This is the highest increase in GDP since March 2008, when the economic recession began.

The economy pulled out of recession late in 2009, and achieved 2-3% per year growth in 2010-13. Nevertheless, key trade sectors remain vulnerable to weak external demand. The government plans to raise productivity growth and develop infrastructure, while reining in government spending.

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Auyeung Hencent & Day Lawyers emerged from the merger of Auyeung Lawyers and Hencent & Day Lawyers in 2011. In the area of property transactions, it provides services in property development and construction, contract drafting and advice, strata and community title law, leasing matters and strata disputes. Along with property law, the firm has mature practice areas that include civil litigation, migration, admiralty & shipping, dispute resolution and commercial law.

It focuses on the practice areas where its partners and solicitors have extensive experience. So clients can count on it being on the cutting edge of legal developments to obtain the best possible advantage.

The firm's property law clients range from sophisticated clients, such as property developers, to ordinary home buyers and investors. It offers the same high standards to its clients regardless of their standing and familiarity with the law.

Sunny Auyeung, Auyeung Hencent & Day Lawyers partner, noted: "The legal industry is a service industry and we pride ourselves on providing excellent service to our clients. We undertake our work with diligence and the legal advice and services that we provide are always of the top quality that our clients expect of us."

Mr Auyeung has more than 15 years of experience in the legal industry, focusing on property transactions and development. He is currently practising in New South Wales and has previously practised in Hong Kong. He has extensive experience representing developers and in January 2014 was appointed the solicitor for a development of 430 units in Sydney.

In 2013, the firm opened an office in Shanghai, providing legal services to Chinese investors and businessmen with ties to Australia.

In addition, Mr Auyeung has experience with development issues surrounding heritage listed properties and dealing with the complexities of heritage floor space.

In 2013, the firm opened an office in Shanghai, providing legal services to Chinese investors and businessmen with ties to Australia. Since then, it has assisted many of its Chinese investors with the acquisition of properties in Australia (millions of dollars), and the promotion of trade flows between the two countries. It has also established working relationships with local firms, improving its market position by opening up new opportunities.

Auyeung Hencent & Day Lawyers' objectives are to increase its presence in China with the intention of opening offices in other major cities. The firm is dedicated to the successful facilitation of property and commercial transactions by providing quality legal services. It also offers the advantage of other mature practice areas which means that its clients can have confidence that any resulting issues are in safe hands.

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At the start of 2014, CN-KnowHow IP Agent achieved the ISO9001 Quality Management Systems Certificate – recognition for the firm's high level of business management.

Moreover, since 2012, the firm has been awarded National and Beijing Outstanding Patent Agency for three years in a row. The firm was also selected on the Annual Outstanding Firm List and named as the 'China Rising Star' by world-leading IP magazine Managing Intellectual Property (MIP).

Xie Shunxing, president at CN-KnowHow IP Agent, noted: "Apart from rapid growth on patent prosecutions and litigations, our firm has made considerable achievements on patent consulting service. In this regard, we were assigned to draft and compile the ACPAA training textbook 'Patent Consultation Service', the 'Guidance Standard for Patent Agency Services (Consultation Part)' and the in-house training textbook 'Enterprise Patent Working Practice'.

"We have also completed hundreds of patent analysis and FTO analysis projects, many IP service and technology service platform construction projects, and have provided more than 30 trainings for enterprises' IP management projects."

CN-KnowHow IP Group consists of six highly interconnected members and is a full IP practitioner headquartered in Beijing. The firm is noteworthy for providing domestic and overseas clients with 'one-stop' IP services covering patent application and prosecution, legal service, consultation service, technology service, appraisal service and translation service.

Mr Xie said: "Each group member has its unique strengths, complimentary business scope, and close relationship with each other, which as a whole forms a chain of full IP service. The innovative organisational structure and development path, as well as the talented team support along with excellent service achievements, enables us to constantly develop in the fast lane and simultaneously win a high reputation in the IP field."

Today, CN-KnowHow IP Group's firm's technical fields cover almost all the science and technology fields, including chemistry, biology, physics, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, chemical engineering, material science and some interdisciplinary fields such as nanotechnology and semiconductor devices.

Currently, there are more than 250 employees working with CN KnowHow, including 81 patent attorneys, 15 attorneys-at-law, and 20 former SIPO examiners.

CN-KnowHow was ranked as the first largest patent filer in terms of representing Beijing local applicants in 2012 and 2013. Meanwhile, Mr Xie has more than 10 years' working experience in the SIPO and has been awarded the title of 'National IP Leading Talent (Service)', making him one of only 20 persons in China to be awarded this honour.

CN-KnowHow is currently working closely with many domestic and overseas clients. Its clients include companies ranging from Fortune 500 to start-ups, universities, and research institutes.

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Dr Yan Hai, senior partner, has served as a government legal counsel in the PRC Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) for six years. He studied in a US well-known law school and worked in a US law firm. He helped many multinational companies in their competition and trade cases in China, including paper, chemicals, steel, agricultural, equipment, hotel and other industries.

Guangsheng & Partners, P.R.C Lawyers is one of the largest law firms in China. It originated from the China Legal Affairs Center, established in 1985. The firm commenced its present partnership system in 1996.

Dr Hai noted: "Our team provide domestic and foreign clients with a full range of highly specialised legal service in the areas of banking & financing, corporations, securities, mergers & acquisition, real estate, VC/PE investment, international trade (anti-dumping), intellectual property and commercial arbitration & litigation."

The firm have many years' practice experience in China mainland, and are familiar with the Chinese legal environment. Furthermore, they have interdisciplinary professional background so that satisfactory results for the customers would be made quickly and efficiently. Anti-trust competition is a main business area of Guangsheng & Partners.
Regarding the legal measures that companies can put in place to ensure compliance with China's competition rules, Mr Yan commented: "The in-house counsel of a company shall be familiar with legal requirements under competition law. When a company engages an M&A in China, professional advice from an experienced lawyer is necessary to ensure compliance with relevant laws.

"If an M&A, in violation of the provisions of this law, implements concentration, the authority for enforcement of the anti-monopoly law under the State Council will instruct to discontinue such concentration. Parties to the deal will also be instructed to dispose of their shares or assets, transfer the business and adopt other necessary measures to return to the state prior to the concentration – and it may also impose a fine."

Mr Yan also explained that if an M&A project based in China reaches the threshold level set by the State Council, the relevant party shall declare in advance to the authority for enforcement of the Anti-monopoly Law under the State Council. Without such declaration the M&A shall not be implemented.

If potential national security issues arise during cross-border M&A transactions, such matters shall be subject to review on national security, as is required by the relevant State regulations. This is an addition to a review of undertakings in accordance with the Anti-monopoly Law. However, under certain circumstances, M&A may dispense with declaration to the authority for enforcement of the Anti-monopoly Law under the State Council.

Dr Yan Hai, senior partner, has served as a government legal counsel in the PRC Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) for six years.

International Trade Law Firm of the Year in China



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Jurisino Law Group ("Jurisino") is a large law firm offering comprehensive and thorough legal services to clients from within and outside China.

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According to Eric Jiang, Senior Partner, the prestige of Jurisino emanates from the collective wisdom of its professionals.

"Jurisino professionals are diversified in their backgrounds, many of whom have served as judges, government officials, law professors, corporate counsel, business managers and international consultants," he explained. "Yet they share a same characteristic which makes them all hardworking, innovative, client-attentive, cost-conscious, results-oriented and forward-thinking."

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Jurisino has a diversified clientele, reflecting the width and depth of its practices. Its lawyers have served both international and domestic Fortune 200 corporations. Jurisino's clientele also cover government agencies, emerging businesses and other well known organisations.

Mr. Jiang's success provides a good example for Jurisino's success. Mr. Jiang routinely advises clients in cross-border investments, inbound and outbound cross-border M&As and other cross-border matters, and is very experienced in coordinating international legal teams for cross-border matters. Mr. Jiang has further represented many companies in antidumping, countervailing and other trade remedy cases, including Household Appliances, Wooden Bedroom Furniture, Shrimp, Footwear, Color Picture Tubes, DVD-R, Laminate Flooring, Bicycles and Solar Panels, and is particularly versed at Chinese, US, EU, Canadian, Australian, Indian and other trade remedy laws, and WTO dispute settlement process. Mr. Jiang has multinational corporations such as Philips, Whirlpool, Merck Serono, Lonza, Fraser & Neave, Toyota and Samsung on his client list, and is a frequent speaker at seminars, conferences and other meetings held by government agencies and professional organizations including MOFCOM, IBA, IPBA and LawAsia. He is also a visiting lecturer on corporate governance for the International MBA Programme at Hsinghua University.

"Jurisino is dedicated to rule of law and economic prosperity in every part of the world, and is determined to contribute to the world a best law firm," concluded Mr. Jiang.

Commercial Law Firm of the Year in Hong Kong



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Oldham, Li & Nie is a mid-sized law firm. The firm's Corporate and Commercial Practice Group offers comprehensive legal services to meet the business needs of clients having a presence in Greater China.

The firm provide legal advice on a broad range of business areas for individual, corporate and multinational clients.

Gordon Oldham, senior partner, explained that a common problem in any commercial transaction is the complexity and volume of documentation and the danger is losing sight of the goals that a client wants to achieve.

"We try to tailor all documents to facilitate our clients' needs on a particular transaction and certainly our approach of understanding our clients' business and needs helps us keep this objective in focus throughout the process," he commented. "We advise our clients at every stage of a transaction and are available to assist clients from the development of strategies through to their implementation."

The firm also advises clients in respect of the tax issues and the ever-changing laws and regulations affecting their businesses, to help them to resolve all the legal challenges that they may face.

"Our philosophy is to provide our clients with cost-effective legal solutions and personal attention to their needs at all stages of their business development," continued Mr Oldham. "With the assistance of our full range of legal services, our clients are able to focus their resources in building and realising their business aspirations."

Oldham, Li & Nie represents all forms of business entities in the whole process of any merger and acquisition transaction. Mr Oldham believes that making the correct first step is often the key to success in a merger and acquisition transaction.

"We therefore strategise with clients before the transaction proceeds so as to ensure we are all on the same page and that all necessary expert advisers are also 'on board'," he added.

Oldham, Li & Nie carefully considers every aspect of a transaction in the light of the specific needs of its clients, to ensure the clients' legal and economic concerns in the transaction are sufficiently and properly addressed and protected.

The firm aims to structure and conclude the transaction in a way that delivers the most benefit to the client.

Oldham, Li & Nie has acted for clients on either the sale side or the buy side in respect of merger and acquisition transactions on businesses with different profiles ranging from SME to multinational conglomerates.

"Our clients are pleased with the effective and comprehensive manner that we handle the process, from the initial due diligence to the post-completion requirements," said Mr Oldham.

"With a team of experienced Hong Kong and China lawyers, and assisted by our associates across the Asia region, we have the ability to assist our clients in both local and cross-border mergers and acquisitions.

"We are especially skilled at dealing with the legal issues facing international companies seeking to have a presence in Hong Kong and Mainland China," he concluded.

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Mr. Chaudhry's personal involvement in all aspects of the firm's operations and his ability to anticipate client needs has made him, as well as LLS, the first choice for both national and international clients who seek his counsel in matters of legal and business importance.

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Mrs. Anuradha Salhotra, Founding Partner, is also a leading IP litigator and with over 33 years of experience, handles the contentious practice at LLS.

Mr. R.K. Gupta is Partner – Patents and well-versed in India's IP law and policy, with over 35 years of experience. He handles various patent matters, including infringement analysis, oppositions, FTO, technology transfer, licensing and also supervises the work of all other patent professionals at the firm.

Mr. Ramesh Dhawan, Partner – Patents, with over 35 years of experience handles the patent prosecution.

Mrs. Veena Poolakal, Partner – Trademark Prosecution, manages the trademark prosecution practice of the firm.

Mr. Rohit Jaiswal is Partner – Corporate at the firm and advises clients on corporate, commercial and transactional work.

Mr. C.M. Gaind, Senior Consultant at LLS with over 35 years of experience and handles industrial design matters along with patent prosecution, focusing on Indian applications.

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Mr Nath is a partner at one of India's oldest legal firms, RNClegal / Rajinder Narain & Co. He was also the president of Inter Pacific Bar Association in 2004. Two of the firm's other partners were chief justices of the Delhi High Court, and one a president of The High Court Bar Association.

During the last 10 years, Mr Nath has advised on transactions in excess of $15 billion. The Legal 500 stated: "Ravi Nath's esteemed reputation as an aviation expert puts clear blue water between Rajinder Narain & Co. and its rivals..."

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Mr Nath served as the chair of the Aviation Committee of the International Bar Association and is the editor and author of various books and papers on aviation laws. He regularly advises on major aviation transactions and issues.

Moreover, the Bar Association of India has conferred its highest honour on him. He was invited, along with India's former finance minister, Mr P Chidambaram, and president of the Bar Association, Mr Nariman, to be a co-author on a book relating to legal aspects of doing business in India.

Mr Nath received his B. Com (Hons) and his LLB in International and Competition Law at King's College London and in Public International Law at Harvard University. He completed an apprenticeship at erstwhile Sinclair Roche, London.

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Pheo M. Hutabarat is the founding partner of the firm. He is a graduate from the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Parahyangan, Bandung, Indonesia.

His areas of specialisation encompass: (i) capital markets & securities, (ii) banking & finance, (iii) project finance, (iv) energy & natural resources, (v) corporate & investment, (vi) mergers & acquisitions, (vii) insolvency & corporate reorganisation, (viii) commercial dispute and litigation, (ix) real property & tourism; (x) franchise, agency & distribution; and (xi) manpower and human resources.

Especially in the area of practice of commercial dispute resolution, the Asia Pacific Legal 500, 2005/2006 Edition, has acknowledged and awarded Mr Hutabarat as one of the leading individuals in dispute resolution in Indonesia.

