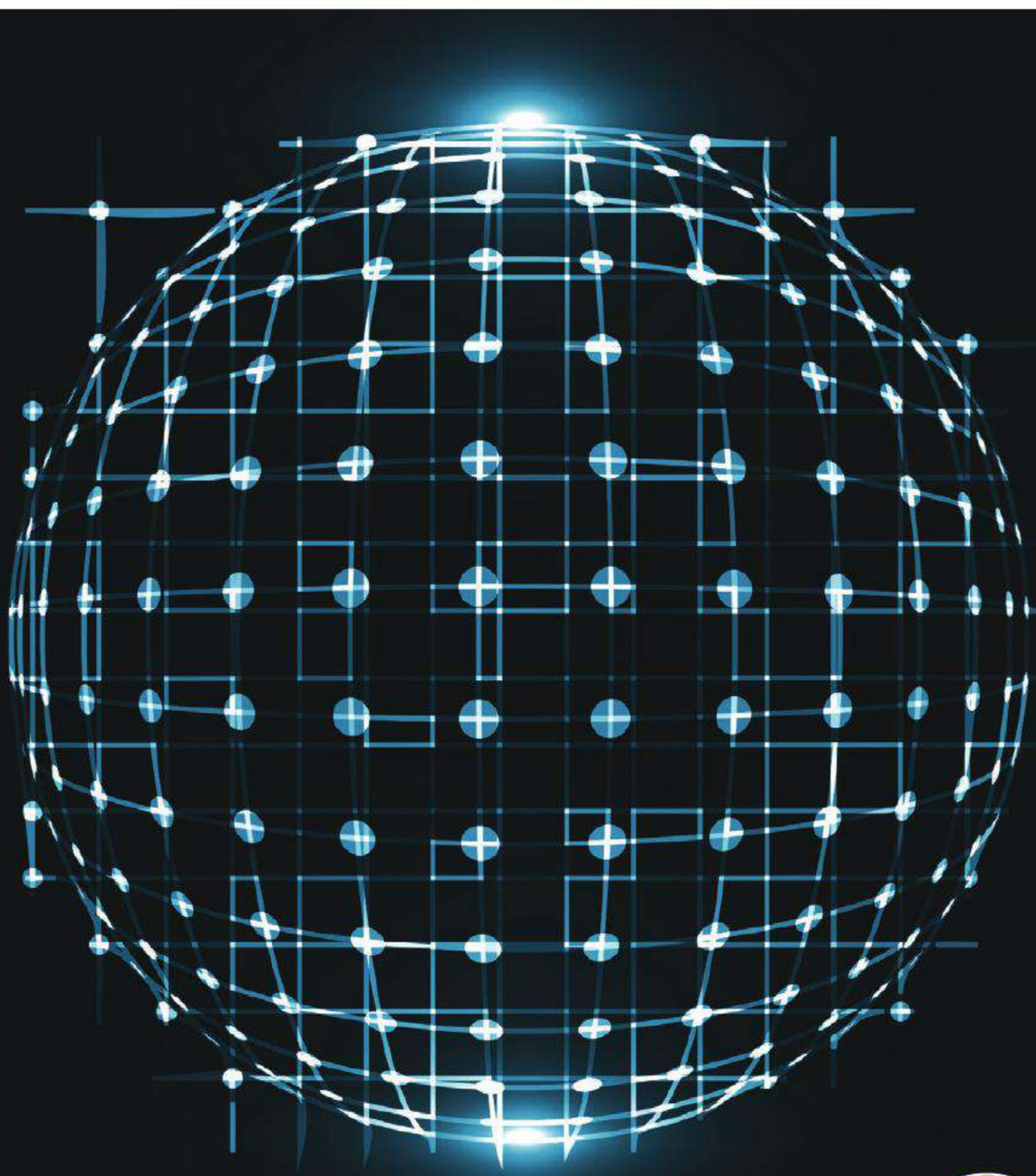
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WELCOME TO THE GLOBAL LAW EXPERTS (GLE) AWARDS 2015 PUBLICATION.

In order to select our winners, we undertook research in all practice areas, creating a shortlist of firms that are deemed experts within their chosen specialisms.

During an initial recommendation stage, we received responses from business directors, in-house counsel, independent firms, high-net-worth individuals, bar associations, visitors to the GLE website, and LinkedIn users.

These recommendations were combined with our independent research to create the finished shortlist for each country and practice area.

The shortlisted firms were then judged on client testimonials, case studies, legal ranking and published material, as well as the performance and standing of the teams' individual attorneys.

We have broken down the winners by region, country and practice area. Many of the firms selected can offer a multitude of services to clients and have provided a firm summary to this effect; meanwhile, some have chosen to profile their expertise concerning their winning category – providing details of their case work and some up-to-date industry commentary.

Our new Listings section contains the details of additional winners from around the world.

Meanwhile, the Index section at the back of this edition makes it easy for our readers to locate the entries for all of our winners.

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EUROPE WINNERS



For Europe, recent years have seen turmoil in markets, lack of consumer confidence and a drop in the euro currency value. Yet, Europe's unique influence is unparalleled, as the European Union is comprised of 27 nations with a total population of some 500 million, accounting for approximately 30% of the value of global GDP.

The European Commission's spring forecast points to a continuing economic recovery in the European Union following its emergence from recession. Real GDP growth was set last year to reach 1.6% in the EU and 1.2% in the euro area in 2014's final figures, and to improve further in 2015 to 2.0% and 1.7% respectively. The forecast rests on the assumption that the agreed policy measures will be implemented by Member States and the EU, taking forward the necessary adjustment.

Siim Kallas, Commission Vice-President, said: "The recovery has now taken hold. Deficits have declined, investment is rebounding and, importantly, the employment situation has started improving. Continued reform efforts by Member States and the EU itself are paying off. This ongoing structural change reminds me of the profound adjustment that the central and eastern European economies undertook in the 1990s and in subsequent years, linked to their joining the EU exactly 10 years ago. Their experience shows how important it is to embrace structural reforms early on and to stay the course, whatever challenges may be faced along the way. In this spirit, we must not lessen our efforts to create more jobs for Europeans and strengthen growth potential."

Overall, domestic demand is expected to become the key driver of growth over the forecast horizon. Consumer spending should progressively add to growth as real income benefits from lower inflation and the stabilising labour market. The recovery in investment should continue to support growth, with gains in both equipment and construction investment. The contribution of net exports is expected to diminish over the forecast horizon.

The gradual nature of this upturn is in line with previous recoveries following deep financial crises. While financing conditions remain benign on average, substantial differences persist across Member States and across firms of different size.

Labour market conditions started to improve in the course of 2013 and more job creation as well as a further decline in unemployment rates should follow (to 10.1% in the EU and 11.4% in the euro area in 2015).

Inflation is expected to remain low, both in the EU (1.0% in 2014, 1.5% in 2015) and in the euro area (0.8% and 1.2%).



Current account deficits in vulnerable Member States have been reduced in recent years following continuous price competitiveness gains. In a number of these economies, surpluses are expected in 2014 and 2015.

The reduction in general government deficits is set to continue. For 2014's final figures (not available at the time of writing), a decrease is projected to around 2.5 % of GDP in both the EU and the euro area. The debt-to-GDP ratio will peak at almost 90% in the EU and 96% in the euro area before falling for 2015's final figures.

The largest downside risk to the growth outlook remains a renewed loss of confidence from a stalling of reforms. Also, uncertainty about the external environment has increased. On the other hand, further bold structural reforms could lead to a stronger-than-envisaged recovery.

While current price developments reflect both external factors and the ongoing adjustment process, a too prolonged period of low inflation could also entail risks. However, the gradually strengthening and increasingly broad-based recovery should mitigate these risks.

Economists at the European Banking Federation (EBF) have a different perspective, however, seeing a slower-than-expected economic recovery in the euro area. The EBF Chief Economist Group has lowered its 2015 growth projection for the euro area to 1.2%, down from 1.5%.

After the contraction that marked 2012 and 2013, and the slow pick-up in output at the beginning of 2014, the euro area economy will continue to expand slowly. The weaker-than-expected increase in private consumption and investment is accompanied by a small decline in net external exports.

Presenting the EBF Year-End Economic Outlook, EBF Chief Executive Wim Mijs said: "More than ever before it is clear that policy action is required to make sure the European economy does not go off its charted course. Banks stand by to play their role as lenders – the final results of the comprehensive assessment make clear there are no obstacles other than a lack of demand. Businesses need a confidence boost so that they can start investing again. Policy makers need to act with swift determination to provide this confidence, and need to embrace the EU growth agenda as set out by the new European Commission."

The EBF Chief Economist Group sees a protracted period of low inflation, with an expectation of an average increase in consumer prices of 0.6% in 2014 and 1.0% in 2015.

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The firm's construction contract attorneys have a comprehensive understanding of the complex legal, business and financial issues that impact any construction project. Its attorneys provide services starting from the consultation in general real estate and construction matters, preparing and reviewing construction contracts, contractor and sub-contractor agreements and purchase and sale agreements. They counsel public and private owners, commercial developers, lenders, design professionals, particularly architects, and construction managers on how to protect their interests by e.g. the use of appropriate construction documentation. The team has gained expertise in handling large-scale, complex transactions. They work closely with our clients to help them solve problems and create opportunities and are happy to assist with requests of any size.

Today, Ebert Huber Swoboda Oswald & Partner's strength lies in negotiation and conclusion of development agreements, construction and building contracts as well as in providing its profound and well-known services in the legal area of construction law.

Our full range of services also covers:

- Construction defect
- Construction delay and delay damages
- Enforcement of real estate contracts
- Breach of contract
- Disputes over scope of services
- Unforeseen site conditions that require changes to the plans

Senior partner Thomas Huber noted: "The focus is always getting to know our clients' priorities, and tailoring our services and advice to fit."

According to Mr Huber, some of the key legal issues causing the most research and showing the most legal uncertainty are:

- special configurations in the department of design and quality errors and
- the circumstances of breach of contract.

He added that another key issue arises from the work with design professionals, such as architects. In this connection it is important to pay particular attention to the limits of the professional liability coverage.

"We have built our reputation on a combination of expertise and local knowledge," he said, "which helps us to solve these uncertainties and to provide the best service.

"The training and continuing education of all of our employees is a high priority. We encourage the exchange of new and innovative ideas in everything we do, as our aim is to provide our clients with the best possible services."

The firm's typical clients include real estate developers, contractors, design professionals and sub-contractors in the construction industry. These may vary from those engaged in domestic projects, to large industrial projects.

Moreover, all of Ebert Huber Swoboda Oswald & Partner's attorneys and employees are fluent in English, which is a requirement to provide optimum services to its international client base. The firm has worked with international clients several times, handling large-scale, complex transactions. Since the firm is also located in the centre of the metropolis of Vienna, it can offer a perfect location for international clients.

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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 labelling 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 the agreement with Austrian institutions for the conduct of clinical trials.

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.

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Mr Vanbelle has published books, over 30 essays and many more court case reviews on specific legal topics related to real estate, company law, and contracts, financial and banking law – some of which are still used as references within the profession. He was also Editor-in-Chief of several prestigious law reviews and a member of the European Association for Banking and Financial Law. To date he has been serving as professor of law and lecturer at seminars and trainings for the Brussels Bar Association, several international private banks, insurance and audit companies – activities he started in 1990.

Since 2006 he has been appointed by the Belgian King as a deputy judge at several Brussels courts and therefore has a complete overview of law-in-action both as a lawyer and a judge, an experience of which his clients still benefit like nowhere else.

Vanbelle Law offers highly specialised advices, assistance and solutions for the professional market covering both (inter) national companies and enterprises wishing to establish, merge, acquire or improve their business in Belgium or elsewhere in Europe, or wanting to obtain (international) tax and company advices, audit or assistance during court proceedings, rulings or (inter)national tax planning operations.

The firm also offers similar services to high-net-worth individuals or families in their quest for solutions or improvements regarding their assets and wealth, both privately held as through their companies or other legal structures.

The team consists of several (internal and external) highly qualified, trained and experienced lawyers, mostly with an additional degree in tax or company law, and several paralegals. Given its boutique size and solid partnerships, the firm excels in offering efficient, detailed and personalised services covering Belgium and EU member states, within the legal field as well as in accounting, audit, financial analysis, real estate, notary issues, banking and insurance.

Vanbelle Law is located on the prestigious Avenue Louise in Brussels, from where all core services of the firm and its partners operate. Recently, the firm signed a network partner agreement with a leading Spanish law firm and can therefore now also accommodate clients and business in the Barcelona, Madrid and Marbella offices.

EDITOR'S CHOICE - CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN BULGARIA





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Mr. Penkov is included in "Who is Who in the World", Barons 500 - Leaders for the New Century, 2000 Commemorative Edition. He is also an honorable member "Who's Who Historical Society for the year 2005", "Who's Who of Professionals".

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Mr. Penkov, has a number of publications in the sphere of company and commercial law, among which: "Legal Privatization Issues in Bulgaria"; "The Promotion and Protection of Foreign Investments in Bulgaria: Some Legal Aspects"; "Legal Framework for Foreign Investment in Bulgaria"; "Necessary Revisions in the Commercial Register Legislation in Line with the Best European Practices," etc.

PM&P is one of the first and most experienced company and commercial law practices in Bulgaria. It has developed through the years by providing comprehensive services to small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as to major international companies. The services cover incorporation of companies, mergers and acquisitions, restructuring, as well as winding up and insolvencies – all fields in which PM&P is a leader on the Bulgarian market.

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Since Bulgaria's accession to the European Union (EU), PM&P has completed the registration of some of the first non-banking financial institutions and has structured the innovative business of a major client providing distant financial services unknown earlier to the Bulgarian market.

PM&P has advised the World Bank and the banking institutions of the EU and the European economic space. The active cooperation with the World Bank and IFC for the preparation and updating of the section on Bulgaria in the publication Doing Business Survey, in connection with which four partners of PM&P won individual prizes for their contribution.

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It provides services to clients in many areas of the law, including: corporate and commercial law, company incorporation and maintenance, aviation law carriage of goods by air, real estate, tax law, litigation and labour and employment, among others.

The firm has a long standing tradition in the legal world of Cyprus, as well as in international business. It offers advice and services and has made a significant contribution in the creation of legal precedents in the field of corporate and commercial law in Cyprus. It also advises several foreign and multinational firms doing business in Cyprus along with Cypriot firms with activities abroad, assisting them in the most important jurisdictions.

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There is exemption from any Cyprus income and corporation tax on: the income of a ship owner of a Cyprus ship resulting from the operation of such ship in any shipping enterprise, and dividends that are paid directly or indirectly from the profits resulting from the operation of such ship.

Further, no special defence contribution is payable on dividends paid by ship owning companies. No capital gains tax is imposed on the profits resulting from the sale of a Cyprus ship or from the sale or transfer of shares of a Cyprus ship owning company. There is also a reduction on tonnage tax where a Cyprus ship management company manages the ship.

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We are an independent law firm based in Prague with currently 3 partners and total 25 staff. While we are a full service business law firm, we put a special focus on M&A and corporate, compliance real estate and construction, commercial and employment law, some aspects of intellectual property as well as trust law. Our clients range from well-known multinationals to SMEs and private investors as well as top managers. They stem from a wide range of sectors such as automotive and machinery, banking and finance, real estate and development, energy, chemical industry, IT, retail and wholesale as well as the hotel & leisure industry.

All partners and a number of our lawyers have significant working experience in international law firms, thus combining expertise in both local and international transactions with an in-depth understanding of the business, cultural and political environment in the Czech Republic and throughout the CEE region. Over the years, the partners and their team have assisted a multitude of foreign companies, ranging from multinationals to SMEs and with the start-up of their inbound business activities and their market-entry in the Czech Republic. They also advised a number of Czech companies on their outbound investment activities, in particular into Germany.

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- Competition & Compliance
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- Foreign investment protection
- Private Equity, Joint Ventures
- Energy & Projects
- Restructuring, Banking and Finance
- Commercial law, Distribution
- Employment

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- **E**fficiency: Efficient and professional solutions.
- **P**artnership: Confidence, reliability, long-term partnership.
- **A**nticipation: Anticipation and proactive approach.

BUSINESS FORMATION LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN CYPRUS



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COSTAS TSIRIDES & CO LLC was founded in 1970 and, since then, has become established as one of the most reputable and respected law firms in Cyprus. The firm specialises in business formation and corporate administration, among other areas.

Director Irina Loutchina Skittides has been active in the area of corporate law and business formation for more than 15 years. Ms Loutchina Skittides is also the head of the corporate services department. She noted that Cyprus is a very attractive base for international businesses to set up their corporate structures; she attributed this to the country's political stability, its reliable tax system, and the high number of double tax treaties available.

According to Ms Loutchina Skittides, in the fast-moving world of business, it is paramount to respond to clients' needs with speed and efficiency. She added: "We pride ourselves in being able to offer both. It has always been our aim to respect our clients' individual needs and offer them personal services, tailored to their specific needs. The personal service and attention to each client's needs, and the speed and efficiency with which we respond, give us the edge in the competitive area of corporate services."

Meanwhile, despite the international financial crisis, COSTAS TSIRIDES & CO LLC has managed to increase its business in the corporate services area, servicing a client base primarily composed of high-net-worth individuals and international corporations.

When asked if the firm's expertise provides it with a notable advantage when carrying out its international endeavours, Ms Loutchina Skittides concluded by noting:

"Business formation and corporate services have, by their nature, an international element. The fact that most of our clients in the corporate services department are of international origin gives us an understanding of the needs of such international businesses – and allows us to offer them high-quality services."

LITIGATION LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN CYPRUS



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COSTAS TSIRIDES & CO LLC was founded in 1970 and, since then, has been established as one of the most reputable and respected law firms in Cyprus. The firm specialises in civil, commercial and cross-border litigation, among other areas.

Managing director Alexandros Tsirides has been active in the area of civil and commercial for more than 15 years. He is a member of the Cyprus Bar Association, and was elected as a member of the Administrative Council of the Cyprus Bar Association. According to Mr Tsirides, the use of Cypriot companies in international business structures and the reliable legal system of Cyprus makes Cyprus an attractive place to litigate. Mr Tsirides is personally seeing an increase in commercial and cross-border litigation in Cyprus.

One of COSTAS TSIRIDES & CO's primary targets and concerns in dealing with its clients has been to respect their bespoke needs, offering a personalised service that is tailored to their specific circumstances. Moreover, the firm is committed to handling each case with respect and discretion, aiming to develop a personal relationship with clients based on mutual trust. Mr Tsirides noted: "This philosophy has always helped us to offer our expertise by understanding the true needs of our clients, and we pride ourselves on the fact that each of our clients, private or commercial, individuals or corporate, receive the same personal service and care. The aforementioned values are fundamental to our approach, and will always remain so."