His extensive experience in drafting and structuring legal framework as well as transaction documents within the areas of practices mentioned above has led him to handle various types of transactional and transnational projects, and to facilitate various multinational companies to do their business and project in Indonesia.

Mr Hutabarat is a member of (a) the Indonesian Association of Capital Market Legal and has his license as a Capital Market Legal Consultant, (b) the Association of Indonesian Advocates (PERADI) and a licensed advocate in Indonesia, (c) the INSOL International, (d) the International Bar of Association and (e) the Inter-Pacific Bar Association.

He has been a guest speaker at a number of conferences and seminars in domestic as well as international fora, and has contributed many of his writings to international journals and leading publications.

Individual - Commercial Litigation Lawyer of the Year in Indonesia



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Mohamed Idwan ('Kiki') Ganie is the managing partner of Lubis Ganie Surowidjojo (LGS). He graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Indonesia and holds a PhD in Law from the University of Hamburg. Dr Ganie is a Chairman of the Association of Indonesian Anti-Trust Lawyers, a Panelist of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KRLCA), a member of the Regional Panel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), and a fellow (FSIarb) of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

Dr Ganie has more than 30 years of legal experience, and specialises in commercial transactions and commercial litigation, including alternative dispute resolution and has acted as an expert in a number of court and arbitration proceedings. His expertise covers general corporate/company law, banking law, finance, bankruptcy and restructuring, mining, investment, acquisitions, infrastructure projects/ project finance, antitrust, and shipping/aviation, with a particular focus on corporate governance and compliance.

"In the course of Lubis Ganie Surowidjojo's more than 29 years of service, we have secured our position as the premier Indonesian corporate transaction and commercial litigation law firm," said Dr Ganie.

"This combination of commercial law experience and litigation uniquely positions LGS to deal with the full range of commercial issues faced by our clients."

LGS has over a hundred lawyers and experience representing a diverse range of clients, including domestic and multinational corporations, public and private companies, Government instrumentalities and State Owned Enterprises. The firm works closely with its clients to understand their problems, determine their needs, and arrive at practical solutions that are both cost-effective and viable over the long term.

"One of our unique selling points is the combination of our long-standing commercial law practice and our premier litigation department that has extensive experience in dealing with commercial disputes in the context of alternative dispute resolution as well as litigation in the Indonesian courts," added Dr Ganie. "This allows our corporate transaction departments to benefit from such litigation experience to ensure that any transactions handled by the firm are carried out with a view to the potential for future disputes and any existing risks."

Dr Ganie's international commercial transaction and litigation clients include: Goldman Sachs (US), Temasek Holdings (Singapore), Hutchison Whampoa (Hong Kong) and Mitsui (Japan).

"In litigation, due to the differences of legal systems and legal realities, we have a close and intense working relationship with our foreign clients to ensure that they understand any legal impact and options available under Indonesian law (which might not be similar to the impact and options in their own jurisdictions in the same situation), so that they can have the available results and options commercially 'translated' and realistically analysed at each stage of the proceedings," concluded Dr Ganie.

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Touted as "a global force in business litigation" by The Wall Street Journal, "International Law Firm of the Year" by The Lawyer, and a "most feared litigation opponent" by BTI Consulting, Quinn Emanuel is the largest law firm in the world that devotes its practice to commercial litigation and arbitration. With over 650 lawyers in 17 global office locations, the firm serves clients such as Google, Sony, Toshiba, Kyocera, Ricoh, Seiko Epson, Furuno Electric, Clarion, AIG, Motorola, Morgan Stanley, Qualcomm, Pfizer, and many others in a broad spectrum of business disputes spanning many industries. Quinn Emanuel lawyers have tried over 2,300 cases and have won 88.6% of them. The firm represents defendants in the majority of its engagements, but when representing plaintiffs, its lawyers have won over $42 billion in judgments and settlements. Its attorneys have also obtained four 9-figure jury verdicts, twenty 9-figure settlements, and ten 10-figure settlements.

Quinn Emanuel is renowned for having the best litigation practice in the U.S., and its European offices have received similar accolades.

Quinn Emanuel Tokyo specializes in counseling and representing Japanese companies in litigations outside of Japan. The office is comprised of highly-acclaimed litigators who understand Japan business practices, are fluent in Japanese and work on all types of business litigation, including complex patent cases, class action disputes, product liability work, white collar and FCPA investigations, and arbitrations. The firm's Tokyo attorneys have extensive experience in U.S. litigation. They represent Japanese clients in cases across the United States, and have a proven track record of achieving success.

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SUGIMURA International Patent & Trademark Attorneys is a leading Japanese IP law firm founded in 1923.

REPUTATION FOR QUALITY

SUGIMURA has earned an international reputation for quality Japanese IP prosecution. SUGIMURA attorneys are not only skilled in the nuances of IP laws and regulations; they possess technical and practical expertise across every technology and business sector. SUGIMURA attorneys have years of experience working in major corporations as researchers, engineers, IP professionals and in-house counsels. Some have also served for decades at the Japanese Patent Office (JPO). This combination of expertise allows SUGIMURA to understand the perspectives of corporations, patent and trademark owners, as well as the JPO, enabling them to deliver practical and effective solutions to further clients' business objectives.

While most Japanese IP firms outsource translation work, SUGIMURA retains in-house translators to strengthen the quality of cross-border prosecution and ensure the technical accuracy and legal appropriateness of translated documents. The translation department is skilled in Japanese, English, German, and Chinese.

In addition to in-house translators, SUGIMURA also has in-house IP draftsmen. The inclusion of in-house translators and draftsmen increases quality, ensures congruency, and avoids time delays in IP prosecution.

DIVERSE CLIENTELE

SUGIMURA represents both Japanese and international clients pursuing patent, design and trademark protection in Japan. Its clientele ranges from individual inventors and start-ups to well-established academic institutions and multinational corporations from all sectors of the global economy, including automotive, aviation, food and beverages, consumer products, chemical, software, electronics, medical, pharmaceutical, energy, agriculture, entertainment and media, construction, optics, telecommunications and manufacturing.

INTERNATIONAL CAPABILITIES

SUGIMURA has significant experience providing legal advice to international clients concerning IP prosecution and enforcement in Japan. SUGIMURA attorneys are often sought to consult on differences between Japanese IP practices and its clients' domestic IP practice. SUGIMURA's high level of technical expertise, extensive knowledge of Japanese IP practice, and experience in cross-border patent, trademark, and design prosecution enable SUGIMURA to provide succinct advice regarding Japanese IP matters to clients in a manner that is understandable and actionable.

In order to better serve foreign clients, SUGIMURA established a regional office in Palo Alto, California. The Palo Alto office offers clients the personalised care of a boutique firm while drawing on both the resources of its Tokyo office and the strength of its global network. At the regional office, SUGIMURA meets with clients regularly to develop IP strategies, discuss intricate technical and legal issues and present tutorials on Japanese IP practice. With offices in Japan and the United States, SUGIMURA provides convenient round-the-clock service to both domestic and international clients.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

SUGIMURA attorneys are active in their community, presenting on topics regarding Japanese IP practice at incorporations, seminars and law school classes. The firm also publishes articles on Japanese IP practice in magazines distributed worldwide.

Foreign Client Law Firm of the Year in New Zealand



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Royal Reed is the director, principal and founder of Prestige Lawyers Limited. She has over 10 years' experience in the New Zealand legal profession and is well respected in the local Chinese community. Her expanding legal practice has received recognition locally and internationally for its outstanding achievements.

An expert in New Zealand immigration law and cross-cultural dispute resolution, Ms Reed has worked on thousands of immigration cases, assisted various overseas individuals with their investments in New Zealand, and represented various overseas individuals in litigation.

Prestige Lawyers Limited is a boutique law firm with offices and teams in Auckland, Melbourne, and Shanghai. The firm specialises in Asia Practice, particularly in cross-cultural advocacy and negotiations for Chinese migrants based in New Zealand and all parts of the world.

Being a migrant herself of the Taiwanese ethnicity, Ms Reed has excellent knowledge of both the New Zealand and Chinese cultures and legal systems, which in turn empowers her with great strength in cross-cultural advocacy and negotiations.

Ms Reed understands the "fear and pain of being in a foreign land with limiting comprehension of the surrounding language culture". It has been her observation that "linguistic and cultural barriers are often the key factors in leading many to becoming unwilling offenders of our legal system".

To resolve these issues, Ms Reed has built a team of like-minded professionals who share the same passion for assisting Chinese migrants. The firm has a team of professionals who specialise in cross-cultural advocacy and negotiations. These unique skills enable the team to better represent the Chinese migrants

Members of the firm are regular presenters at informative seminars held by community organisations, corporate organisations, as well as universities, for the sole purpose of empowering the legal literacy of Chinese migrants.

In an effort to make resources readily available to a larger number of the Chinese community, the firm has further taken on the role of hosting radio and television programmes in Chinese to go over various legal topics.

"Moreover, the firm has gone the extra mile to create an online library of pre-recorded audio and video clips, to give audience the opportunity to select and review on legal topics that may be of specific interest to them", continued Ms Reed. "All of these have, of course, been done on a pro-bono basis."

Ms Reed was awarded the Special Highly Commended Award by NZ Law Awards in 2012 and 2013 for community services in law. In addition, the firm has assisted various overseas individuals/companies in acquiring the relevant consents from the government for furthering their investments in New Zealand, and the acquisition of high profile meat-processing businesses that made headlines.

In the next 12 months, the firm aims to expand its reach in China and other major cities in Asia where the New Zealand government has a representative office, so as to enable its services to be more

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Some of the firm's recent achievements include Ms Reed's being named as a finalist by the New Zealand Association for Migration & Investment for the Community Outreach Award in 2013. The firm also assisted a high profile Olympic coach from Shanghai to transfer to New Zealand.

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In the next 12 months, the firm aims to expand its reach in China and other major cities in Asia where the New Zealand government has a representative office, so as to enable its services to be more accessible to those based overseas.

Readers' Choice - Traffic Law Barrister of the Year in New Zealand



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If you're facing a transport and/or serious criminal charge, Stuart Blake is here to be your advocate. With a proven track record of success and highly specialised knowledge and experience in these types of cases, Mr Blake can guide you through this difficult time and be an effective advocate on your behalf. Mr Blake will be honest and upfront with you at all times about what you're facing, what your best options are, and the possible consequences involved.

Mr Blake is based in Auckland; however he represents clients all over New Zealand and will travel to appear in court wherever necessary.

Mr Blake takes pride in pursuing excellence. He has an excellent track record for obtaining the best possible outcomes for clients appearing in court on a wide range of criminal charges. He now specialises predominantly in transport law & serious criminal matters.

Since his admission to the Bar, Mr Blake has practised in Tauranga, Rotorua, Hamilton, Whangerei (including Kaitaia, Kaikohe & Dargaville) and Auckland, and continues to represent clients all around the country. He holds degrees in Law, Management, Social Science, along with a Master of Business Administration. He also holds diplomas in Management, a Graduate Diploma in Labour Studies, a BINZ Certificate in Banking and an NZIM Advanced Diploma in Management. Mr Blake gained his first employment in a law firm in Tauranga whilst still at law school. Subsequent to being admitted to the Bar, Mr Blake has continued to undertake a wide range of legal practice working as a barrister and solicitor specialising in litigation; criminal law, Maori land law; civil law; sports law; and commercial law.

Mr Blake is a Listed Provider with the Legal Services Agency and accepts legal aid assignments for criminal / traffic matters.

Mr Blake is a member of the Auckland District Law Society, New Zealand Law Society, Aviation Law Association of Australia, New Zealand Limited, International Bar Association; New Zealand Criminal Bar Association and holds a current practising certificate as a Barrister.

Mr Blake is a Listed Provider with the Legal Services Agency and accepts legal aid assignments for criminal / traffic matters.

Mr Blake is a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand, and a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia.

Mr Blake recognises the importance of continued legal education and thus participates in numerous seminars and programmes each year (including the Lexis/Nexis Seminars of excess breath alcohol), to ensure that he is at the leading edge of legal developments. In a similar fashion, Mr Blake also endeavours to regularly peruse the latest court decisions which may impact on the criminal law.

Mr Blake has a great deal of passion for the work that he does. He enjoys assisting clients and helping to get them the right result and believes that he fairly represents both advantaged and disadvantaged people and their families in a judicial environment that can be intimidating.

Specialist Immigration Boutique Law Firm of the Year in New Zealand



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Pacific Legal is a specialist immigration law firm established in the Wellington region in 2007 by director Richard Small as a sole practitioner. Today, the firm has a team of nine staff providing immigration services throughout New Zealand and internationally.

The firm's co-owner and general manager is Anaise Small. The legal team comprises senior solicitor Diana Bell, solicitor Sushan Kuy, legal executive Uthpala Jinadasa and enrolled solicitor Merlaina Donald. Together, the legal team has more than 35 years' specialist immigration experience.

Director Richard Small has more than 20 years' experience in immigration law. He is highly regarded in this field and chaired the regional Law Society Immigration and Refugee Law Committee for five years. He is often consulted and quoted in the media on immigration issues. He is admitted to the bar in New South Wales and Tonga, and was recently admitted to membership of the New Zealand Association for Migration and Investment. Moreover, he regularly provides seminars at law conferences and is well respected for his contribution to law reform and test cases both at Tribunal and Court levels.

Mr Small noted: "Pacific Legal is able to guide clients through the complex pathways of New Zealand's Immigration Law. We offer clients the peace of mind that comes with engaging a leading New Zealand immigration law firm. We are well known for our ability to deal with difficult cases and unexpected events. We have succeeded in cases that have seen years of failure; our services cover the full gambit of immigration and citizenship."

These services include: all aspects of business and skilled migration; studying or working in New Zealand; extending temporary visas; moving from temporary visas to permanent residence; employing staff from overseas; responding to character and health issues; High Court Review; and challenging deportation liability notices and deportation orders.