He added: "Our typical clients are currently high-net-worth individuals and international corporations; however, we aim to strengthen our litigation team by recruiting experienced litigation lawyers. Our co-operation with international law firms in handling the Cyprus aspect of international litigation is testament to our strength in the litigation field and has significantly improved our market position.

"We believe that our expertise in this area and the positive results we achieve for the clients gives us an advantage in the international litigation field. This is demonstrated by the co-operations we have established with international law firms and large international corporate clients as well as high-net-worth individuals."

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Lund Elmer Sandager is a full-service law firm dedicated to advising clients on business issues and business-related legislation.

The firm primarily provides general guidance and counselling on business issues and business-related legislation. Its activities include advising clients in connection with mergers and acquisitions, company law, real estate, tenancy law, construction law, financing, employment law, contracts, agency and sole distributorship matters, shareholders' agreements and insolvency law.

Lund Elmer Sandager dates back to 1877, and as a result of a series of mergers (the latest in 2004), as well as organic growth, the firm has continued to increase in size and is considered among the major Danish law firms, with a current staff of over 90, 35 of whom are attorneys.

Lund Elmer Sandager has worked for international clients for many years. It therefore has extensive experience and a thorough knowledge of international issues. Through this work it has established close personal relations with leading law firms throughout Europe. It can also offer competent local legal counselling to any clients doing business or investing outside Denmark.

Through its international network, the firm also offers competent local legal counselling in major European countries and is also represented in the US.

Lund Elmer Sandager's client base is comprehensive, spanning many categories, such as small sole traders, large individual proprietorships and family businesses, as well as listed companies and international groups.

Areas of practice

Lund Elmer Sandager´s extensive domestic and international practice is organised into flexible practice groups covering the core areas: commercial law, real estate, probate and insolvency law. In turn, each of these categories comprises a number of specialty areas such as: corporate finance, commercial, real estate, construction, insolvency, IT, employment, dispute resolution and IP.

Lund Elmer Sandager has worked for international clients for many years.

Languages

- Danish
- English
- French
- German
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Spanish
- the Scandinavian languages

Member

- Lexwork International
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Number of lawyers

- 35

HEALTHCARE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN ENGLAND



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RadcliffesLeBrasseur is one of the leading healthcare law firms in England and Wales with offices in London, Leeds and Cardiff. Enjoying a national reputation for first-rate legal services across the healthcare sector and with around 20 partners specialising in healthcare law, RadcliffesLeBrasseur is one of the country's leading medico legal practices.

We act for independent healthcare providers, NHS Trusts and other NHS bodies, medical equipment manufacturers, medical insurers, medical charities and medical defence organisations.

The firm is particularly renowned for its specialist work in the field of mental health and care home operators. We act for many of the top national companies in the mental health and care home sector. We are also particularly known for acting for several of the specialist insurers and mutual indemnifiers in this area.

A very large number of private sector operators come to us for specific advice on the operational and regulatory (including CQC and Health & Safety) issues which arise when running a private sector healthcare company successfully. Our wide-ranging knowledge of all the operational issues that confront healthcare operators means that we are by far the pre-eminent firm advising in this sector. Put simply: when disaster looms, we are the go to firm.

The advice given ranges across all healthcare issues including matters such as:

- registration issues involving CQC
- commissioning and contracting issues
- adult safeguarding problems
- untoward incident management and PR issues
- inquests
- advice on policies and procedures
- confidentiality and Data Protection issues
- health and safety issues and prosecutions
- harassment cases and problems with difficult relatives
- Mental Capacity Act and Court of Protection cases including DOLS
- Mental Health Act issues
- employment law and practice
- risk management

24 hour assistance

Because of the unpredictable and immediate nature of the need for legal advice affecting healthcare practitioners we provide an on call 24 hour advice line where clients can obtain legal advice in emergency situations outside of office hours. With the ever-increasing drive to regulate the sector, including the increased possibility of criminal sanctions, this service provides clients with legal advice when they need it, regardless of the hour of the day.

Training services for the healthcare sector

The expertise of our team means that they are often asked to speak at seminars and provide training for healthcare clients. This training ranges from seminars on specific legal topics to more broadly based training, the nature of the training being adapted to different levels of staff.

The team also produces free monthly healthcare law, mental health law and care homes law bulletins, which are emailed directly to the relevant staff within our client organisations. To sign up to these please e-mail **andrew.parsons@rlb-law.com**

INDIVIDUAL - ANGLO-PORTUGUESE M&A LAWYER OF THE YEAR IN ENGLAND



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CL@ CAMEIRA LEGAL

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.

INDIVIDUAL - PUBLIC LAWYER OF THE YEAR IN ENGLAND



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Bevan Brittan is a major commercial law firm providing a comprehensive range of services to clients throughout the country from our offices in London, Birmingham and Bristol.

Bevan Brittan is recognised as a market leader in public sector legal services and provides a full range of legal advice to public bodies across England. We are the largest legal provider in the field of public service. All of our work is for public bodies or for private and third sector providers into the public sector market. Over 30% of our business is supporting local authorities (we act for every local authority across England). We also act for a third of all NHS bodies, 30 Housing Associations, and over 100 private sector firms who serve these sectors. Those organisations are facing their biggest ever challenge and Bevan Brittan is uniquely placed to support them; not just in managing the downturn in spending but through working more collaboratively in reshaping the way services are commissioned and provided. We live and breathe the sort of issues the public sector faces and have a deep understanding of public bodies and how they operate.

We have specialist knowledge of public sector service delivery and the ways in which public bodies are developing their services to meet the challenges they are facing. Our very extensive experience in working for public sector clients is evidenced by the fact that any one time we will be engaged throughout our firm on the whole variety of public sector work: ranging from commercial work in setting up joint venture arrangements; shared service arrangements; setting up companies and mutuals; advising on contractual and project work; children's services and education; judicial review and other litigation and dispute matters; advising on the Care Act and the integration of health and social care; providing governance advice and carrying out investigations. Our services include advice covering outsourcing, major infrastructure projects and PPPs, employment matters, regulation and governance, property, construction, litigation and dispute resolution, and general commercial issues.

Our strength is our depth of understanding of our clients and their markets. Clients tell us that they find us easy to work with. Partly this is because of the people we employ: they are bright, capable and motivated. By listening and taking the time to truly get to know the issues, we provide incisive, practical legal advice. Many clients also comment that they value our experience of working with both the public and private sectors, particularly at the interface between the two. Public services clients now represent over 90% of our business – and the percentage is still growing. We are the only major law firm with this degree of focus.

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.

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.

BOUTIQUE - IMMIGRATION LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN ENGLAND & SCOTLAND



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DavidsonMorris is a modern legal services provider that specialises in providing high quality immigration legal advice to both businesses and individuals. As professional immigration solicitors we address the specific needs of each client through our leading immigration knowledge and technical expertise. We provide a personalised experience founded on our strong team ethic.

We are based in the City of London and in Aberdeen with a large team of specialist immigration staff including immigration solicitors, former Home Office employees and legal support.

We also have several multi-disciplinary teams concentrating on a variety of industry sectors, including energy, oil & gas, education, financial services and sport. As highly experienced immigration solicitors in these areas, we're acknowledged for our unparalleled market insight.

Through our immigration consultancy and managed migration services we help organisations:

- Meet their immigration compliance and right to work obligations
- Achieve strategic aims and objectives by improving their global reach and securing the required quantity and quality of human resources
- Fulfil their resource and expansion strategies and help build technical and professional capability in key geographical areas; and
- Improve internal immigration support functions through learning and professional development programmes to ensure the long-term retention of high-calibre human resource

Anne Morris has worked in immigration for over 20 years, starting her career in the Home Office. After training to become a solicitor, Anne worked at two top immigration firms and learnt to provide comprehensive, informative support both to individuals and commercial organisations.

Since establishing DavidsonMorris in 2005, Anne has developed the firm into a highly regarded provider of specialist immigration legal services. Anne is proud of the team of immigration experts that she has recruited, bringing together professionals from a background in both HR and the Home Office. This positions the DavidsonMorris team uniquely to partner with in-house administrative departments to successfully support and streamline their immigration processes.

INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN FRANCE



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Soulier

Founded in 1960, the Soulier AARPI law firm is an independent full-service law firm with offices in Paris and Lyon and a representation office in Brussels. We advise and defend French and foreign businesses and offer key players in the economic, industrial and financial world comprehensive legal services. Our ambition is to help our clients determine and implement their strategic objectives and operational decisions, whatever the difficulties involved and the scope of their project, and to play a leading role in the prevention and resolution of commercial, financial or individual disputes. Because of our cross-functional structure, we can assemble high-level teams bringing together complementary expertise and skills to promptly provide tailored responses to our clients' needs. We have created a work environment that incorporates recent technologies in order to reduce time and space constraints, increase pro-activity and strengthen the relationship with our clients. Every day, all of our lawyers work in several languages.

Culture of excellence

Legal excellence is the Firm's primary requirement. It is based on four cornerstones: talent, rigor, passion for law and integrity.

Tailor-made client service

Each file is unique. This is why our clients, whatever their size, their nationality and branch of activity, benefit from customized services that are tailored to their specific needs.

Availability and responsiveness

In a continuously changing world, time is of the essence. We have implemented an internal organization that guarantees constant availability and that secures the prompt mobilization and deployment of dedicated teams in order to meet our clients' expectations in a timely and effective manner.

Teamwork

The members of the Firm form a united and cohesive team and they all share a taste for effort and the appreciation of hard work, thereby creating synergies to better serve our clients' interests. Our strength lies in our ability to rally and mobilize our skills and expertise to achieve a common project spurred by a fighting spirit which is enhanced by the real pleasure of working together as a team.

Jean-Luc Soulier

Jean-Luc is the managing partner of the Firm. He obtained an LL.M from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and worked as a foreign associate in the New York-based law firm Sullivan & Cromwell in the early 1980s before getting back to France and developing the international practice of the Firm. Jean-Luc has over 30 years' experience in providing guidance and counseling to French and foreign listed and unlisted corporate clients operating in a wide range of sectors with respect to their operations and business dealings in France and Europe. His practice covers M&As and international corporate transactions, international contracts, competition & antitrust law as well as international litigation and arbitration. He also provides legal advice to associations, foundations and endowment funds. Jean-Luc Soulier served as Director of the World Law Group and President of the World Law Group Marketing Committee from 2003 to 2005 and acts as ICC arbitrator since 2003. He is a member of several professional associations and the author, co-author or co-editor of numerous national and international publications.

MUSIC LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN FRANCE



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MANSWELL AVOCATS

MANSWELL law firm advises multinational companies as well as middle size and small companies and businesses and individuals in the areas of taxation, Business Law, Intellectual Property, Media, Entertainment and Music Law.

With more than 20 years' experience, Maximilien Jazani, the Managing Partner of MANSWELL, is an Avocat member of the Paris Bar Association. He has a D.E.S.S. of Business and Tax Law of the University of Paris II Pantheon-Assas (1994) and started his career with Deloitte & Touche Tax & Legal in 1995.

Maximilien Jazani has published many articles, inter alia, in Music Law and Tax matters (some available on http://www.djmag.fr). He is a member of International Association of Entertainment Lawyers (IAEL), International Fiscal Association (IFA) and Institute of French Tax Lawyers (IACF).

MANSWELL has been awarded the Music Law Firm of the Year in France – 2015.

MANSWELL advises international major artists, among which David Guetta the worldwide number 5 Artist or Martin Solveig who Maximilien Jazani assists since about 10 years for their music contracts, endorsement deals and personal legal matters. More particularly, Maximilien Jazani assisted David Guetta and his record company, What A Music Limited, in connection with his last Album Listen and the very recent Musical Ambassador agreement with UEFA for the football championship Euro 2016.

MANSWELL combines all legal advice and contract negotiation with genuine tax advice, more particularly in connection with withholding tax and VAT.

Maximilien Jazani advises the live show production negotiations and contracts with a global approach including, inter alia, the legal, social security, labor law, VAT and withholding tax and insurance issues.

Maximilien Jazani advises his clients as a General Counsel for their international issues coordinating and supervising legal or consulting firms worldwide. As he had mentioned when interviewed on BFM radio, Maximilien Jazani used to compare himself to "Jim Phelps" in reference with the legendary leader of TV serial "Mission: Impossible" to the extent that Maximilien Jazani has a know-how for planning the missions and selecting the top-guns for the teams dedicated to each mission.

The best manner to define Maximilien Jazani's method is to say that he does a Tailor Made tax and legal work and that is why, somehow, MANSWELL considers that it has no real competitor because no law firm proposes such customized service.

Last but not least, MANSWELL has a policy of total transparency of the fees based on the spent time basis, and uses a proper time sheet interface allowing the firm to record the spent time basis from minute to minute with no rounding, allowing clients to verify the accuracy of the charged time.

INDIVIDUAL - GAMING LAWYER OF THE YEAR IN GERMANY



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MELCHERS
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MELCHERS LAW is a partnership of attorneys with offices in Heidelberg, Frankfurt and Berlin. As a full-service business law firm, its attorneys advise clients on all matters of economic importance. Highly specialised in the field of gaming and betting law, its Gaming Law practice group advises on gambling-related matters as well as corresponding areas of law, such as competition, company or administrative law. MELCHERS LAW is one of the leading law firms in Germany with regard to gaming and betting law. The firm supports and guides clients through licensing processes, also providing strategic advice on regulatory and cross-border issues, and taking an active role in due diligences and lobbying work.

Senior partner Dr Joerg Hofmann was called to the bar in 1993. Early in his career, Dr Hofmann started working for land-based casinos, soon specialising within the gaming law sector. He has practised in gaming law ever since the mid-nineties, as one of Germany's leading gaming lawyers. He is currently the President of the International Masters of Gaming Law (IMGL), the pre-eminent global gambling law networking and educational organisation, with members in more than 41 countries around the world, plus 33 states and territories in the US. Under Dr Hofmann's presidency, the new and successful gaming law conference format 'IMGL Masterclass' was created, which has since been established as a top-level educational module for leading industry events around the globe.

Dr Hofmann has also been ranked as a 'Leading Individual' in Gaming & Gambling by Chambers Global in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 (Band 1 Category), and is the only German gaming lawyer listed in 'Deutschland's Beste Anwälte' 2014 and 2015 (i.e. 'Germany's Best lawyers') by 'Handelsblatt' and 'Best Lawyers'. He has also been ranked highly by 'Who's Who Legal', and serves as a member of the Editor's Board of 'Gaming Law Review and Economics' and the EiG Advisory Board for Clarion Events (EiG Berlin). He is the co-author of the 'International Comparative Legal Guide to Gambling 2015' published by Global Legal Group.

According to Dr Hofmann, German gambling regulation is in desperate need for reform. The total ban of online casinos stipulated in the Interstate Treaty, and the restrictions on online gambling and betting in general, have proven to be unsuccessful in ensuring player protection. In order to sensibly argue for a change in regulation, expert knowledge of the industry, the legal landscape and possibilities, an international network and diplomacy are required.

Dr Hofmann noted: "Our team can draw upon many years of experience with clients working in the gambling and betting sector, and a worldwide network in the field. Due to our know-how and ability to communicate with regulators and industry players alike, we offer specialist advice and seek individual solutions for our clients. Going forward, I am convinced that we will be able to make use of our expertise and communication skills, and will be at the forefront of lobbying efforts shaping future regulation.

"Further, this year I organised and hosted a successful conference in St Thomas, US Virgin Islands, which boasted expert speakers from around the world (the IMGL Spring Conference) – and I am looking forward to the IMGL Autumn conference that will take place in Lima, Peru, which will be jointly organised by the International Association of Gaming Regulators (IAGR) and the IMGL."

LIFE SCIENCES & IP LITIGATION LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN GERMANY



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df-mp is one of the top firms in intellectual property law with an international outlook and a broad scope of specialized expertise. Globally oriented companies in such practice areas as biotechnology, chemistry, physics, medical devices, mechanical and electrical engineering and pharmaceuticals trust the competent advice offered by our highly-rated team.

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

Another recognized specialty of the firm is client counselling on freedom-to-operate and patent validity.

GLOBAL LAW EXPERTS 2015 AWARDS WINNER

MID-MARKET - IP LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN GERMANY



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BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT is one of the largest IP practices in Germany, looking back on more than 80 years' experience, with an overall of currently 80 professionals, both patent attorneys and attorneys at law.

BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT is a one-stop-shop for IP, copyright, competition, licensing, technology transfer, antitrust, privacy protection and data protection as well as their interplay, distinguishing it from many other firms' practices. It operates 9 offices across Germany, and internationally in Alicante, Paris and Shanghai.

Next to the traditionally strong patent prosecution practice with some 4,000 applications filed in 2014, its enforcement side gains momentum with a steadily growing litigation department. The trademark practice with approximately 1,000 filings and 800 full availability searches in 2014 is among other top tier firms, with a strong business in media, consumer products and pharma. Border seizure matters become increasingly international and are handled worldwide.

The copyright experts are often called to represent landmark cases at the courts and coordinate actions abroad. Competition and antitrust matters are particularly addressed in campaign advising and product roll-out. IT and technology transfer is another focal point.

The integrated approach of BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT and the expertise of its practitioners in all relevant technical and legal disciplines are cornerstones of its practice and success in becoming the clients' preferred choice:

Recent cases include representation at the European Court of Justice re GRAIN MILLERS, MAXIGESIC/OXYGESIC and PLANET/PRO PLANET, representation in one of the first domain name cases so far under the URS regime, in several cases of DNS blocking and ISP liability, strategy consulting regarding 3D printing issues, and a large number of contentious matters regarding look alikes, take-off designs and, most recently, upcycling.

BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT is a German firm, yet with an international approach. The clientele therefore includes a broad spectrum from start-up, individual and SME, to large multinationals, from all over the world. Clients critically acclaim BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT for its depth of practical advice and sound understanding of future developments which include at this time the advent of the Unified Patent and UPC, several antitrust and FRAND issues, the amendments to the Community trademark system, proposed changes to the copyright regime and novelties to competition laws, to name only a few, all with a view to how clients' interests might be affected and best protected.

BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT also takes some pride in being called to numerous organizations and expert groups to advise legislative bodies, and in taking part in professionals' academic and practical education – across the world and at home.

BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT was awarded prestigious title of mid-market IP Law Firm of the Year 2015 in Germany. **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. AWARDED.**

COMPETITION LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN GREECE



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KLC Law Firm, one of the biggest law firms in Greece, was founded in 2000 and incorporates the tradition of three prominent Law Firms in a modern Corporate Law Firm. KLC excels in the provision of legal services that match deep legal knowledge, innovative legal thinking, professionalism, effectiveness and academic expertise. KLC has significant international exposure having provided services in over 33 countries to private clients and international organizations.