Pacific Legal knows that navigating the immigration system requires making the best choices that will maximise future options. Its expert team excels in this area, and are also well equipped to provide the best evidence required under immigration instructions.

The firm maintains a growing and diverse skilled client base from India, China, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia the UK, South Africa, Europe and the US.

Pacific Legal's recent case work includes advising a US expert in the transportation field who was about to lose his visa. The client had single traffic offence on an otherwise excellent good record. He was entrusted with a multimillion dollar asset and was near impossible to replace. Pacific Legal met with him and his partner, and worked with him and the employer to provide excellent submissions. The result was that the Deportation Liability Notice was cancelled within three weeks, enabling a clear path to residence.

The firm has also recently challenged Immigration New Zealand's illegal handling of a group of residence applications. So far in this matter, Pacific Legal has obtained four residence visas in such cases through the Immigration and Protection Tribunal on humanitarian grounds.

Pacific Legal knows that navigating the immigration system requires making the best choices that will maximise future options.

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R. V. Domingo & Associates was founded in 1993 by Rico V. Domingo, Esq., a member of both the Bars of the Republic of the Philippines and State of New York, US.

"We are a globally competitive and financially viable law firm with a multi-jurisdictional and full-bore legal practice developed and pursued by professionally-fulfilled, technically-equipped, ethical, and compassionate human resource in an enhanced work-life balanced environment," said Mr Domingo, the Law Firm's Principal.

The Firm's specialised practice niche includes international and domestic brand and intellectual property rights protection, business transactions and investment laws.

"Our mission is to create, develop, and pursue a globally competitive and financially viable law practice through quality, efficient, innovative, disciplined, ethical, and principled professional undertaking and advocacy," continued Mr Domingo.

The Firm's areas of practice comprise:

- Patent, Trademark, Copyright and Trade Secret Law
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- Corporation and Business Law
- International Law
- Trade Policy Law
- Media Law
- Banking and Securities Law
- Finance
- Foreign Investment Law
- Cyberspace and E-Commerce Law
- International Business Transactions
- Taxation
- Franchising
- Technology Transfer
- Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law
- Science and Technology Law
- Real Property, Probate and Trust Law
- Immigration and Naturalisation
- Air Transportation Law
- Tort and Insurance
- Construction Law
- Maritime Law
- Transportation and Communications Law
- Labour and Employment
- Commercial, Civil, Administrative and Criminal Litigation
- Competitive/Business Intelligence

Its clients include: British Broadcasting Corporation Worldwide Limited; Canon Marketing (Phils.), Inc.; Dabur Pharma, Ltd.; EMI Music International Services, Ltd.; Guccio Gucci SpA.

Honda Motor Co., Ltd.; International Olympic Committee; Japan Tobacco Corporation; Kawasaki Motors (Phils.) Corp.; Motion Picture Association; Nestlé Philippines, Inc.; Procter & Gamble Distributing (Phils.), Inc.; Sony Music Entertainment (Phils.), Inc.; The Coca- Cola Export Corporation; Universal International Music B. V.; and WEA International, Inc., among others.

The Law Firm is uniquely structured which has as an integral unit RVD Business Intelligence Consultancy, Inc. (RVD*Bic*), a pioneering business risk and intelligence consultancy firm in the Philippines with an extensive experience across a wide range of services with a full complement of in-house investigative staff with a collective experience in this practice area spanning more than 40 years. It likewise provides legal and business outsourcing services through the RVD Business and Legal Outsourcing Group (RVD*Blawg*), Inc.

Mr Domingo was born in Manila, Philippines. His admissions to practice law consist of: Philippine Bar (1977); State of New York Bar, United States of America, and the US Federal District Courts (1985); Philippine Patent Office (now Intellectual Property Office) (1978); United States Patent and Trademark Office (1985).

His education comprises: Bachelor of Arts (A.B.), University of the Philippines (October 1971); Bachelor of Laws (LI.B.), University of the Philippines (1976) (member, Editorial Board, Philippine *Law Journal* [Law Review of the U.P. College of Law]); Master of Laws (LI.M.) (1980), Maurer School of Law, Indiana University, Bloomington, US; Master of Business.

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In his academic career, Mr Domingo has acted as: Professor, Konrad Adenauer Asian Center for Journalism, Communication Department, Loyola Schools, Ateneo de Manila University; Professor, School of Law, Ateneo de Manila University; Philippine Supreme Court-accredited Lecturer, Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE); Team Leader, SRI International- Washington, D.C. Research Group funded by the US Agency on International Development; Scholar, Training Program on Industrial Property Rights (Industrial Property Rights Course for Management Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship [AOTS]), Japan Patent Office (JPO), Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation (JII) Tokyo, Japan, 1996; and Philippine Expert, Philippine Judicial Reform Programme on Access to Justice funded by the European Union.

Mr Domingo's government service record includes acting as: First Chairman, Philippine Videogram Regulatory Board (now Optical Media Board [1986]); Legal Counsel and Member, Presidential Task Force on Cinema; and Member, Presidential Inter-Agency Committee on Intellectual Property Rights.

Prior to founding R. V. Domingo & Associates, Mr Domingo worked as: Research Assistant, University of the Philippines Law Center (1976-1979); Associate, Siguion Reyna, Montecillo & Ongsiako (1977-1983); Partner, Siguion Reyna, Montecillo & Ongsiako (1983-1987); Philippine Anti-Piracy Counsel and Executive Director of Operations, Motion Picture Export Association of America (MPEAA) (1987-1989); and MPEAA's Asia/Pacific Regional Counsel and Regional Director (1989-1992) with responsibility for 20 countries including Japan, Australia, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, People's Republic of China, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, India and the Philippines.

IP Law Firm of the Year in Pakistan



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ABUDA ASIS & ASSOCIATES
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Abuda Asis & Associates is a boutique Philippine law firm established in December 2007. Its partners are Cornelio Abuda, Jehremiah Asis and Jose Jaime Cruz. The lawyers of the firm have extensive practice experience in the areas of banking and finance, project finance, real estate, infrastructure, power, tourism, insurance, taxation, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, foreign investments, and general corporate law.

During the past 12 months, Abuda Asis & Associates has successfully represented lenders in several notable transactions.

The firm has represented clients in several landmark and award-winning transactions, including the US$720 million greenfield financing facility to GN Power Mariveles Coal Plant Ltd. Co. for its 600 MW coal-fired power project in Mariveles, Bataan (recipient of Deal of the Year awards from six publications), and the US$425 million notes issuance and bond placement for Quezon Power Philippines Limited (awarded 2011 Best Structured Loan Deal in Southeast Asia by the Alpha Southeast Asia Deal and Solutions Awards).

Partner Cornelio Abuda noted: "One of the key distinguishing strengths of Abuda Asis & Associates is the firm's ability to provide focused, efficient, proactive and responsive advice that is both legally and commercially orientated. The firm fully leverages the diverse backgrounds of its lawyers – some of whom are also engineers, economists and accountants – all of whom have significant specialist knowledge in their respective fields, to provide advice that addresses the legal as well as commercial objectives of clients."

According to Mr Abuda, the firm also consciously avoids the rigidly tiered structure that is typical of traditional law firms, and promotes instead a more balanced and flexible work environment, which it believes is more conducive to the development of a focused, client-centric work ethic.

During the past 12 months, Abuda Asis & Associates has successfully represented lenders in several notable transactions, including the PHP35 Billion long-term financing facility for the Pagbilao 3 coal-fired project, a 165-MW coal-fired project in Mindanao, and two wind farm projects with a total target installed capacity of 108MW that are currently on track to participate in the Feed-in-Tariff regime.

The firm has also advised lenders in connection with their participation in key projects undertaken by the Philippine Government under its Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Program. These key achievements have helped strengthen the firm's position as a preferred lenders' legal adviser in the Philippines.

Moreover, the firm has represented investors, sponsors and developers in infrastructure, power and PPP projects. These include: the Butuan City bulk water supply project (undertaken under the framework of the NEDA JV Guidelines); the Guam Medical City project (the first offshore medical facility fully funded by Philippine banks); and a solar power project within an economic zone.

Mr Abuda concluded by noting: "The firm has also handled several corporate restructuring and joint venture transactions, and provided tax advisory services to major multinational companies.

"Looking to the coming 12 months, Abuda Asis & Associates plans to add more lawyers – in order to expand its work capability, and to satisfy ever-increasing client demand."

Boutique Commercial Crime Law Firm of the Year in Singapore



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Mathew Kurian is a Director at Regent Law LLC. According to Mr Kurian, the firm is committed to providing a broad range of legal expertise to individuals and corporate clients.

"We understand the needs of our clients, whether it's for them personally or their business," he commented. "We do understand that what they need is practical, straight forward, cost-effective and expert legal advice without the legal mumbo jumbo."

Regent Law LLC is a dedicated criminal and civil litigation practice providing high levels of service. The firm covers all areas of criminal law and undertakes every aspect of investigatory and procedural work.

"For our corporate clients, we combine legal and commercial acumen with tenacity to achieve their needs," added Mr Kurian.

"At Regent Law LLC, we believe in listening to our clients. The greatest advertisement is a satisfied client."

Mr Kurian is an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore. Prior to joining Regent Law LLC as a Director, he was a Partner at Edmond Pereira & Partners.

Mr Kurian has an LLB (Honours) from the University of Buckingham, UK; MSc (Strategic Studies) from the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; Post Graduate Diploma in Singapore Law from the National University of Singapore; and Graduate Certificate in Terrorism Studies from the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) of the Nanyang Technological University.

His practice covers a broad spectrum of criminal, employment and commercial law. Mr Kurian has appeared in the High Court and Subordinate Courts for both criminal and civil matters.

In the criminal law arena, Mr Kurian's interests lie in commercial crime and cross-border criminal proceedings. Mr Kurian handles all types of criminal matters and specialises in commercial crime, corruption offences, corporate fraud, sexual offences, unlicensed money-lending and drug offences. In addition, he also defends clients charged with immigration, customs and MOM offences. Mr Kurian is also trained in forensic examination of documents used for the purposes of fraud and has helped companies battle corporate fraud.

In the commercial and corporate law arena, Mr Kurian provides advisory services to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and also advises on matters concerning shareholders agreements, share purchase agreements, distribution agreements etc.

Mr Kurian recently acted as the lead counsel in the acquisition of a local company by a US listed conglomerate with a market capitalisation of US$5 billion and has also acted in a number of acquisitions of SMEs. He is also a legal and corporate adviser to numerous SMEs and is a Member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

Mr Kurian is an adjunct law lecturer at the Temasek Polytechnic. He also conducts seminars cum lectures for various organisations including Temasek Polytechnic, Security Industry Institute (SII), Singapore Customs and Certis CISCO. He is a law trainer for customised courses such as the Diploma in Police Studies and Security Management and the Fire Safety and Security Management courses for the Police and the private sector.

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Arielle Law Corporation is a boutique law firm in Singapore that focuses on providing top-notch corporate advice, is service driven, and flexible in presenting commercially practical solutions for its corporate clients. Arielle Law's greater dexterity, innovativeness and responsiveness versus its larger behemoth competitors is what allows Arielle Law to thrive in the current landscape where there are more Small-Medium-Enterprises ("SMEs") and business start-ups than ever before. Arielle Law's speed in fulfilling its clients' needs is what every business person requires in today's fast-paced business world.

The founder of Arielle Law, Koh C-u Pinn, has more than 15 years of experience in the legal industry, both in private practice and inhouse. C-u Pinn holds a law degree from the prestigious National University of Singapore's law school (which counts amongst its alumni the current Minister of Law as well as many prominent judiciaries in Singapore), and qualified as an Advocate & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in 1999. In addition, she is a Registered Patent Agent with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, and has a masters degree in counselling.

C-u Pinn began practice as a lawyer with one of Singapore's most venerated law firms which was founded by the first Prime Minister of Singapore and Senior Statesman, and subsequently become inhouse corporate counsel for SMEs such as the home-grown Fullmark Pte. Ltd. and the iconic Singapore Flyer, as well as the global market leader in the payment industry, Visa Worldwide (Pte.) Ltd.

C-u Pinn started Pinn & Co., which was eventually rebranded as Arielle Law Corporation, when she realized that there were many businesses that needed legal assistance, but could not afford the high rates being charged by the larger law firms. Being an entrepreneur at heart, C-u Pinn has a passion for developing businesses, and wanted to support such SMEs and start-ups by offering superior legal advice at reasonable rates.

Arielle Law focuses on corporate and intellectual property advisory, contracts and intellectual property registrations, and has grown hand-in-hand along with its clients over the years, helping start-ups manned only by their founders blossom into notable companies invested into by venture capitalists. Having experience as an inhouse counsel, C-u Pinn is able to advise in practical terms the legality of all aspects of running a business, and the documentation required to protect each transaction. As such, C-u Pinn not only offers her legal knowledge, but also her business acumen in transactions and business structures. Even more importantly is the approachability of C-u Pinn, which retainer clients recognise as a true measure of value

Arielle Law understands all crucial aspects of a business from marketing to HR to tax issues, which is what makes Arielle Law the perfect partner for entrepreneurs and SMEs, and enable them to succeed in their endeavours.

Areas of specialization:-
- Shareholders' Agreements
- Employment Contracts, Independent Contractor Agreements
- Referral Agreements
- Collaboration Agreements
- IT Agreements, Design Project Agreements
- Tenancy Agreements
- Privacy Policies, Website Terms of Use
- ...and other commercial contracts
- Intellectual Property protection and commercialization (Trademarks, Patents, Registered Designs, Copyright and Trade Secrets)

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Aequitas Law LLP was founded on 1st July 2008. The firm represents domestic and multinational clients in a wide range of industries over a comprehensive range of practice areas.

"We are a young, dynamic and vibrant full service law firm which takes pride in our abilities to provide clients with commercially relevant and cost-effective sophisticated legal representation," said Lim Tat, founding partner. "Our lawyers are responsive, thoughtful and vigorous advocates with a substantive understanding of our clients' needs and interests. We place the highest emphasis in our relentless devotion to the pursuit of excellence in our work and representation."

Dispute Resolution

The firm's Dispute Resolution Practice handles domestic and international matters in mediation, litigation, adjudication and arbitration.

"Our advocates are at the cutting edge of ADRs and strive to achieve the best possible outcomes through negotiations and collaboration and non-contentious modes of dispute resolution," continued Mr Lim. "Where ADRs are unsuitable, our dispute resolution advocates provide sophisticated advice and vigorous representation in litigation, adjudication and arbitration."

In 2014 / 2015, the firm was awarded:

- DealMakers Law Awards 2014
- 2015 Dispute Resolution Awards
- Professional Sector Network – Global Awards Winner 2014
- Law Firm of the Year – Civil Litigation – Singapore – Global 100 - 2014
- 2014 Legal's Finest 200 Awards – Client Choice – Mediation Law Award in Singapore
- ACQ Global Awards 2014

Corporate and Commercial

Aequitas Law's Corporate and Commercial Practice encompasses domestic and international matters including: mergers and acquisitions; venture capitalist investments; financing and underwriting agreements; escrow agreements; incubators arrangements; business restructuring for IPOs; and intellectual property.

In 2013, the practice was awarded both Corporate & Commercial Law Firm of the Year and Compliance Law Firm of the Year by ACQ's Global Awards.

Conveyancing and Real Estate

The firm's Conveyancing and Real Estate Practice spans the full range of the businesses and transactions of licensed and unlicensed developers, landlords and tenants in commercial, industrial and residential leases, and the sale and purchase and financing/ refinancing of commercial, industrial and residential properties. Aequitas Law is in the Central Provident Fund panel and the conveyancing panels of banks in Singapore.

Lim Tat

Lim Tat was called to the Singapore bar in 1989 and admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in 2004.

He heads the firm's dispute resolution practice, which has received accolades and awards for its civil litigation and mediation practice (Corporate INTL Global Awards, Global law Experts' Practice Area Awards and Global 100 Awards). He has been named as a "Leading Advisor 100" by DealMakers' Global Leading Advisors 100.

Tat's practice focuses on conflict and dispute resolution. He adopts a multifaceted approach to dispute resolution and utilises varied dispute resolution modes to obtain optimal outcomes for clients.

He has over two decades of extensive experience in litigation, arbitration, adjudication, mediation and collaborative dispute resolution practices, and has appeared as counsel in the State Courts, High Court and Court of Appeal in Singapore and in domestic and international arbitrations. He has represented local and international clients in high value cases involving multiple jurisdictions and spanning across a wide range of industries, including, energy and recycling, entertainment, construction, manufacturing and real estate.

Tat is a contributor to the Singapore Civil Procedure 2015 (Sweet & Maxwell) and Mediation in Singapore: A Practical Guide Book (Sweet & Maxwell).

Lee Soo Chye

Lee Soo Chye, a senior partner of the firm, was called to the Singapore Bar in 1990. He represents banks, listed companies, private companies and individuals, both local and overseas. He also works extensively with foreign counsel in multi-jurisdictional matters and has advised clients in initial public offerings, reverse takeovers and mergers and acquisitions, management buy-outs, debt restructuring, shareholder matters and succession planning for businesses. He has also successfully assisted clients in applications to government agencies for grants and incentives under the various government schemes.

He also advises on the structuring of real estate transactions for both retail and corporate clients.

Industry Choice - Boutique Criminal Litigation Law Firm of the Year in Singapore

"Watching Mr Chia at work in Court is similar to watching a professional boxer slowly taking out his opponent. His punches are precise, strong and lethal. Every argument was made as planned and we saw how quickly the Complainant ended up retreating to a defensive stance. I am so glad to have Mr Chia fighting on my behalf. I have worked with quite a number of lawyers before and finding one with a fighting spirit and killer instinct is very difficult. Many came across as very proficient in their offices, only to wane in Court. Mr Chia is definitely of a different breed. He is one consistent fighter who spares no effort to study the case and the opponent. His prep work is first class and his performance in Court is as beautiful. If you are encountering similar troubles, Mr Chia is the person to call."

Mr Wu X K - Singapore

"We wish to thank you Mr Chia for your assistance in our recent legal suit. We looked desperately in vain for a good, capable and compassionate lawyer to take up our case. Due to our ignorance, we made grave and stupendous errors in letting the opponent win by default and matters thereafter escalated to a critical stage. We were at our wits' end and saw no hope at all until we found you, and you explained to us very clearly our position, the possible scenarios and solution. For this "ray of hope" and guiding us to take on our unreasonable opponent, we are truly grateful. We wish we had found you earlier but it's better late than never and we commend you to all our family and friends as a first class lawyer. Our sincere thanks to Chia Wong LLP."

Ms Egnes B - Indonesia

"I approached Mr Chia with regards to a very distressing situation. I found him to be friendly and understanding, but most importantly he was calm and level-headed throughout a very fluid situation. I would not hesitate to recommend him and his firm to other people who require thoughtful advice and services delivered in a professional and caring manner."

Mr M. B. - United Kingdom

"The firm of Chia Wong LLP provided me with very excellent service. I am an expat and did not know what to expect. They expertly navigated the issues for me with due diligence to the laws of Singapore. My concerns were handled successfully, with dispatch and the utmost of professionalism. I was very grateful to have been referred to this firm. Thank you again Chia Wong LLP."

Ms Ellen Victoreen - United States

"I am very appreciative of Mr Chia Boon Teck for his professional handling of my husband's case. Mr Chia is a trustworthy, reliable, honest and experienced lawyer. Mr Chia was very clear in all his advices and explanations. On behalf of my husband, we would like to thank Mr Chia again for his prompt actions and his reasonable legal fee."

Mdm Tan Luan Geok - Singapore

"I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to Mr Chia Boon Teck for his excellent legal service he provided. It was with his help that my close friend, who's a high flyer professional, managed to have his police case settled with such an excellent outcome which we couldn't have asked for anything better. We are grateful that we had found Mr Chia to act as his lawyer via a strong recommendation from my university law professor. Mr Chia was extremely reassuring and set us at ease as he guided and helped us through the stressful situation."

Dr Kristy Ng - Singapore

"Being an expat in Singapore and with no prior experience with local law, I appreciate the way Mr. Chia tackled my situation so proactively and that he never provided me with any false hopes. He always shared the best and worst case scenarios at each step. I was very pleased that all his legal predictions matched the way he played his cards."

Mr S - Indian expat, Singapore

"Chia Boon Teck explained the range of likely outcomes I faced. He then charted a course through those outcomes. His clear and professional approach set my mind at ease in an unfamiliar process and enabled me to prepare for next steps."

Mr Jason Humphries - United Kingdom

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Camford Law Corporation

Camford Law Corporation is involved in almost every aspect of corporate and commercial law on behalf of business clients of all types including private companies, listed companies, public sector and civil organisations, partnerships, sole traders, special purpose entities, banks and other type of financial institutions.

The firm often engages in work of an international nature and maintains contacts in jurisdictions around the world. It seeks to provide to its wide range of clients premier domestic and international legal services.

Camford Law Corporation is a full service corporate practice. Its business groups are constantly evolving and growing in line with developments in law, business and technology. The firm's lawyers are qualified in Singapore, India, New York and England and Wales. Its internationally connected lawyers give the firm the ability to tap expertise from other jurisdictions.

For debt and equity issues, the firm's lawyers have experience acting for both issuers and sponsors. Its lawyers have advised both sponsors and issuers on initial public offerings on both the Main Board and the Catalist Board of the Singapore Stock Exchange and global depository receipts for listing on NASDAQ as well as issue of convertible bonds and convertible securities by listed companies debt issue. The firm provides legal expertise to venture capital organisations. Its work, apart from initial public offerings includes:

- mergers, acquisitions and takeovers
- pre and post-IPO investments
- post-listing compliance
- share buybacks, interested party transactions and capital reduction
- venture capital

The firm's lawyers are qualified in Singapore, India, New York and England and Wales.

Bijay Nawal, partner, read law at Oxford University. He began his legal career as a litigation lawyer with Wong Partnership before he crossed to corporate practice upon joining the Singapore office of Shearman & Sterling LLP. Mr Nawal was with Yeo Wee Kiong LLC when the entire corporate team moved to Drew & Napier LLC. He was a director with Drew's banking, finance and securities group before joining Camford Law Corporation.

Mr Nawal's areas of practice include mergers and acquisitions, banking, funds, corporate finance and regulatory.

Matters he has handled include:

- Acquisitions of entities and businesses in Hong Kong, PRC, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Pakistan and Indonesia;
- Syndicated lending involving domestic and foreign banks, acquisition finance, and other bank related financing work;
- Structuring of funds;
- Advising issuers, sponsors, and underwriters in initial public offerings and post-listing compliance matters;
- Mandatory takeover obligations, placements resulting in change of control, major acquisitions and disposals, reverse takeovers of Singapore listed entities by Singapore, PRC, UK, and Indian groups; and
- Acting for a US underwriter to an Indian conglomerate in relation to the issue of depository receipts.

Mid-Market - Boutique Corporate Finance Law Firm of the Year in Singapore



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Edward's specialises in corporate finance and corporate restructuring. He has advised extensively on joint ventures, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, venture capital investments, interested party transactions. He also prepares shareholders' circulars for companies listed on the Singapore Exchange.

Edward is dual-qualified in English and Singapore law. Edward qualified as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore in 1993 and as a solicitor in England and Wales in 2009.

Significant Transactions:

- Led in the $57 million private equity invitation by Utraco Investment Pte. Ltd.
- Represented Utraco Investment Pte. Ltd. and Prima Limited in their $92 million investment in a property joint-venture with TT International Limited
- Advised a Vietnamese investment fund on the purchase of two prestigious internationally managed hotels in Hanoi
- Advised the seller in an acquisition exceeding US$50 million of South Seas Inspection (S) Pte. Ltd. by National Oilwell Varco, Inc.
- Advised a Germany multinational on a US$3.5 billion joint venture investment in a Singapore foundry

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Nicholas & Tan Partnership LLP is a specialist litigation firm established in early 2010. From its inception, the firm is committed to the pursuit of excellence through passion, and to providing cost-effective solutions to clients operating in Asia and beyond. The firm has the capacity to handle, to the same standards and at lower cost, complex disputes which traditionally has often been perceived as requiring the experience and expertise of the larger local and international firms. We provide personalised service without the administrative procedures, distance and formality common to many larger firms.

The firm has extensive expertise litigating a wide range of civil and criminal disputes (with a particular emphasis on commercial crime cases) in all the Singapore Courts, and in handling domestic and international arbitrations. Indeed, many of our cases have cross-border elements. The broad range of our disputes resolution capabilities include the practice areas of banking, finance, company, real property, intellectual property, tort, administrative and criminal law.

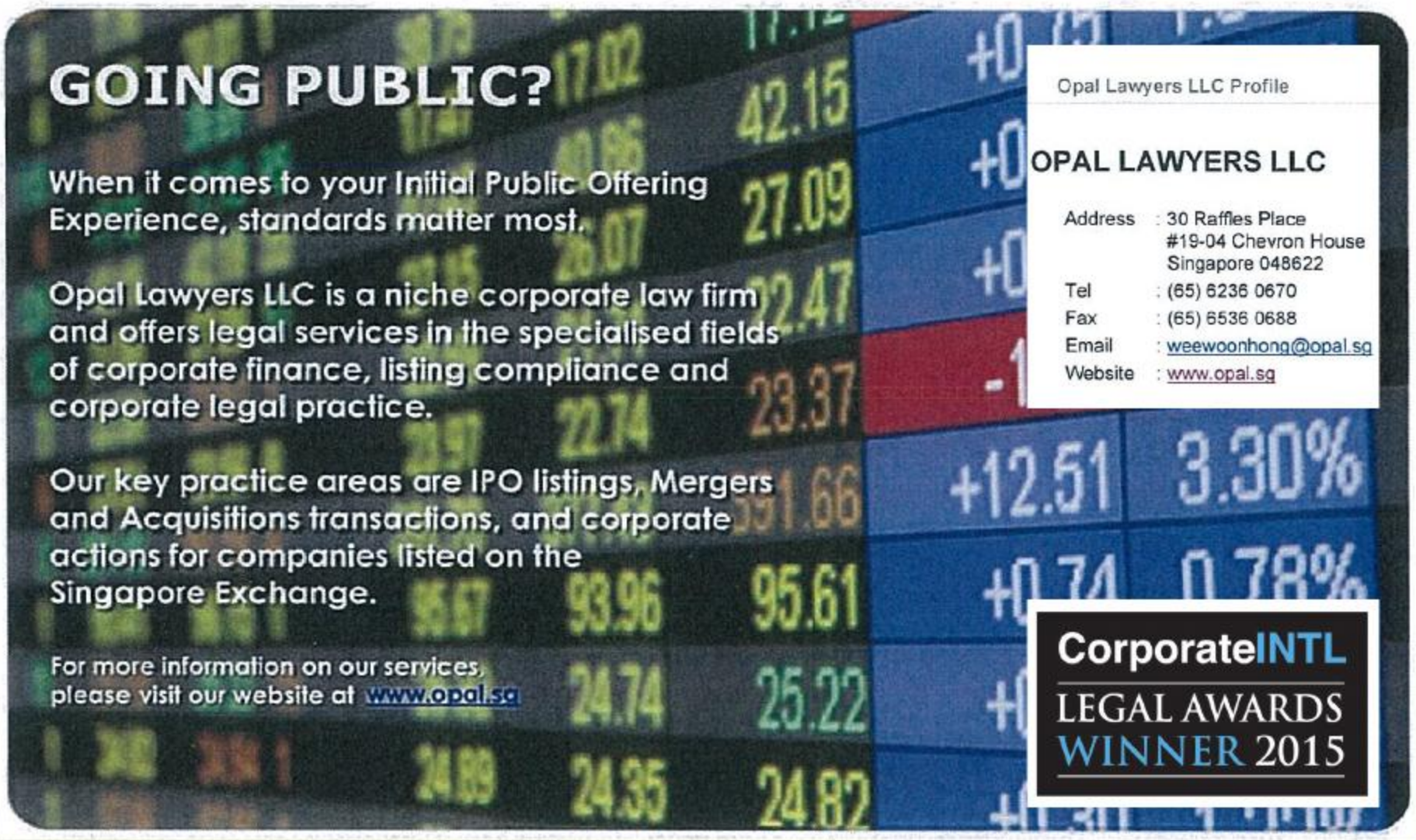
Admitted to the Singapore Bar in 1999, our Nicholas Narayanan has been described by The Business Times in Singapore as a corporate litigator who "has made quite a name for himself defending some big corporate crime cases". He is currently acting for one of the former church leaders of the City Harvest Church, in one of the most high profile commercial crime cases in Singapore in recent years.