Particularly in the field of European and Competition Law, KLC acts as legal advisor to public bodies and independent authorities, private sector investors and operators concerning privatizations processes involving complex issues of Competition and State Aid Law. Notably, KLC participates as member of the consortium of advisors of the Hellenic Republic Assets Development Fund (HRADF) in on going privatizations processes (Hellenic Consignment and Deposit Fund, Hellenic Post and Small Ports and Marinas). Furthermore, KLC represents private clients before the Court of the European Union and the General Court, the European Commission, the Greek courts and the Hellenic Competition Commission or the national regulatory authorities (Regulatory Authority for Energy – RAE and Greek Telecommunications and Post Commission – EETT). KLC conducts also Competition Compliance Programs running relevant compliance seminars and day-to-day monitoring. The firm has extensive experience in addressing issues of vertical agreements, especially in the sport sector and pharmaceuticals. From 2014 onwards KLC launched under the direction of Dr. Karayannis the Competition & Regulation Report (C&RR) which is a bimonthly review of the relevant jurisprudence and legislation. C&RR is supplemented by the "Commentaries" which gives periodically a more thorough view of a selected significant evolution (judicial decision or new legislation). C&RR and Commentaries are available on **www.klclawfirm.com**

About the expert, Dr. Vassilis Karagiannis is an international lawyer with more than 20 years of professional experience. He lived in Brussels for more than 10 years where he earned an LLM and a PhD degree in European Business Law. He was over 8 years (1998-2005) a research assistant at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) – (Center of information and communication Law – Faculty of Law) and a legal advisor in the private sector. After coming back in Greece he has been a legal partner at the Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission (2005-2006) and advocate at the Hellenic Competition Commission (2006-2009) where he gained extensive experience in representing the authority before administrative courts (Court of Appeals and Council of the State), especially in important cases of cartels and abuse of dominance. From 2010 onwards he joined KLC Law Firm and heads the Competition Law Department of the firm.

SHIPPING LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN GREECE

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After a period of over 30 years of experience, LVA is, today, a prominent and widely acknowledged and respected shipping and commercial law firm, seriously committed to serving its clients responsibly and efficiently by maintaining professional standards at a high quality level and keeping costs as low as possible.

Our philosophy is to approach our clients' individual needs from a commercial and practical point of view and provide responsible, accurate, efficient and up-to-date legal advice as well as practical and to-the-point solutions to different problems. Our firm has realized the need of understanding the commercial and technical background of the cases handled and of catching up with modern developments in the legal literature and the technical and commercial world.

Our partners are well trained and greatly experienced in litigation and legal research, as well as in negotiating practical, efficient and cost-effective ways-out of commercial "dead-ends", thus catering even for the most "demanding" of situations and providing satisfactory solutions to all parties involved. We have long standing associations with commercial, technical and legal experts for advice and guidance on particular aspects and our contacts – both domestic and international – in the market are excellent.

For the purpose of achieving the best possible results and serving our clients to the best of their interest, each of the partners of this firm has specialized in a separate branch and, whenever necessary, the complex cases are dealt with by a team, consisting of a lawyer partner and a commercial or technical expert, as the case may be.

The partners of this firm are always ready to travel abroad or any place within Greece at any time for the purpose of making inquiries or advising clients, or for any other purpose associated with the interests of the clients.

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- Admiralty (salvage, general average, collisions)
- Carriage of goods by sea (charter-parties and bills of lading)
- Marine insurance law – total losses, casualties
- Pollution
- Sale and purchase of ships
- Registration of ships
- Registration of ship-owning and other shipping companies
- Maritime mortgages
- Arbitrations
- Shipping litigation – Arrests worldwide – Enforcement of judgments

Nikos Anagnostopoulos

Nikos Anagnostopoulos graduated from the Law School of Athens in 1977 and was admitted to the Piraeus Bar in 1979. He has, also, followed postgraduate studies in England. He is admitted to the Supreme Court of Greece.

Since 1982, he has been a founder of LVA and has been specializing in shipping, commercial and corporate law. He is, also, particularly experienced in the enforcement of domestic and foreign Court judgments and arbitration awards. Occasionally, he has been engaged in writing legal articles, and has contributed articles in publications of the internationally accredited editors Lloyd's London Press (LLP).

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Currently President of the Irish Maritime Law Association, and a founding partner of Dillon Eustace, Paul established the firm's Maritime group in 1992.

Paul acts mainly for ship-owners and insurance interests against commercial threats and class actions, and his particular speciality is the law relating to arrests, judicial sales, wrongful arrests, and salvage and tug law. He also has a noted expertise in riparian rights.

He commented "I think it's fair to say that Dillon Eustace has the largest and most encompassing maritime group in the country. At the head of it are four partners and their respective assistants. It's roughly divided into the 'wet' and the 'dry' areas, with David Kavanagh, John O'Riordan and myself concentrating on the former.

"Dillon Eustace has built up a formidable reputation for excellence."

"Lorcan Tiernan, the head of our corporate department, is an acknowledged expert on ship sales and finance, regulatory strictures and all 'dry' issues. His other areas of practice are corporate, M&A, insolvency, corporate recovery and financial services, all of which play an ever-increasing role in shipping matters.

"The busiest of the 'heavy lifters' in the 'wet' group are our partners, David Kavanagh and John O'Riordan. As well as their expertise in maritime and admiralty matters, they both have a particular speciality in logistics and transport law.

"David has been a partner in the litigation department since 2011 and extensively represents the interests of P&I clubs in particular. He also advises frequently on charter-party disputes. He has both chaired and spoken at Comité Maritime International events, and is treasurer of the Irish Maritime Law Association. Like John O'Riordan, he is also admitted to practice in England and Wales.

"John also joined the partnership in 2011. He has an extensive maritime practice, and moreover is published regularly in local and international publications. His practice mainly focuses on commercial litigation on behalf of insurers, hauliers, freight forwarders and shipping companies.

"Altogether, and in the relatively short period of nearly a quarter of a century, Dillon Eustace has built up a formidable reputation for excellence in its maritime practice, both locally and internationally."

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Studio Legale Sutti, established in 1953 by Dr. Angelo Sutti, KIR, a leading commercial litigator of his generation, is today one of the largest full-service business law firms in Italy, with a strong emphasis on excellence in contentious and para-contentious work throughout the Italian and Balkanian jurisdictions, and is routinely instructed as a consequence by its clients, their in-house counsel and their solicitors, to assist in all kinds of litigation, arbitration and mediation, namely in civil, commercial and criminal courts; in appeals; before tax, antitrust and trade authorities; before administrative, regulatory and disciplinary tribunals; and in mock trials for demonstrative or educational purposes.

The typical matters concerned include complex corporate disputes, commercial litigation and arbitrations, ADR, administrative proceedings, procedures before local and European patent and trademark offices, tax disputes, competition issues, white-collar criminal defence and prosecution, internal investigations, anticounterfeiting, debt recovery, creditors' rights in insolvency-related matters, local discovery and deposition of witnesses and, last by not least, recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments.

Several of Studio Legale Sutti's members are admitted in multiple jurisdictions, are heard before local Supreme Courts, and are recognised scholars and authors in the fields of advocacy, civil procedure, litigation strategy, law of evidence, etc., and/or generally recommended by specialised international media and directories, besides undergoing strict internal training and continuing education programmes on subjects ranging from advocacy to theory of games to presentation techniques, from Harvard risk-tree analysis to rhetorics to neuro-linguistic programming.

Studio Legale Sutti's services in this area are rendered, under flexible and negotiable terms, in strict cooperation with final clients and their personnel and consultants. The firm is capable to communicate with them in most European languages, and profits from its contemporary nature of a multidisciplinary practice that includes in its human resources forensic accountants, patent attorneys, ITC specialists, investigators and tax advisors.

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B&P Avvocati is a leading Italian Law Firm providing corporates and public institutions with specialized services in Environmental, Health and Safety Law. The Firm was established in 1998 and has offices in Milan, Verona and Palermo.

Luciano Butti joined B&P Avvocati in 1998. Prior to joining the Firm, he worked as a magistrate from 1984 to 1997. He is Associate Professor at the University of Padua, where he teaches International Environmental Law on the MSc in Environmental Engineering. He has written books and articles on Italian, EU and International Environmental Law, which can be found online on the Firm's webpage (http://www.buttiandpartners.com/it/studio/luciano-butti/). He frequently gives lectures at workshops and conferences targeting public and private sector actors and is also regularly involved in academic research projects, conferences and training courses organized by top research institutes and Universities in Italy and abroad.

B&P Avvocati is distinguished by a highly technical approach to commercial matters. Resolving Environmental, Health and Safety legal issues requires not only a legal mindset, but also a technical one. That is why our lawyers combine their legal knowledge with demonstrable understanding of the technical aspects concerning the application of relevant laws and regulations.

We assist our clients by providing preventive environmental legal advice as well as representing them in administrative, civil and criminal environmental litigation at all Court levels.

Our work is supported by a solid network of national and international technical experts, academics and qualified consultants (engineers, chemists, health and safety experts), with whom we regularly collaborate and conduct on-site visits when required. This makes our Firm an unrivalled hub of technical knowledge, fully focused on their sector and completely in tune with our clients' needs.

For over ten years, B&P Avvocati has operated under a certified organizational model, in compliance with the quality standard ISO 9001:2008. This, combined with our long-lasting experience in the sector, makes our Firm wholly understanding of the recurring challenges that companies face from operational perspectives.

As specialized environmental, health and safety lawyers, we thrive on complex issues, but pride ourselves on delivering our expertise with a personal touch. That is why we maintain that constant discussion with the client in respect to every aspect of our work must be given the utmost priority.