Nicholas has also acted in several contentious and high profile boardroom and shareholder disputes.

The firm has extensive expertise litigating a wide range of civil and criminal disputes (with a particular emphasis on commercial crime cases) in all the Singapore Courts, and in handling domestic and international arbitrations.

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Dorothy Chai Law Practice is a boutique law firm that focus primarily on family law, mediation, personal law and other forms of dispute resolution.

We value our clients and we believe in building a strong client working relationship. We are compassionate and understand the challenges our clients face. Thus, we are committed to providing professional, efficient, and cost-effective legal services that are beneficial to them. Our clients can be assured of the utmost confidentiality as we handle their case in a sensitive and practical manner.

An important aspect of what we do is to listen to our clients and to understand what they require. We then communicate clearly to them the options they have and the impact of laws that affect them. Doubts and concerns are addressed completely so that our clients know their legal rights and obligations. We believe that a well-informed client will be better prepared to make choices that affect them, and understand the course of action taken in the legal process.

Its founder, Dorothy Chai was called to the Bar of English and Wales (Gray's Inn) in 1993 and admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore in July 1994.

A familiar figure at the Family Courts, Dorothy is an extremely active litigator before the Family Courts. Whether in Court or mediation, she uses her independent and analytical mind to bear on legal problems. She has been appointed Counsel by her fellow practitioners in complex matrimonial and domestic relations disputes which speaks for her acceptance amongst her peers. She has successfully handled many contentious and complicated divorces, some involving high profile individuals of high net worth.

Dorothy is also a committee member of the Singapore Association of Women Lawyers and the Family Law Practice Committee of the Law Society of Singapore. She also serves the public by regularly volunteering her time and expertise at the Legal Clinic in the Community Centre.

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Pontis Law is a full-service law firm with exceptional international strength and most local expertise. The firm is composed of Taiwan and US qualified lawyers who developed their cutting-edge legal skills at global law firms, foreign law firms, giant local firms, and leading US multinational companies.

"We provide not only all-rounded Taiwan law advice but also resourceful legal service channels to greater China, ASEAN, North America, Mercosur, Europe and South Africa areas," said Hung Hsieh, partner. "We pride ourselves on providing comprehensive strategic solutions to our clients from both technical and commercial perspectives.

"Our name unveils our commitment to clients. The name 'Pontis' is derived from the Latin 'pons,' meaning bridge. We are devoted to become a one-way bridge leading our clients to success."

Pontis Law combines its talents to help its clients with the application and review of monopoly, merger, concerted action, and unfair competition under the competition law, competition law compliance, and negotiation with the Fair Trade Commission of Taiwan. The firm supports its clients in conducting internal legal training on the FAT and review related contracts. It also counsels on compliance and dispute resolution for consumer protection matters.

The firm helps asset managers on all aspects of investment fund services under Taiwanese law, including fund formation, registration, business structuring, marketing and selling restriction, documentation and closings.

"We have peerless capabilities in offshore hedge fund and private equity fund formation (such as in the forms of exempted company or exempted limited partnership in the Cayman Islands)," continued Mr Hsieh. "Our expertise extends to a wide range of offshore fund investment services, including formation, on-going operation, compliance, and investment execution."

Pontis Law helps clients on all aspects of IP matters, from applications for trademarks, patents, plant variety rights and copyright, to IP management, technology transfer and licensing, and IP dispute resolution.

"We spare no effort in developing our expertise in brand protection," added Mr Hsieh. "We maintain contact with authorities and provide advice on anti-privacy, prevention of unauthorised goods, and brand protection."

Pontis Law's dedicated team of litigation specialists regularly handles a wide range of civil, criminal and administrative litigation cases. The firm's close relationships with foreign law firms enable it to help its clients devise litigation strategies as well as initiate or answer cross-border lawsuits.

The firm offers a comprehensive suite of capital market services. It advises on issuance of ADR, GDR, corporate bonds, financial and real estate securitisation products, as well as a wide array of innovative financial products.

The firm's M&A capabilities include: advising on share exchange, share swap, tender offer, asset transfer, business transfer, split, and share purchase for listed and GreTai companies and general private companies. It also counsels on taxation, labour, and anti-trust issues arising from M&A deals.

Boutique Insurance Law Firm of the Year in Thailand



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Pramuanchai Law Office was founded in 1985 and later was incorporated as a private limited company in 1995. The firm is headed by Pramual Chancheewa, locally and internationally renowned for his expertise in insurance and maritime laws in Thailand.

Mr Chancheewa has been involved and had significant roles in drafting various national laws relating to transport and insurance laws as well as many insurance policies for the General Insurance Association of Thailand. He regularly gives lectures to shipping companies, academic institutions as well as many prominent universities and is now a law professor.

The firm provides a wide range of high-quality legal services, concentrating on maritime claims, labour disputes, insurance and customs matters, arbitration, commercial dispute, contract drafting including aviation dispute in cargo, passenger and casualty claims. The firm has expanded its services to cover legal consultation in areas of corporate and foreign business laws.

It has a strong base of domestic and foreign clients. The firm's lawyers also serve as advisors to shipping organisation such as Bangkok Shipowners and Agents Association of Thailand, private terminal operators, insurance companies, shipping lines, as well as the international and domestic airlines.

The firm has been chosen by the Steamship Mutual Underwriting Association Limited to act as their legal correspondent in Thailand. The firm has been successively and continually ranked by the Asia Pacific Legal 500 as among the top-tier shipping law firms in Thailand since 1998. Chambers Asia, meanwhile, ranked it as one of leading firms in shipping and insurance work in its 2009 edition and in its 2010 edition. The firm is regarded the market-leading firm on shipping disputes and disputes work in connection with ship finance and marine insurance.

Pramuanchai Law Office Co., Ltd. is a people-oriented firm which places strong emphasis on the development of its human resources. The firm provides regular in-house training for lawyers as well as overseas scholarships for lawyers to pursue higher studies and attend professional training.

The firm has a wide range of experience in marine and non-marine insurance, reinsurance, non-contentious advice work and complex dispute resolution (litigation and arbitration). The firm has provided legal counselling on insurance related issues to insurance and reinsurance companies as well as represented them in numerous litigations.

Mr Chancheewa's wide range of areas of expertise includes commercial laws, insurance and maritime and shipping claims. He handles all kinds of maritime disputes (dry and wet). His practice includes cargo, personal injury, charter party, collision, oil pollution claims. His notable cases include the oil pollution dispute in the "EASTERN FORTITUDE", one of the largest claims of oil pollution in Thailand.

In addition to his professional achievement, he has played an active role in the drafting of Thailand's laws on maritime transport and insurance. He serves as legal advisor to the Marine Insurance and Logistics Committee of the General Insurance Association of Thailand and has contributed a significant part in the drafting of insurance policies.

Client Choice - Japanese Client IP Law Firm of the Year in Thailand



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Kasame & Associates was established on September 1st, 2003 by a group of three lawyers and a trademark expert led by Mr Kasame, former IP partner of International Legal Counsellors Thailand (ILCT).

Kasame & Associates is committed to providing outstanding legal services to both individual clients and organisations. Our attorneys and our staffs work together as a team to provide our clients high quality and good cost balance services with full comprehensive legal representation.

Kasame Jai-ob-orm has extensive experience in the intellectual property area, both prosecution and enforcement together with general legal consulting to both companies and individuals in Thailand. He has been representing several Japanese companies in protecting their IP rights in Thailand and the neighbouring countries.

Born in 1960, Mr Jai-ob-orm was an IP partner at International Legal Counsellors Thailand Limited (ILCT). As the only Japanese-speaking lawyer in the firm, he represented various Japanese clients in terms of protection of the IPR. In September 2003, Kasame resigned his partnership to establish Kasame & Associates. Kasame is specialised in all aspects of intellectual property laws. He earlier also practiced almost three years in Tilleke and Gibbins (1991-1993).

Ms Hase used to work in Tokyo as government officer for 20 years before coming to Thailand. She has a long experience in dealing with and translating IP related issues.

Mr Thanade Preawpanich is a senior associate with substantial experience in advising and litigation on civil law and criminal law. He specialises in labour law, corporate law and business law.

Ms Haruethai Sooksamarn has extensive experience in the trademark area in both prosecution and enforcement in Thailand.

The firm's intellectual property services cover:

- Trademark
- Patent
- Copyright
- Anti-counterfeit Actions
- I.P. Related Litigation
- Unfair Competition

Its clients include:

- AIC Inc.
- Bandai Kabushi Kaisha
- Cerebos (Australia) Limited
- Daikin Compressor Industries Ltd.
- Fuji Jukogyo Kabushiki Kaisha
- Gandia Blasco S.A.
- Iyara Oriental Co., Ltd.
- Jalux Co., Ltd.
- Kabushiki Kaisha Kobe Shushinkan
- Max Frank Gmbh & Co. KG
- NEC Corporation
- OVAL Corporation
- Pattaya Property Enterprise Co., Ltd.
- Reign Com Ltd.
- Sapporo Holdings Kabushiki Kaisha
- Tenmusu Suehiro Limited Partnerships
- Wyeth

AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST WINNERS

Africa and the Middle East are highly varied regions with countries at both extremes of the wealth spectrum. Huge differences exist between rapidly growing markets, serving a global customer base on the one hand and countries affected by war on the other.

From one perspective, the region is hugely exciting in its potential for logistics growth. Dubai in particular has been spectacularly successful in its ability to restructure the global airfreight market around key hubs in the region. The Gulf in general is now a key player in air transport due to the smaller states investing so heavily in new aircraft and airports.

To a lesser extent, this is true about sea freight as well. The port of Jebel Ali in Dubai is successful as a transhipment port. But also, a string of other sizeable ports have sprung

up in the region that are not only attempting to grab part of the strong demand for hubs on the China-Europe route, but also traffic around the Indian Ocean and beyond.

Yet, sea freight is being used in a revolutionary way beyond just transhipment. A number of developments in both North Africa and Saudi Arabia have attempted to grasp the opportunity that a container port offers to gain entry to global supply chains. Saudi Arabia is trying to build large developments on both the Red Sea and Gulf coasts that will utilise the country's gas resources to develop energy intensive business such as down-stream chemical and plastics production or aluminium fabrication for automotive assembly.

The reliance on ports also indicates that the region is lagging in terms of other aspects of logistics. Again the situation varies greatly between Dubai and other economies; the provision of logistics for consumer goods, for example in key markets such as Egypt, is meagre. Logistics property is rarely of size and capability required to support contemporary best practice while the road freight sector is also insufficiently developed.

Recent Transport Intelligence analysis suggests that the demand for production-orientated logistics is likely to grow at an enormous rate – if for no other reason than present demand is low.

Similarly, the latent demand for logistics in the retail sector is substantial, with market dysfunction preventing growth. Better roads and recognition by governments of the importance of logistics suggests that markets may open up to the possibility of a much deeper presence by global LSPs (logistics service providers) as well as the more sophisticated local players.

What cannot be ignored is that oil and gas still dominates many of these economies. The direct impact of these resources has an enormous effect on the region's logistics markets. The infrastructure is vast, as is the market for services such as shipping. It also has the indirect effect of driving demand for air services in many locations; it is also the force behind the development of the growth of the chemical sector in these economies. The effect is to skew logistics provision towards heavy industrial, capital intensive operations.

According to the United Nations economic annual report – World Economic Situation and Prospects 2014 (WESP), among developing countries, growth prospects in Africa remain relatively robust. After an estimated growth of 4% in 2013, GDP is projected to accelerate to 4.7% in 2014 – when figures for that year's final quarter are made available. Growth prospects are expected to be supported by improvements in the global economic and regional business environment, relatively high commodity prices, easing infrastructural constraints, and increasing trade and investment ties with emerging economies.

Other important factors for Africa's medium-term growth prospects include increasing domestic demand – especially from a growing class of new consumers associated with urbanisation and rising incomes – and improvements in economic governance and management. A moderate growth recovery in 2014 in emerging and developing countries led by China, and projected improvement in major developed economies, should also stimulate growth in Africa through increased trade, investment and capital flows.

Compared with developed economies, most developing countries and economies in transition have a better fiscal position in terms of budget deficits and public debt. However, their fiscal position deteriorated measurably in 2013, with a number of low-income countries experiencing high budget deficits. The fiscal deficit has deteriorated in much of Africa, as governments across the continent are under continuous pressure to increase spending on public services, wages in the public sector and provision of subsidies on food and fuel. The deterioration is largely due to lagging revenues in oil-importing countries, while oil-exporting and mineral-rich countries have sizeable fiscal surpluses.

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Fugar & Company, established in 1977 is one of the leading law firms in Ghana providing legal services to corporate entities as well as individuals. It is essentially a corporate/ commercial law practice but has strong legal expertise in diverse areas of law. From humble beginnings as a one-man firm, Fugar & Company rapidly expanded in size, practice areas and transactions profile to become one of the most reputable law firms in Ghana.

Since 1990 Fugar & Company has become notable in Ghana for its expertise in the area of Intellectual Property Law. We have assisted our numerous clients in the registration, filing and prosecution of trademarks, patents, copyrights, industrial designs and other matters of intellectual property. At Fugar & Company we pride ourselves in offering specialist IP advice to our clients both locally and internationally.

Acting both as Solicitors and Barristers, Fugar & Company is committed to maintaining a high standard of professionalism by addressing the needs of its clientele, which include multinational and local corporations of all sizes, industries, financial institutions, trusts, estates, public utilities, enterprises, families and high net worth individuals.

Great emphasis is therefore placed on the training and development of all lawyers in both current legal and business issues with the result that the firm's lawyers have experience in every context of legal and business issues while they adapt to new ideas, techniques and processes.

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"The firm maintains a consistent policy of being responsive to its clients' needs and in this regard, develops and implements creative solutions to a wide range of legal and business problems," said William Fugar, Managing Partner. "It comes as no surprise therefore that the firm's lawyers have acquired the reputation for being incredibly practical lawyers who get deals done diligently and efficiently."

Fugar & Company also maintains relationships with some of the leading law firms in the major legal centres around the world and has on numerous occasions worked with them on cross border transactions involving Ghanaian law issues. Some of these firms include Herbert Smith, Norton Rose, Hale & Dorr, Baker & McKenzie, CMS Cameron McKenna, Slaughter & May, Simmonds & Simmonds, White & Case, Allen & Overy, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt, Macleod Dixon, Clifford Chance, Cleary Gottleib Steen & Hamilton and many others.

The firm also maintains very strong relationships with law firms in Africa offering their services to international clients. Notable among such relationships are: Adams & Adams; D M Kisch Inc; ENSafrica of South Africa; and Anjarwalla & Khanna in Kenya, a member of ALN (Africa Legal Network). Through combined knowledge and expertise, the firm provides high quality professional services in the representation of clients in a wide variety of legal and corporate matters.

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Levy Meidan & Co. (LM), established in 1992, is one of Israel's leading law firms. LM's 45 partners and associates provide legal counsel to major Israeli and international companies, as well as government ministries and public entities with their extensive experience, know-how and legal insights. LM's expertise encompasses a broad range of legal matters including project financing and tenders, antitrust, commercial law and transactions, litigation and administrative law, real estate, planning and zoning and telecommunications.

LM was chosen by the prestigious global guides IFLR1000 as a "Tier 1" recommended project finance firm for 2012 and 2013, by Chambers Global Guide as "Band 1" recommended firm in the area of projects and energy for 2012, and by European Legal 500 and Legal 500 EMEA as "Tier 1" in the areas of competition and project finance for 2012.

LM has one of Israel's most highly appreciated antitrust practices, headed by Adv. Joseph Levy. LM is experienced in working with the Antitrust Authority on regulatory matters and specific cases. LM provides ongoing counsel on the enforcement of the Antitrust Law and represents clients before the Antitrust Commissioner, the Antitrust Tribunal and the Supreme Court. LM provides ongoing counsel to statutory corporations and private companies on Antitrust Law regarding restrictive arrangements and cartels and handles large scale mergers. LM also provides ongoing counsel to monopolies, oligopolies and concentration groups in regards to the limitation and regulation applicable to such entities. In addition, LM represents clients in various criminal proceedings and provides legal counsel from the first stages of an investigation and up to the defense against indictments, including the pipes fittings cartel; the gas marketing cartel; the vegetables cartel and investigations conducted in the distribution of books. Currently, LM represents a significant foreign manufacturer before the Antitrust Tribunal and other judicial forums in an appeal relating to an alleged global cartel in the electricity field. LM also took part in the process of enactment of the Concentration Law and provides counsel to various authorities and statutory entities in regards with the implementation of the law. Recently, the former head of the Antitrust Tribunal and a Supreme Court Judge, Mr. Jonathan Adiel, joined the firm as a consultant.

LM has one of Israel's most highly appreciated antitrust practices, headed by Adv. Joseph Levy.

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AlAjeel, AlTattan, AlBisher & Partners was established by Adnan AlAjeel and has had a major presence in Kuwait for over 36 years. With a wide range of experience spanning different legal practices, the firm has established itself as a refuge for high profile clients all over Kuwait and the MENA region. ATB & Partners is highly proud of its close network of cooperation with international firms in the MENA region, UK, US, India and France.

"Located in front of Kuwait's Palace of Justice in the prestigious AlMadeena Tower, the firm continues to build its deep rooted experience in the area of commercial, civil, administrative and penal law," said Adnan AlAjeel, founding partner. "Moreover the firm has extended experience in the areas of dispute resolution and has obtained several international arbitration awards effectively spreading its reputation for excellence and quality of legal service."

With an experienced team of around 40 lawyers and paralegals carefully chosen from around the world the firm has received tributes from clients locally and internationally. ATB & Partners is proud of its client connections and attributes its success to them. The firm's clients include: banks; maritime companies; aviation companies; petro chemical companies; MNEs; wealthy individuals; automobile companies; government and quasi-government enterprises; NGOs; construction companies; sovereign funds; etc.

Since its incorporation, ATB & Partners has focused its aim on rendering an unparalleled full range legal service that is appreciated for its level of experience, ethical standard and professionalism.

"ATB & Partners is a local law firm with international standards," said Waleed AlTattan, partner. "It is renowned for its dedication to surpassing expectations in ensuring the best possible legal outcome and solutions. This is reinforced by a proven track record of industry expertise and successful results achieved for its clients."

The firm's team is composed of internationally and locally trained lawyers. According to Mosaied AlAjeel, corporate advisory, this ensures that it can apply international best practices with local legal expertise on a variety of issues affecting its clients.

"ATB & Partners is highly appreciated for its philosophy since its incorporation in 1978 of providing a cost effective and pragmatic solution driven legal service," he added.

ATB & Partners recently sponsored the Kuwait Foreign Investment and JV forum endorsed by KDIPA as the exclusive legal sponsor and participated in the panel discussion on foreign investment and current regulatory frameworks.

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TLF was established in the 1980s by Mohammed Al-Twaijri in a small office in Kuwait City. TLF's continual development of a broad base of practice areas has enabled the firm to attract an outstanding group of clients including multinational corporations, and a wide range of publicly traded corporations, and leading national and international corporations.

TLF is a member of: Lex Cosmo Legal Network; Global Law Experts; Legal 500; Chambers and Partners; IFLR Euromoney; Franchise Lawyers Associations (FLA) and American based Martindale and Hildebrandt.

In addition to its branch in Bahrain and recognising the demands of the firm's clients, TLF started taking practical steps towards opening other offices in Saudi Arabia and Egypt in the near future. These offices will focus on regional transactions between the hosting countries and the GCC region, being a major attraction for trade and outward investments.

TLF understands the necessity of companies' status reconciliation, whether according to the provisions of Capital Markets Law no. (7/2010) and Companies Law no. (25/2012) as amended in 2013 pertaining to establishment or the rules of corporate governance issued from the Capital Market Authority, as well as the importance of this issue and what else is required besides facilitating the companies' complete response for the requirements for status reconciliation.

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In 2014, TLF was selected by World Finance Magazine as the best law firm in Kuwait in the field of Dispute Resolution and Commercial Law, in recognition of its specialisation, competency and expertise in assisting companies to reconcile their status. In the same year, one of TLF's lawyers was selected by Global Law Experts as its representative in the field of Corporate Governance in Kuwait.

"TLF is proud of its ability to provide both domestic and foreign clients with practical solutions to legal challenges," said Mr. Mohammed Al Twaijri, Managing Partner. "Diversity of our clients and team is one of our strengths. Also, TLF is proud that it was the first Kuwaiti Law firm to open a branch in Bahrain with a vision to expand in the GCC and MENA Regions. Also, TLF has created the 'Lex Cosmo Legal Network', selecting a prominent law firm in each jurisdiction in a professional association to be able to support our clients all over the world."

The firm represents distinguished corporations that are leaders in their fields, including: commercial banks; Islamic financial companies; telecommunication companies; oil sector companies; engineering and construction companies; international corporations; shipping and maritime companies; and foreign embassies in Kuwait.

According to Mr. Al Twaijri, the firm's greatest achievement in the last 12 months is expanding its team and location.

Looking ahead, he concluded: "Our objective is to finalise the procedures of opening our new offices in Egypt and Saudi Arabia in addition to our standing office in Bahrain."

International Commercial Law Firm of the Year in Kuwait



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Nader Al-Awadhi is a founding partner of Al-Wagayan, Al-Awadhi & Al-Saif and has almost 37 years of legal experience. He has developed a strong forte for commercial and corporate litigation matters while representing many of the top Kuwaiti companies and institutions as well as many international conglomerates. In addition, he is experienced in handling forms of corporate restructuring and insolvency, focusing primarily on contentious, recoveries and investigations.

Mr Al-Awadhi is a member of the Arbitration Centre of Kuwait and the Arab Gulf Co-Operation Council (GCC) states and has handled numerous international arbitration cases.

The firm's attorneys are experienced in advising clients on the proper formation of joint ventures and companies, the establishment of branch and representation offices of foreign companies in Kuwait, and the most advantageous structure for each client and venture.

"The office boasts a multi-lingual team of leading Kuwaiti and international lawyers who are culturally attuned to, and have a deep understanding of, Kuwait's business demands, regulatory environments and market drivers," said Mr Al-Awadhi.

Al-Wagayan, Al-Awadhi & Al-Saif has considerable expertise in dealing with the Central Bank on all regulatory and licensing issues affecting commercial banks, investment banks and other financial institutions that do business in Kuwait.

The firm's attorneys regularly advise both local Kuwait investment banks and institutions on the issuance of Kuwaiti securities, as well as the many foreign institutions that wish to market their securities in such an affluent venue as Kuwait.

The team has represented investors in privatisation transactions ranging from operating agreements and concession contracts and other types of private-sector participation, to divestment by public entities of assets of existing public works through equity offerings or negotiated sale.

The firm's employment and labour relations team is well versed in all aspects of Kuwait's labour regulations and offers a full range of advisory services in the area of employment.

It offers a full-service practice in handling all forms of debt restructuring and insolvency matters, including: purchase and sale of assets at bankruptcy; mergers and acquisitions of distressed firms; bankruptcy claims; and standstill arrangements.

"One of the remarkable achievements of the law firm, which was set as a precedent in the history of the Kuwaiti courts, is the cancellation of the demonstration law in addition to the cancellation of the customs evasion law based on its unconstitutionality," said Mr Al-Awadhi. "Our law firm has succeeded in its pursuit to defend the clients' rights in all aspects of the criminal litigation. The law firm is constantly present in the most problematic political issues of the country."

Discussing the firm's main distinguishing features, Mr Al-Awadhi highlighted its reputation as the leading law firm in Kuwait with respect to finance, and its extensive international experience in major energy and infrastructure projects and project finance transactions in the State of Kuwait.

"In addition to representing financial institutions on the regulatory side, we also handle their financial transactions with clients here in Kuwait and abroad," he continued. "From conducting due diligence on the borrowers, to drafting comprehensive loan documentation, to ensuring proper security interests are put into place that will stand up in Kuwaiti courts, Al-Wagayan, Al-Awadhi & Al-Saif is considered the leading law firm in Kuwait with respect to finance."

The firm's typical clients are local and global businesses in a range of sectors, including: healthcare; banking; infrastructure; energy and natural resources projects; property development; real estate; and corporate and commercial.

Mr Al-Awadhi highlighted the firm's "worldwide experience of large-scale projects and transactions, of a size and complexity only recently being seen in the MENA region".

The firm's greatest successes in the last 12 months include:

- advising a leading Kuwaiti financial institution and a leading Kuwaiti investment company on the due diligence and structuring of the merger of two listed Kuwaiti companies;
- advising a leading Kuwaiti bank on the structuring of a real estate fund and the legal issues relating to the application of the CMA Law and Executive Regulations; and
- advising a leading GCC based logistics company on its corporate and regulatory compliance matters, including the drafting of a corporate governance manual.

"Our firm is a fully integrated joint venture with DLA Piper, providing comprehensive and coordinated legal services to locally and globally based businesses," said Mr Al-Awadhi. "This partnership demonstrates the clear commitment of both groups to providing a significant full legal solution in parallel with the growing of the local, regional and international legal practice. This puts the office in a position to provide the clients with local and global legal solutions and will broaden the scope of services to meet the growing demands of clients," he concluded.

Mid-Market - Commercial Law Firm of the Year in Lebanon



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Founded in the 1980s, Ramzi Joreige & Partners is a well established leading law firm in Lebanon which enjoys a strong reputation of professionalism and deep attachment to professional ethics.

The firm has been providing local, regional and international clients for almost 30 years with a full range of legal advisory services in a broad spectrum of legal fields through its team of qualified and experienced lawyers who graduated from prestigious universities in Lebanon, Europe and the United States and led by two partners, former Chairmen of the Beirut Bar Association.

The firm provides full corporate legal support for day-to-day business needs as well as for complex and cross-borders corporate transactions, including bilateral and syndicated facilities transactions, the issuance of financial products and real estate acquisitions.

The firm advises also in respect of general corporate law matters such as the incorporation, restructuring and winding up of corporations. Lawyers of the firm have a high level of knowledge of the local legal framework, as well as strong commercial and contract drafting skills complemented by in-depth knowledge of the unique legal and business requirements of specific industry sectors.

Moreover, the firm has been providing its clients with legal advice regarding their regional extension plans and the acquisition of new business entities in the Middle East and North Africa.