Our Firm's excellent reputation puts us at the forefront of interpreting existing environmental regulations, keeping up-to-date with their changes, and ensuring that our clients be fully compliant with them. This makes B&P Avvocati a valuable stakeholder in their relationship with public authorities and institutions.

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De Luca & Partners was founded in 1976, almost 40 years ago, by Vincenzo De Luca, who is presently Senior Partner of the Firm.

The Firm has been growing in size and experience; De Luca & Partners' Team, consists of 4 Partner and 10 Associate, is one of the most experienced among firms specializing in employment law in Italy as it can count on over 200 years of aggregate experience of its Partners and Associates.

Partners and associates of the Firm are always committed to achieve Clients' goals, preventing litigation when opportune. The Firm's track record of successful trials is a point of pride for De Luca & Partners.

The Firm traditionally provides assistance to corporations. De Luca & Partners is also occasionally engaged in advising and assisting Senior Executives and Managing Directors in the negotiation of the terms and conditions of their employment contracts as well as their termination.

Specialization, knowledge, continuous improvement, commitment, transparency, independence, proactivity and innovation. These are De Luca & Partners' values leading day-to-day activity.

The full-service **experience** in Employment Law of De Luca & Partners includes:

- Employment law compliance and due diligence;
- Employment, freelance and self-employment contracts;
- Agency agreements;
- Health and safety in the workplace;
- Compliance with Italian Legislative Decree no. 231/01;
- Pensions and social security law;
- Data protection;
- Immigration.

The Partners and Associates of the Firm provide services in the following four areas of practice:

a) **Day-to-day advice** in employment and labour law.

b) **Industrial relations and restructurings**.

c) Employment law related issues within **M&A and extraordinary corporate transactions**.

d) Labour **dispute resolution in court**.

De Luca & Partners, due to the skills in assisting foreign investors in M&A transactions and start-ups, is:

- The *Strategic Partner* of Invest in Lombardy (www.investinlombardy.com);
- Sustaining Member of the British Chamber of Commerce for Italy (www.britchamitaly.com);
- Partner of Easy Business in Milan (www.ebmilan.com);
- Collaborates systematically with Business Law Firm, Private Equity companies and Investment Funds.

The Firm has always been committed to studying and anticipating changes in its field of expertise. Its partners and associates are often invited as speakers at training courses, workshops and seminars and regularly write in leading sector journals, as well as "Il Sole 24 Ore". Articles, interviews and comments of the Partners of the Firm are regularly hosted by journals and specialized press.

The Firm has always been committed to studying and anticipating changes in its field of expertise.

The firm organised a convention on the labour reform in March 2015, coordinated by the Moderator Maria Carla De Cesari (Journalist, Il Sole 24 Ore), with the participation of well-known speakers: Giampietro Castano (Crisis Unit Coordinator, Italian **Ministry for Economic Development**), Marco Bentivogli **(National General Secretary**, FIM CISL Unions), Massimo Bottelli (Director **Assolombarda, Lombardy Employers Association**).

More than **180 attendees**, including foreign nationals, who were offered a simultaneous interpretation service.

In 2014, the lawyers of the Firm provided advice and assistance to over 400 companies and mainly from the following categories:

- **Corporations of most industries**.

Clients are either large, either medium and small seized Italian and foreign companies from a variety of business industries such as: Banking, Chemical, Design, Fashion, Furniture, Insurance, Metal Mechanical, Retail, etc...

Typically, De Luca & Partners advises international corporations in every single step of the set up of their operations in Italy, as well as in their day to day activity, reorganization and even closure.

- **Private Equity companies and Investment Funds**.
- **National and International Law firms**.

Due to its ability to illustrate the rules and intricacies of Italian employment law in a simple and clear manner, De Luca & Partners is often engaged in cross border transactions involving multiple jurisdictions and is required to provide assistance to headquarters, legal counsels, and HR managers based outside Italy and restructuring of work organizations.

In addition to Italian, De Luca & Partners advises and assist its clients in **English, French, Spanish** and **Portuguese**.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN ITALY



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STUDIO LEGALE BONORA E ASSOCIATI

Studio Legale Bonora e Associati is an independent law firm, established in 2000 and currently comprised of four partners and twelve associates.

Since 2006, the firm belongs to the Italian legal network LibraJus, comprising some forty-five lawyers and four offices in Milan, Genoa, Rome and Perugia and offering a full-range of legal services.

Bonora e Associati mainly specialises in corporate law, M&A, banking and finance, asset management and investment funds, as well as in public services and utilities and energy law. The firm also regularly deals with issues of labour law and protection of personal data. Its practice area includes litigation, arbitration and ADR.

In particular, the firm assists multi-national groups, corporations and financial institutions in the negotiation and arrangement of complex corporate and financial transactions, such as M&As, transfers of businesses, restructuring and winding-up of companies, joint ventures, credit facilities, syndicated loans and pool financing, inter-company loans, subordinated and hybrid loans, cash pooling and debt restructuring.

The firm also covers all the regulatory aspects relating, among others, to:

- Licensing, conduct of business and winding-up of regulated entities, such as banks, insurance companies, financial and payment institutions, investment firms and asset management companies;
- Transfer of shareholdings in those institutions;
- Transfer of financial businesses and portfolios;
- Establishment of Italian branches of foreign institutions.

Bonora e Associati's mission is to offer to its clients top-quality and highly specialised legal services and assistance with the emphasis on personal, fiduciary and long-lasting relationship, problem-solving business-oriented approach, flexibility, punctuality, competitive rates and fully-transparent fee reporting.

In addition, the membership in the LibraJus network enables Bonora e Associati to form teams of professionals, also coming from different law firms, covering various specialties, to effectively meet the needs of individual clients that may arise from time to time.

Strong and well-established links with firms based in almost every European country and in North America allow Bonora e Associati to efficiently and effectively deal with complex cross-border transactions and disputes.

Several lawyers from the firm regularly collaborate with various Italian universities and research centres and take part in research projects, seminars and publications. They bring such academic experience into their practice and are regularly requested by clients to set up and deliver training programs for their executives and staff.

Bonora e Associati also actively collaborate with the European Society for Banking and Financial Law (www.aedbf.eu), bringing together banking and corporate legal counsels, practitioners, judges, academics, public officials and economists specialising in the legal aspects of banking, financial and capital market sector. Mr Claudio Bonora, one of the founding partners of the firm, is Honorary Presidents of the European Society.

SPECIALIST - TRUST & ESTATE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN ITALY



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Senior partner Luigi Belluzzo joined the firm in 1994 after prior experience in the UK. His expertise includes planning for high-net-worth individuals, trusts and family office, with strong experience in both domestic and international tax planning, corporate governance and inheritance issues. Corporate taxation and reorganization, tax litigation, structured finance and M&A completes his background as a *Commercialista* and Estate Planner. He is a member of STEP and IFA.

He has published a large number of works on these subjects, and works as SDA Bocconi University in Milan, teaching tax for Masters students in Corporate Finance and Banking and Estate Planning, as well as tailor-made Wealth Management and Architecture sessions. He is also a regular speaker at Il Sole 24 Ore Master in Tax, and in other major training seminars such as Euroconference and IpsoaWKJ. He published the Italian Guide on Estate Planning for Il Sole 24 Ore Publisher.

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We are a dedicated team of commercialisti and solicitors in Italy and in the UK, with experience of Tax & Legal, Private & Family and Business & Finance. We are at your side for opening a company in Italy, purchasing a going concern or a real estate business, structuring a complex corporate finance opportunity or giving the right structure to your Italian wealth. We understand your needs and speak your language with a pragmatic approach, tailored to your needs everywhere: in Italy, Europe and worldwide.

From the outside, the tax, legal and financial world can seem like a big haystack.

We are 30 professionals spread over Verona, Milan and London. One of the most accredited accountancy and law firms. The main areas of our work, in Italy and worldwide, are Tax & Legal, Private & Families, Business & Finance. We do not do everything, but we excel in what we do. We always aim to find the best solutions, tailored to the needs of each person.

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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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BANKRUPTCY LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN THE NETHERLANDS



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Partner Profile

Frits has been a lawyer since 1988 and founded FORT in 2001 together with two other partners.

Frits specializes in corporate law and insolvency law, and advises a wide range of large companies. He is in charge of FORT's well-established Insolvency Law practice group.

Frits is regularly appointed as an administrator in suspensions of payment or as a trustee in large insolvencies. He has a sound knowledge of the legal aspects of the cases he handles, as well as thorough expertise and experience with the commercial and economic interests involved.

Frits regularly speaks at seminars and gives (training) courses. He is well known for his knowledge of and fight against (insolvency) fraud. Frits has completed postgraduate specialist courses in Insolvency Law and Financial Economy (both at the Grotius Academy). He is a member of the Insolvency Lawyers Association and its international branch INSOL.

FORT
We assist our clients in:

- **Corporate & Financing**

We assist business owners, investors and other stakeholders in all areas of doing business, lending and financing. We have particular expertise in the fields of M&A, commercial disputes, contracting, cancellation of credit, the (imminent) realization of security and the supervision of refinancing and restructuring operations. With our large insolvency practice and broad litigation experience, we are ideally equipped to assist clients in the event of problems with banks and other lenders.

- **Real Estate & Government**

We help clients who develop, build, purchase, sell, lease, let and/or manage property or are involved in such activities as an adviser. We know the legal ins and outs, and advise or litigate in that context. We go straight to the heart of the matter, no matter how complex it is. Our lawyers have a well established track record and know the market in which our clients operate. In our team specialists in property and administrative law work together closely and efficiently. This allows us to offer integrated advice and creative solutions.