The firm also advises on the creation, operation and termination of joint venture agreements as well as drafting and negotiating all kinds of commercial contracts.

"While dealing with its clients, our firm aims to meet the highest standards of availability, thoroughness and ethics in the legal services it provides," said Chakib Cortbaoui, partner.

Clients of the firm include leading regional and international banks and financial institutions, notably one of the largest banks in Lebanon, as well as several companies engaged in risk management, telecommunications, mobile payment services, postal services and insurance as well as several catering companies and hotels, real estate companies, contracting companies, leading businesses and high net worth individuals. Members of the firm also represent several individuals and entities involved in litigation before the Lebanese Courts.

Mr Cortbaoui served as President of the Beirut Bar Association from 1995 to 1997 and was member of the Legal Commission to the Prime Minister's Cabinet from 2001 to 2004. He is currently member of the Legal Commission for the Modernization and Unification of Laws at the Ministry of Justice and has also been editor of Hatem Law Review since 1973. Mr Cortbaoui also served as Minister of Justice from June 2011 until February 2014.

Mr Cortbaoui's practice areas include: corporate & commercial law (including mergers & acquisitions); banking and finance; real estate law; and litigation & arbitration.

The firm advises also in respect of general corporate law matters such as the incorporation, restructuring and winding up of corporations.

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Boustany Law Offices (BLO) is one of the leading firms in the Middle East. The firm has proved for more than 120 years to be a pioneer in globalising the legal profession through establishing and being present not only in the Middle East and Europe, but also in North-Africa, the Gulf countries and more recently in North-America and South-East Asia.

Since its establishment, BLO has been the adviser of governmental institutions and a large number of international companies as well as influential and ruling families.

Beginning in the '50s, BLO has provided legal consultancies for European, US and Japanese companies in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Abu-Dhabi, Sharjah, Ras-El-Khaima, Oman, Qatar and Kuwait in general legal matters and particularly in oil and gas, civil works, dredging and banking.

The firm's main founders and partners are eminent law professors. Soliman Ph. Boustany, senior partner, stated that the firm is proud to provide high calibre legal services and advice to cater for the needs of its clients and help contribute in their commercial success.

"BLO has developed a dynamic concept that lies in the ability of its dedicated team to render legal services and advice whilst maintaining a balance between continuously pursuing a creative innovation, and adapting with the clients' legal needs in a quality-driven, cost-effective and timely-manner," he commented. "Moreover, BLO which is currently well established in Beirut, Paris and Brussels, has sustained a close work relationship with select top-notch law offices in many important business capitals around the world."

BLO strives to establish the best practice processes through its local and international teams geared with the most up to date resources and unrivalled expertise in areas of law covering various sectors in many countries.

"We, at BLO, besides having amongst our founders and partners law professors, are known for recruiting lawyers that have a superior academic profile and/or considerable professional accomplishments," continued Mr Boustany.

Moreover, partner Lara Karam Boustany is a law professor at the most renowned Faculty of Law in Lebanon (St. Joseph University) and has participated in the drafting of the laws on "Maritime Boundaries" and the "EEZ".

She is also in charge of the law course on Oil & Gas in the newly established Oil & Gas LLM program at the Faculty of Engineering of St Joseph University, namely ESIB.

On the other hand, Mrs Boustany has been appointed during 2010 - 2011 as the counsellor of the Minister of Justice in Lebanon and has advised the Lebanese Government on various law drafting issues and processes especially in the fields of Oil & Gas, Women's Rights, Public Private Partnership and Cluster Ammunitions.

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Environmental Law Firm of the Year in Nigeria



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AJUMOGOBIA & OKEKE (A&O) is a leading commercial law firm in Nigeria. The firm is one of West Africa's largest integrated partnerships with offices in Nigeria, regional connections and a continental outlook.

"With our international experience and local expertise across a wide spectrum of practise areas, we have become 'the firm of choice'," said Odein Ajumogobia, partner. "We embrace our local and international knowledge to complete our clients' transactions and to enable our clients to achieve their objectives."

Over the past three decades, A&O has provided a broad range of legal services to numerous corporate clients by assisting them in setting up and organising their businesses in Nigeria. The firm's clients range from multi-national corporations, international banks, and major public companies to family businesses, individual entrepreneurs and government entities.

A&O is strategically placed to offer local expertise within a local context helping its clients to realise their business objectives.

"We have established a reputation for cutting-edge legal advice using modern and local solutions that enable clients to capitalise on business opportunities and manage change effectively," continued Mr Ajumogobia. "Sector specialisations are keys to our effectiveness. Our lawyers have a profound understanding of our clients' industry sectors, so we can provide a full range of advice based on extensive knowledge. For our clients, this means service with an added dimension."

Mr Ajumogobia believes that the firm's varied experience and robust skill-sets are essential in its interrelated areas of expertise, which include: commercial, litigation and arbitration/ADR, corporate & commercial, intellectual property, taxation and foreign investment, banking and finance, energy resources and environment (oil & gas) maritime law, aircraft and aviation, commercial & business crime.

"Our dedicated practice groups in these areas give us a unique perspective and reliable capability," he added. "In each of these sectors, as in each of our offices, we offer full complement of commercial legal services."

With offices in three Nigerian cities - Lagos, Port Harcourt and Abuja - and corresponding relationships with some of the pre-eminent firms internationally, A&O is strategically placed to offer local expertise within a local context helping its clients to realise their business objectives.

"In its service to clients, A&O draws from the unique expertise and experience of its members acquired from within the public and private sectors of the economy. Members of the firm have acted for public sector enterprises and in structuring Public Private Partnerships in some of Nigeria's leading transactions," concluded Mr Ajumogobia.

Readers' Choice - Boutique Commercial Law Firm of the Year in Nigeria / Boutique Telecommunications Law Firm of the Year in Nigeria



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Idris Adeniyi Mohammed is the managing partner of FAMA FIRM, a commercial law firm with particular interest in telecommunication law. Mr Mohammed was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2003 and holds two post graduate degrees: a PGD in Computer and Communication Law and an LLM in Commercial & Corporate Law from the University of London. He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators United Kingdom and the Nigerian Bar Association.

FAMA FIRM provides services in business formation, corporate regulatory compliance, contract documentation, labour and employment law and taxation advice. The firm is actively engaged in company formation and assists clients to ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements for establishing businesses in Nigeria and also post incorporation regulatory compliance. For telecommunications, the firm provides and has provided advisory services on regulatory issues on the deployment of network facilities to several telecommunications companies. The firm also carries out site/property acquisition, due diligence on properties, advisory services on local/ national regulations and other ancillary services in relation to network roll-out for telecommunication companies. The firm has also represented several companies in various dispute resolution cases across Nigeria

"We have a crop of young, ambitious and hardworking lawyers," said Mr Mohammed. "The firm's services are retained by most of the major players in the telecommunications industry in Nigeria. Our market share in corporate and commercial law sphere is growing by the day.

"The main strength of the firm lies in the diligence, commitment, integrity and professionalism of members of staff. We have a team of young lawyers who are committed to what they do. The professionalism, with which issues are handled, makes the firm stands out amidst other competitors."

Mr Mohammed believes that the firm's specialisation and expertise in the niche areas of corporate and commercial law, with specialisation in telecommunication law, gives it an edge over its competition, as only a handful of firms are specialised in these areas in Nigeria.

The firm is also developing rigorously in arbitration – Mr Mohammed and two other partners of the firm have become members of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (United Kingdom). The firm has recently been briefed to recover amounts in excess of US$50 million by arbitration by a major player in the telecommunications industry.

"It is our aspiration that in 12 months to come, the firm services would have been retained by more companies in our niche areas. We also aspire to take the firm's reputation beyond the shores of Nigeria by offering our services to offshore clients," concluded Mr Mohammed.

FAMA FIRM provides services in business formation, corporate regulatory compliance, contract documentation, labour and employment law and taxation advice.

Commercial Contracts Law Firm of the Year in Saudi Arabia



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The Law Firm of Majed M Garoub was established in Jeddah in 1955 and it is one of the first law firms in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The firm also has a branch in Riyadh.

Dr Majed Mohammed Hussein Garoub, chairman and founder, commented: "The firm consists of an elite group of legal consultants and lawyers with diverse cultural backgrounds, which gave all our services an international sense, with the grace of Allah and the rich legal expertise of our team and their knowledge of the applicable laws and regulations in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the international commercial regulations, we have been able to provide our services to everyone that came to us seeking legal assistance in a professional manner, providing them the most effective means to fulfil their needs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United States of America, Europe, Asia and other Arab Countries."

Dr Garoub believes that his membership in international and regional organisations is a result of a network of solid professional relationships. This gave the firm the opportunity to cooperate with the largest international and Arab law firms, helping it to handle many cases on behalf of its clients outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

"I am truly proud of the success we have accomplished within a few years and of the expertise of our team of legal consultants and lawyers who devote their experience for the purpose of serving our clients and fulfilling their needs in line with the continuous development of the legal industry," continued Dr Garoub.

"The huge trust we acquired and the vast growth of our areas of work and specialisation is the fruit of our relentless pursuit of providing professional services to our clients whether at negotiations or before the courts providing them the most effective solutions to all their cases and lawsuits."

The firm's contract section is in charge of preparing civil and commercial contracts and reviewing and negotiating their terms and conditions on behalf of clients, in addition to following up their implementation. In commercial contracts, the firm deals with insurance, agencies, franchise, corporate, sale of goods, mortgage, surety, transport, financing, investment, import and financial intermediation.

Dr Garoub stated that the firm's membership in regional and international organisations enables it to select the best and specialised law firms in all legal fields: commercial, investment, taxes, international contracts, banking finance, international commercial arbitration etc. It is a member of:

- Union International Des Avocats -UIA (Former Regional Secretary of Middle East-Gulf Countries).
- International Bar Association (IBA), (Former Representative of Arab Forum in KSA).
- London Court of Commercial Arbitration (LCIA).
- The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London).
- Member of the Scientific Committee of Counsel of Arbitration and Expertise in the France-Arab Chamber of Commerce.
- American Bar Association (ABA).
- International Trademarks Association (INTA).
- Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle (International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property) (AIPPI).
- GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre (Arbitrator & Expert).
- American Commercial Agencies & Franchise Network.
- The Association for the Protection of Industrial Property in the Middle East and Africa (APPIMAF).
- Former President of National Lawyers Association of Saudi Arabia.
- Former President of the Lawyers Commission at Jeddah Trade and Industry Chamber.

The firm is the legal representative in Saudi Arabia for the Counterfeiting Intelligence Bureau (CIB), of the International Chambers of Commerce Paris, which is located in London. This allows the firm to provide the following intellectual property services:

- Providing advice and assistance in relation to anti-counterfeiting technologies.
- Investigations in the field of counterfeiting worldwide including the legal procedures against counterfeiting companies.
- Obtaining international reports relating to counterfeiting and information pertaining to the international commercial crimes.
- Access to the confidential data and information which CIB maintains on the activities of counterfeiting throughout the world.

Dr Garoub is a member of the Consulting Group for Arbitration, Saudi Ministry of Justice and the Scientific Committee for Conciliation and Arbitration, Arabian French Chamber of Commerce. He is ex-president and current member of the National Lawyers Committee, Saudi Council of Chambers and Jeddah Lawyers Committee, Jeddah Chamber of Commerce.

He is also a member of: the Bureau of Investigation for Fraud and Counterfeiting, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC-CIB); the Honorary Committee for Reconciliation, Emirate of Makkah Region; Co-Chairman of Legal Activities Committee, UIA; Jeddah Businessmen Council for Serving the Holy Quran; the Board of Trustees, Arab Chamber for Conciliation and Arbitration; FIFA Legal Committee; the Board of Directors of the Sports Law Commission, UIA; the National Society for Human Rights; the Scientific Committee, Saudi Law Training Centre; and the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee.

He is the legal adviser of the Charitable Society for the Memorization of the Holy Quran (Khairokum) and the Charitable Foundation for Domestic Health Care.

Dr Garoub is a lecturer at a number of international and Arab universities and arbitration centres, and a legal writer for a number of general and professional newspapers and magazines.

Corporate Litigation Law Firm of the Year in Saudi Arabia



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Abdulaziz AlGasim Law Firm is a market leader that provides comprehensive, results-oriented legal counsel.

"As a leading law firm recognised globally among the top tiers in Saudi Arabia, we deliver legal services to a diverse range of clients, including multinational corporations, local and regional businesses, government authorities and individuals," said Monaji Zamakhchary, managing partner.

The firm specialises in three core practice areas: litigation, corporate and commercial transactions and regulatory work.

Mr Zamakhchary added: "Our legal team leverages their knowledge and experience in each of these areas to develop innovative legal solutions that best serve our clients' business, financial and personal goals."

According to Mr Zamakhchary, success in corporate and commercial endeavours in Saudi Arabia requires an understanding of the laws of capital markets, investment laws, Sharia law, and local regulations. He believes that international corporations and local businesses face unique challenges and opportunities when doing business within the Kingdom, and can thrive in commercial endeavours with the right legal guidance.

Abdulaziz AlGasim Law Firm's full-service corporate and commercial practice offers transactional and litigation services to a wide range of business clients. The firm's lawyers have an in-depth understanding of the laws governing businesses and investments in Saudi Arabia.

"In today's increasingly competitive global environment, we work proactively with our corporate and business clients to avoid litigation and resolve disputes in a pragmatic, cost-effective manner," continued Mr Zamakhchary. "The corporate and commercial lawyers at our firm work collaboratively with our clients to identify and evaluate risks to reach the most optimal results. We develop and tailor prevention and resolution strategies to meet our clients' legal, financial and business needs. Our strategies are designed to minimise interruptions while producing winning results, so that our clients can focus on their operational and long-term goals."

For two decades, the firm's legal team has worked within the framework of the court and regulatory systems to identify creative solutions for approaching litigation. Its goal is to resolve cases early whenever possible in a manner that is in keeping with the client's objectives.