- **Employment Law**

We assist and litigate in all aspects of employment law, representing companies as well as individual employees. We also act as a sounding board for boards of directors, directors and HRM departments. Clarity is paramount! Our clients are therefore not provided with a multiplicity of possible solutions from which they must choose, but with one concretely advised strategy based on clear arguments.

EDITOR'S CHOICE - PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN POLAND



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Our law firm was founded in 2004 and has been growing consistently ever since. Over the course of several years, we have established a secure position on the market.

In 2015 we were honoured with the "Forbes's Diamond", a prestigious award granted by the Forbes magazine to the companies, which in the most dynamic way increase their market value.

We are convinced that only broad and comprehensive approach to the legal and business issues can result in practical and effective solutions.

Taking into account diverse needs of our Clients the scope of our counsel covers most of the legal practice areas, including:

- Administration / Public Finance / European Union Funds / Public Procurement
- Banking and Finance
- Real Estate / Construction and Development
- Mergers and Acquisitions / Corporate Law / Privatisation
- Tax and Tax Litigations
- Restructuring / Insolvency Litigation
- Dispute Resolution and Litigation
- Intellectual Property / Media and Advertising / Internet and E-business

As a result of cooperation with public sector entities over the years, as well as in-depth practice in respect to public law, we have established an interdisciplinary team within our law office that provides comprehensive legal services to public institutions, as well as to companies related to public administration, public finances, European Union funds, and public orders.

At the moment, the area of public procurement law is one of the leading practices of our law firm.

As the experts in public procurement law we provide legal counseling in the following scope:

- Advising principals on all issues relating to the diligent performance of proceedings in cases related to the granting of public orders at the stage of tender documentation preparation, during the examination and evaluation of bids, and in proceedings instigated as a result of an appeal or complaint being filed;
- Ensuring the legal servicing of public procurement proceedings for projects co-financed by EU funds (e.g., carrying out audits of proceedings or ex-ante audits of planned proceedings, preparing legal opinions concerning imposing of financial adjustments or appeals against imposed adjustments); and
- Providing comprehensive legal advisory services to contractors taking part in public procurement proceedings by preparing and verifying draft filings for permission to participate in proceedings and bids, by preparing draft appeals and complaints, and by representing contractors in proceedings instigated by the filing of such appeals and complaints.

Our expertise is based on many years of experience gained during providing ongoing legal counsel to the clients from different industries such as construction companies, furniture producers, developers, financial institutions, commercial-service companies as well as public institutions. We also have significant experience in providing legal counseling to the entities participating in public tenders, among others from France, Germany, Czech Republic and Belarus.

Our expertise is based on many years of experience.

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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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:

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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.

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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.

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.

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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-counsel Henrique Rodrigues da Silva.

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SNAbogados specializes in Industrial and Intellectual Property Law, Unfair Competition, Competition Law, Distribution and Franchise Law, Publicity, Responsibility for Products and Labelling. The firm also provides legal advice in Business and Corporate Law, especially in conflicts between partners and administrators liability.

Managing partner Santiago Nadal Arce graduated with a Degree in Law from the University of Barcelona. He then obtained a Masters in Comparative Law and EU Law from the University of Lewven and Strasburg and the University of Dundee. From 1990, Mr Nadal Arce was a partner at internationally oriented law firms, such as Gómez-Acebo & Pombo and Ernst & Young, specialized in the field of Intellectual Property, Competition Law and Distribution & Franchise Law. He founded SNAbogados in 2009.

Mr Nadal Arce is a member of the Barcelona Bar Association (ICAB), the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) and the Defense Research Institute (DRI) as Chairman of the Spanish Section, and has been President of the Barcelona Bar Association's Section of Competition Law and Industrial Property.

He has published many articles on Competition Law, Intellectual Property, Trademarks, Software Protection, Distribution Contracts, and Arbitration in various Spanish and US legal magazines, and has participated as speaker in several conferences in New York, Brussels, London, Milan, Paris or Barcelona. Further, Mr Nadal has taught in several Barcelona University institutes and in the Barcelona Bar Association about Competition Law, Trademark Law and Arbitration.

SNAbogados is firmly committed to the quality of its service, always providing the best advice to its clients and taking all their needs into consideration. In order to achieve this vital efficiency, the firm's professionals combine experience, dynamism, passion for their work and a rapid response. Internationalization is also key to the firm's competitiveness and, for this reason, the firm is able to rely on its extensive international network of collaborative offices when defending or opposing the registration of Trademarks, Patents and Designs in and out of Court. The firm aids its clients with the contracts for the acquisition and renewal of licenses or technology transfer, both nationally and internationally.

SNAbogados brings extensive experience in the legal defense of Intellectual Property: opposing to infringements of author's rights and piracy in the internet, drafting of intellectual property agreements and contracts, helping with personal data protection and advising creators.

The firm advises clients on any case of Unfair Competition such as: confusion, association and exploitation of others' reputation; deceit, dishonest and illegal advertising; denigration and imitation; and reveal of secrets inducing a breach of contract. SNAbogados' professionals represent Spanish and foreign clients, providing them with counselling on relations between companies and their agencies, distributors or franchises. Its diverse clientele spans Europe, the US and Latin America; meanwhile, it specializes in a wide variety of sectors, including: Software, Bio-Technology, Food & Drink and the Textile and Fashion Industry, among others.

SNAbogados' main objective for the coming year is to continue growing as a medium-sized Commercial Law Firm specialized in IP and IT Law, with emphasis in international contacts: both helping foreign clients in Spain and Spanish clients when developing their businesses abroad.

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Our team is made up of experts from diverse specialities and nationalities, making it possible to provide a truly comprehensive advisory service, responding to clients' needs quickly and effectively.

We provide proactive legal solutions to develop and protect businesses and assets in a sustainable way.

We offer:

- Multi-talented teams
- Knowledge acquired from large law firms
- Competitive fees and success fees
- Quick response
- Involvement
- Focus on results

We act for:

- Entrepreneurs
- Business Associations
- Business schools, Universities
- Multinational Groups in Spain
- Subsidiaries of Spanish Companies abroad (Brazil, Benelux)
- Societies of Risk Capital and Venture Capital groups
- Businesses for New Technology services and/or Telecommunications

In terms of restructuring services, we provide:

- Restructuring (within or outside of the arrangement of creditors)
- Dissolution and Liquidation (within or outside of the arrangement of creditors)

We provide proactive legal solutions to develop and protect businesses and assets.

- Reorganization of companies and groups
- Disposal of economic units

Partner Jose Maria Dutilh is specialized in Commercial, Insolvency and Tax Law. He is a Mergers and Acquisitions specialist in Business Restructuring and Private Equity, as well as an expert in commercial contracts and joint venture collaboration. He is an insolvency administrator, with extensive experience in Corporate Governance and Company and Family Protocol.

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AAAVOQ is a medium-size law firm with its principal place of business in the centre of Zurich (Bellevue). The firm cultivates a customer and solution orientated approach making sure that it always protects its clients' interests in the most efficient manner.

The firm provides comprehensive services in the areas of business law, other civil law, tax law and selected areas of public law for its national and international clients. The firm provides these services for private individuals and business companies. In order to meet clients' needs in a flexible and uncomplicated fashion, the firm cooperates with contracted experts and corresponding domestic and foreign law firms.

The firm focuses on the areas of contract law, corporate and commercial law, employment law, insolvency law, construction law, the laws on torts and damages, the laws on insurance and social security, family and inheritance law and tax law. In addition, the firm's professionals have specialised in different business areas.

The firm provides its business clients with high level support in the following areas of business: banking; insurance; IT/telecommunication; sports & entertainment; industry; trade & commerce; health industry; as well as construction and real estate.

The firm provides the following services:

Consulting, planning and contract-writing – The firm assists domestic and foreign clients in legal and tax matters. It drafts contracts concerning business and personal matters, or it examines such contracts and supports clients in the planning, implementation and execution of such matters.

Performing negotiations, legal procedures and litigation – The firm assists or represents clients in contract negotiations, legal procedures with private institutions and organisations, as well as tax authorities and other government agencies and represent clients in civil, criminal and administrative court matters or in arbitration proceedings.

Tax optimised estate planning and execution – The firm assists clients in planning their succession and inheritance and execute their will, in order to ensure its fast and uncomplicated implementation with the least amount of friction possible.

Business consulting – The firm establishes, operates and manages its Swiss-based business company. It assists and represents clients with all their corporate and tax concerns, such as: employment law; work permits; financing and investments; corporate tax law; restructuring and reorganisation, and contract law.

Conflict management, litigation prevention and settlement of private disputes – The firm assesses and discusses with clients their options for settling out of court – for example, arbitration, mediation, arbitrator's expert opinion, and related methods of conflict prevention. The firm's professionals are experienced in conflict management and it has direct connections to external experts with whom it cooperates closely, if required.

MID-MARKET - BOUTIQUE M&A LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN TURKEY



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At HB Consultancy we provide a professional, comprehensive service from initial advice on investment options right through to legal completion of a transaction for projects located in Turkey and the Middle East. Our services include negotiations, raising finance, legal advice and project management from start to finish.

The following information is a brief summary of HB Consultancy's Services and Activities. If you are interested in carrying out some form of trade or investment activity with Turkey or the Middle East we would like to hear from you.