"Our team of Sharia scholars, lawyers with deep substantive experience, and past Sharia court judges seek alternative solutions to protracted litigation that make sense for a client's business and bottom line," elaborated Mr Zamakhchary.

The corporate and commercial lawyers at Abdulaziz AlGasim Law Firm regularly handle major international and domestic matters for both foreign and Saudi clients, ranging from investment banks and major corporations to private investors, as well as government entities and authorities.

The firm's portfolio of commercial and corporate litigation services includes:

- Partnership and shareholder litigation;
- Disputes in business and real estate;
- Real estate development disputes;
- Corporate dissolutions;
- Corporate shareholder disputes;
- Business partnership lawsuits;
- Breach of fiduciary duty cases; and
- Director misconduct.

Investment Law Firm of the Year in Senegal



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Since its beginning in 1912, GENI & KEBE has provided legal services to a great number of companies, institutions and individuals.

"As our clients have grown, so have we," said Mouhamed Kebe, managing partner. "Today, we have offices in three main cities of Senegal, which makes us, apart from being the oldest law firm of the country, the largest one, in addition to our wide network of alliances in the African continent.

"This is why our services are highly sought after by clients from many countries across the world including the top law firms in New York, London, Paris, Dubai and from across Asia in their transactions throughout Senegal and the Francophone Africa Region."

Mr Kebe believes that the firm's Commercial and Corporate Department stands out in the francophone Africa region for the quality of services and advice it has provided over almost a century to many TNCs, SMEs and individuals. The firm's services cover a wide spectrum of law, including: corporate, mergers and acquisitions, banking and finance, employment, TMT, insurance, natural resources, real estate, aerospace and maritime, etc.

GENI & KEBE is praised by many corporate counsels and lawyers practicing in leading law firms in Europe, Americas, the Middle East and Asia for its capacity to bring together professionals in an interdisciplinary network.

Chambers Global Client's Guides praises the firm's Commercial and Corporate Department for its "high quality advice and ability to handle pan-African corporate transactions".

Its strong record on corporate and finance issues is acclaimed by many domestic and foreign owned companies investing in Senegal and the francophone Africa region. Chambers Global Client's Guides acknowledges the firm's long-lasting reputation "to offer valuable corporate and financing advice".

"Our growth and increasing global presence, which have strengthened over the last 25 years, are due to our long-standing expertise in many fields of law and the synergy of our wide network in Africa backed by highly qualified professionals who have performed work experiences in many foreign jurisdictions particularly in United Kingdom, Switzerland and France," enthused Mr Kebe.

GENI & KEBE is praised by many corporate counsels and lawyers practicing in leading law firms in Europe, Americas, the Middle East and Asia for its capacity to bring together professionals in an interdisciplinary network that creates a synergy to better service their clients globally. Chambers Global Client's Guides states that "the firm supports its corporate clients in litigation and shows an undisputedly strong reputation for its work on transactional files".

The firm has recently led and coordinated the defence of a UK global investment bank in a civil action lodged by a Senegalese oil public company before the Senegalese Courts. The success of the case was attributed to the rigorous effort and cooperation among the defence involving lawyers and corporate counsels from Abidjan, Dakar, Johannesburg, London and Paris.

Criminal Defence Law Firm of the Year in Sierra Leone



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Nicol-Wilson and Co was established as a specialised legal consultancy and legal practice firm. The specialised work of the firm is in line with the experience and academic qualifications of its members.

"Our commitment is to serve with excellence and professionalism," said Melron C. Nicol-Wilson, managing partner. "The aim of the firm is to set new standards based on specialisation and effective delivery of services thus meeting the needs of its numerous clients and ensuring satisfaction."

Nicol-Wilson and Co does not engage in general legal practice. The firm operates on a narrow and specialised area of the law dealing with corporate and commercial legal practice, publicly funded, private and contractual work in Sierra Leone and abroad, solicitors work, international and domestic criminal defence, civil liberties and human rights.

Nicol-Wilson and Co prepare all forms of legal documents including conveyances, tenancy agreements, lease agreements, wills and documents for the setting up of companies, partnerships and other business entities.

The firm specialises in criminal defence and prosecution work and covers all areas of crime, particularly serious crimes such as economic crimes, political crimes, corruption cases and capital offences.

Nicol-Wilson and Co undertakes criminal defence representation at trial and appellate level throughout Sierra Leone in Magistrate Courts, High Court, Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Sierra Leone.

Nicol-Wilson and Co accepts briefs and instructions regardless of crimes alleged to have been committed and regardless of national, social, religious and economic background and political affiliation.

Nicol-Wilson and Co has substantial experience in international criminal law and procedure and some of its members have appeared before the Special Court for Sierra Leone providing legal representation for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Nicol-Wilson and Co has right of audience in the International Criminal Court, the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and other internationalised criminal tribunals and courts.

"We live in the age of rights and Nicol-Wilson and Co offers unrivalled expertise in human rights which is an integral part of our work," continued Mr Nicol-Wilson. "Members of the firm are involved in human rights litigation, teaching and research. We undertake human rights advisory work for governments, public authorities, and public institutions, non-governmental and inter-governmental groups."

The firm consist of several experienced lawyers/attorneys/advocates/barristers and legal consultants of long standing and work on certain briefs with a firm of attorneys in the US and a firm of solicitors in the United Kingdom.

The firm's criminal defence and prosecution services include:

- criminal defence at international and internationalised criminal tribunals, including the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the International Criminal Court;
- criminal defence in domestic courts of Sierra Leone for serious crimes, including economic crimes, corruption offences, political offences and capital offences; and
- criminal prosecutions in domestic courts in Sierra Leone for serious crimes including economic and white collar crimes and fraud.

Editor's Choice - Boutique Commercial Law Firm of the Year in Sudan

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Lomoro & Co. Advocates is a South Sudanese-based law firm. The firm comprises of local South Sudanese lawyers with expertise and knowledge of the local laws.

The firm serves in the area of corporate and commercial law. It advises on company and business formation in South Sudan, foreign investment, intellectual property, tax and revenue law, immigration & labour law, insurance law, banking law, securities and land transaction.

The firm has well trained lawyers with competence and capacity to undertake advice on infrastructural and project financing, research and training, and offer litigation services.

"The firm has established itself as one of the leading corporate & commercial law firm in the country, in the region and internationally," said Lomoro Robert, managing partner. "The firm has been serving a number of clients from across Europe, Middle East, Asia, Australia, US and Africa. The work of the Staff of Lomoro & Co. Advocates has been tested and proven from its track record and achievement over the same."

The firm's clients range from governmental institutions, foreign missions and embassies, NGOs and companies carrying out businesses in South Sudan.

"As a leading law firm in South Sudan, our lawyers are well equipped with varied expertise and knowledge of the local laws," continued Mr Robert. "The firm has won several awards and honours for its distinguished services. Our lawyers have received individual awards and honours for their outstanding services."

The firm's corporate & commercial department deals with corporate matters of its clients, such as government institutions, embassies, international NGOs and companies.

The department provides work and advice on various aspects of infrastructural and project financing, company law, intellectual property, immigration and labour, insurance, taxation, banking and securities/mortgages, and research. In this department, issues concerning contracts, employment contracts, purchases and sales contracts are drafted.

The department provides advice to governmental organisations, NGOs, foreign missions and embassies working in South Sudan. This covers a wide area of practice. Further, the department helps various clients, local and foreign with company registration and restructuring, intellectual property and in particular trade mark registration and protection of products from counterfeiting and M&A transactions. This is done in conjunction with other departments of the law firm.

This department has enabled the firm to act generally as the leading corporate & commercial law firm in South Sudan. As the largest department of the firm, it is headed by Mr Robert, a well known practitioner in this area and recognised globally for his outstanding work.

The firm's corporate & commercial department deals with corporate matters of its clients, such as government institutions, embassies, international NGOs and companies.

Boutique Government Projects Law Firm of the Year in the UAE



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Mahmood Hussain Advocates and Legal Consultancy (MHLF) is one of the leading boutique law firms practicing in the UAE. Set up with the vision of becoming one of the few UAE local law firms with an expertise to advise based on international standards, MHLF is a rising star in the UAE legal arena.

In spite of being a comparatively new firm in the region, MHLF has managed to make its presence felt among the legal fraternity, with its achievements in the corporate and advocacy practice. In its corporate practice, MHLF has successfully closed varied kinds of high profile deals including acquisition of an Egyptian TV channel, representing the royal family members and assisting with the bid submission process for a VIP terminal in Kenya, acting as retained counsels for UAE Armed forces, prominent event management companies, adventure sports companies and other real estate and infrastructure giants. MHLF also has a flourishing litigation practice which has successfully adjudicated various high profile cases *inter alia* cases against a large insurance giant, and one of the major real estate developers in the UAE.

Highlighting some of the key successes of MHLF, the Founding Partner, Mr. Mahmood Hussain noted that: "*the firm was recently appointed by the Government of Dubai for its various subsidiaries to guide them in all their legal works, including drafting all transaction documents, advising and handling key transactions for the subsidiaries. We have been retained as the counsel for the first Public Private Partnership joint venture between the royal family member and a Private Joint Stock Company from outside UAE – for their setup and legal services in the UAE.*"

The key partners and associates of MHLF are well-versed in the legal system and regulations of the UAE and have varied legal experience ranging from 30 years of courtroom experience, to eight years of extensive corporate legal works internationally and in the UAE.

MHLF is a medium size law firm, including its Founding Partner and Managing Partner and a team of 12 legal consultants / lawyers and qualified paralegals. The key partners and associates of MHLF are well-versed in the legal system and regulations of the UAE and have varied legal experience ranging from 30 years of courtroom experience, to eight years of extensive corporate legal works internationally and in the UAE.

Looking to the coming 12 months, MHLF plans to expand its services in niche practices, including infrastructure and corporate governance, along with arbitration, while retaining its boutique law firm structure. The firm is also keen on establishing its presence internationally – by continuing its services to existing clients, as well as potential clients based all over the world.

Intellectual Property & Enforcement Law Firm of the Year in the UAE



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Hatem Abdelghani is the founder of The Legal Group's Intellectual Property Practice, practicing in the Middle East and North Africa for 14 years prior to joining the firm and being most recognised in the field of Intellectual Property in the MENA. He is a member of the International Trademark Association; World Intellectual Property Organization; and is actively involved in combating counterfeiting activities in the region and working in close liaison with UAE local authorities, UAE customs and economic departments.

Mr Abdelghani has been and continues to be invited by The Japanese Trademark Organization for six consecutive years to deliver lectures and create awareness of IP rights and enforcement in the Middle East. In 2010, he was invited by the American Patent Office to give a talk on issues facing enforcement of IP rights in North Africa. His contributions have been instrumental in carrying out enforcement activities in several areas of the MENA region.

Mr Abdelghani graduated with a degree in Economics and Political Science from the Andhra University, India and further obtained his post graduate qualifications from the famed Aligarh Muslim University in India and also served as a lecturer on IP laws in the Jerusalem Open University for three years.

His in depth knowledge and expertise in intellectual property goes a long way in providing insightful advice, particularly in brand protection strategies, and Mr Abdelghani's client relation skills are the secret behind the firm's retention of a portfolio of high profile international clients.

The Legal Group is a boutique law firm, which was founded by Saif Saeed Rashid Alghubar AlShamsi in 1998 with a single underlying ideology that legal practice must always be grounded in a fundamental purpose, and that TLG's legal practice shall always be embedded and directed by that purpose.

After years of enduring success, the firm welcomed another partner, Hatem Taleb Abed Abdelghani, making him the director of the IP department within TLG in 2012.

TLG's team has been taking care of various internationally recognised companies and therefore can advise and handle:

- Legal advisory and consultancy on local and regional laws and procedures
- Registration of their IP rights
- Enforcement in the MENA as well as East European region
- Inspect, investigate, file complaints on counterfeit activities
- Follow up with custom and law enforcement agencies
- Assist in the seizure and destruction of counterfeited goods

"TLG's Intellectual Property Practice Group comprises of a highly driven and experienced legal team practicing in the region for the past 14 years," said Mr Abdelghani. "Our department also comprises an in-house investigation division which facilitates the identification of the major counterfeiter through the usual search in the market."

The firm's clients include German, Japanese, Dutch and American producers and owners of world famous and renowned brands of automobiles, electronics, printing consumables, power tools, cosmetics, perfumes, body care and the fashion industry.

"The fact that we have a panoply of clients worldwide allows us to handle a variety of IP litigation in different countries," added Mr Abdelghani.

The firm recently won a civil case on behalf of one of its clients, a major American company in the field of power tools and building materials, for the cancellation of a Registered Trademark in the UAE that is infringing the IP rights of the client.

In the next 12 months, the firm aims to expand its work and increase its IP enforcement in regions where its clients will increase their sales, in order to support them in tackling counterfeiting activities.

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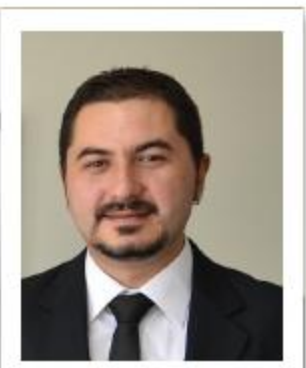


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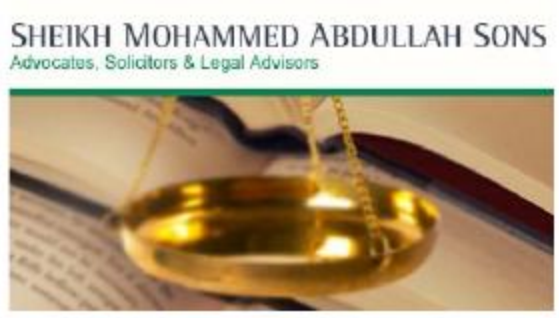
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