Volkan is a managing partner in HB Consultancy Group, a multidisciplinary partnership with financial and legal advisory practices based in Istanbul. He has fifteen years of experience as a senior legal counsel and lead negotiator with Sabancı Holding, a major Turkish conglomerate and as a senior partner with Hidayetoglu & Co. Attorneys at Law. In his legal practice, Volkan has mostly focused on M&A, restructurings and other corporate finance transactions including major IPOs and complex financings. Volkan has represented foreign and local banks, brokerage houses and several leading multinational and Turkish companies in numerous transactions in Turkey. Volkan received his LL.B. from Istanbul University, his MA in European law from Marmara University and his LL.M. in International Business Law (with merit) from the University of London as a UCL Turkey Scholar.

Transaction Advisory Services

HBC offers transaction support services including legal support services through Hidayetoglu & Co. Attorneys at Law in relation to any transaction undertaken under its main practice areas. The services include legal and strategic due diligence, legal audit, negotiation of transaction agreements, applications to the regulatory authorities and litigation and international commercial arbitration.

Project Financing

HBC provides assistance to both local and international companies and financial institutions to find and capitalise in investment opportunities. HBC has the capability to merge the vast experience of its partners in Turkey, Europe, GCC and the rest of the Middle East. HBC have longstanding working relationships with the leading financial institutions in the main financial centers of the globe which make the transactions faster and easier for its clients whether it is a multiparty joint venture, M&A or pure Project Financing deal. Our partners have extensive experience in energy and energy financing transactions in Turkey and the Middle East.

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Debt restructuring practice of HBC includes acting as a debt restructuring advisor to the debtors as well as the lenders in relation to the purchase of distressed debt, providing advice on fresh money raising, establishing negotiation plans and strategies with the lenders, advising on complex financial structures such as securitization.

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Köksal Avukatlık Ortaklığı (Köksal Attorney Partnership) offers legal counseling services to a Turkish, English and German client base. Our portfolio of private clients, public **institutions and companies includes both domestic and foreign investors.**

Although our firm was founded in 1987 by Assoc. Prof. Dr. jur. Mehmet Köksal. Today, our clients include many multinational companies and financial institutions, providing them with administrative and legal services, as well as important legal knowledge and extensive experience of diverse geographical regions all around the world.

Crucially, our team has the expertise and knowledge to build your foundation in international law in all kinds of economic and political matters.

Moreover, the key feature for an increasingly globalized business and legal landscape is ensuring intercultural communication, indicating the value of a company's success, as well as social skills and sensitivity to different value systems, patterns of thought and insights to meet the vision and the importance of the topics under debate. Our multilingual lawyers provide close cooperation when meeting their commercial duties.

We offer custom solutions at the highest level

Our non-bureaucratic legal team offers creative and cost-effective solutions. In the words of Assoc. Prof. Dr. jur. Mehmet Köksal, good legal advice goes beyond the language and know-how of one particular country. We understand the local features of Europe, the United States, the Middle East and Turkey, and we are able to arrive at global solutions to meet expectations. We recognise that good legal advice goes beyond the law and language of any one particular country.

No client is too small for us to take on – we work with a diverse selection of small and mid-sized companies from Europe and Turkey. We also have an office in Munich to reach and assist our multinational clients.

Meeting cultural goals

Since 2003, the investment environment in Turkey has been more liberal, thus eliminating many of the previous challenges. Our lawyers have adapted to this change, and offer deep knowledge and experience not only in aspects of law, but also relating to financial institutions as they apply to both domestic and international clients – including matters of both economics and politics.

Globalized, intercultural communication is indispensable for the success of your business. Our law firm can help you to navigate different value systems and understand new views, trends, thought patterns and developments in language.

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THE AMERICAS WINNERS



Strong fundamentals and healthy growth in the US economy support a case for investor optimism and opportunism, according to BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research. However, in the lower-return, higher-volatility environment projected ahead, selective allocation and defensive portfolio moves will be crucial for performance.

At the annual BofA Merrill Lynch Year Ahead Outlook news conferences in New York and London, analysts from the Institutional Investor magazine top-ranked global research firm summarised their outlook for the US and global economies as cautiously optimistic.

"While our key measures suggest that the bull market in equities can continue, the sentiment is far from euphoric," said Candace Browning, head of BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research. "The world appears to be under-allocated to stocks, and we believe we are still only a third of the way into the Great Rotation from bonds. In the US, we are maintaining our long-term sector weightings with no changes from 2014, as many of the macroeconomic expectations last year have been delayed. In the current environment, now is the time for investors to be highly selective and make tactical moves to position portfolios for more thematic investing in a transforming world."

Robust US economic growth continues to outpace the rest of the world, boding well for US employment, wages and housing in 2015's final figures. Core inflation is expected to remain steady, and confidence is high, oil prices are low, the dollar is strong and Washington is relatively calm. As stocks near fair value, sentiment among the research team shifts from extremely bullish to slightly bullish. In the second half of the year, the US Federal Reserve will begin slowly hiking interest rates and investors can anticipate three key changes: lower liquidity, wider credit spreads and higher volatility.

Against this backdrop is moderately accelerating global growth, offset by the very real threat of deflation outside the US, particularly in Europe.

Economic growth in Latin America and the Caribbean has slowed more than anticipated, as weak growth in South America has outweighed an incipient recovery in Mexico, according to the IMF's latest forecast for the region.



According to the IMF report, Regional Economic Outlook Update for the Western Hemisphere, released in October 2014, the weakening of key commodity prices has created a general sense of leaner times and caused the private sector to curb its spending. Domestic policy uncertainties have further depressed confidence in several countries.

For 2015, growth is expected to recover to 2.2%, as some short-term brakes on activity ease and domestic policy uncertainties are likely to diminish in a few countries, the IMF said.

"A sharper slowdown in China remains a key risk for commodity exporters in Latin America and the Caribbean," said Alejandro Werner, Director of the IMF's Western Hemisphere Department.

The outlook for Latin America could also be undermined by renewed financial volatility, including a faster-than-expected rise in US interest rates.

Economic activity in the financially integrated economies – Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay – is expected to pick up modestly, with GDP growth projected at 3.5% in 2015, the IMF said. Brazil's economy suffered a further sharp slowdown, entering a "technical recession" in early 2014. Economic conditions also dimmed markedly in Chile and Peru, where investment and durable consumption led the slowdown.

Growth in the other commodity exporters will continue to diverge. Argentina and Venezuela are projected to be in recession both this year and next, whereas Bolivia, Ecuador, and Paraguay are expected to maintain fairly strong growth of 4–5%.

In Central America, growth is projected to remain steady at around 3%. 2015 is expected to bring only slightly higher growth, as positive spillovers from the US recovery will continue to be offset by country-specific headwinds.

Growth in the Caribbean has continued to disappoint, amid high external, fiscal and financial vulnerabilities in many countries. The tourism-dependent economies are expected to expand by only 1.7% in 2015.

In Central America, growth is projected to remain steady.

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Advocacia Fernanda Hernandez law firm was established in 1990, in Brasilia. From the very beginning, the firm has been fully committed to ethical principles and transparency, always seeking to provide sound guidance and personal assistance to clients, aiming for complete satisfaction for those who choose its legal services. It offers legal assistance in a dynamic and effective manner, always within the boundaries of professional integrity and loyalty.

The firm provides assistance both in judicial and non-judicial matters, in particular, from the preparation and follow-up of court actions to drafting petitions and appeals; assistance for the conducting of oral arguments at the various levels of the judiciary; as well as the delivery of legal opinions, counselling and advice on commercial matters to companies.

Advocacia Fernanda Hernandez excels in dealing with Brazilian courts at all levels, from the first Federal District instance to the Supreme Federal Court. Before the Superior Court and the Supreme Court, it shows an outstanding performance as amicus curiae on matters submitted for trial, as in the case of repetitive petitions or in the system of general repercussion, respectively.

The firm also acts as a legal correspondent for other law firms and legal departments of companies in various states of the Federation. The legal advice provided by its members also covers administrative demands before the Board of Tax Appeals (Conselho Administrativo de Recursos Fiscais – CARF), the National Department of Mineral Production (DNPM), the National Agency of Telecommunications (ANATEL), the Administrative Council for Economic Defense (CADE), the Office of Economic Law (SDE), the Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Resources (IBAMA), the Ministry of Justice and the Department of Finance of the Federal District.

Advocacia Fernanda Hernandez's legal practice covers the following areas: constitutional law, tax law, administrative law, mining law, labour law, social security law, civil law, family, sport and real estate law.

In regards to matters of constitutional law, the firm issues guidelines, legal opinions and advice, such as preventive practices, as well as the definition of strategies relating to ongoing proceedings in accordance with case law.

Advocacia Fernanda Hernandez has a specialised group of professionals and an organised management team, which, as a whole, strive for the best results within the purposes of their activities.

Fernanda Hernandez, Advocacia Fernanda Hernandez managing partner, founded the firm in 1990. She has a bachelor's degree in Law from the Law School of the University of São Paulo, 1985; a PhD in Tax Law from the Law School of the University of São Paulo, 2010; and a postgraduate qualification in Law Practice in Higher Courts from the Centro de Ensino Unificado de Brasília – Center of Expertise, Improvement and Extension – CEUB / CESAPE, Brasilia, 1986, between others.

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Ferriani e Jamal Sociedade de Advogados, founded in 1996, is a boutique firm that assists its clients in several practice areas, including: real estate, commercial law, civil law, banking and finance; as well as labour and employment law. The team is comprised of seven partners, 15 lawyers and 20 support members and paralegals.

Among the areas of the office, the Labour & Employment Department is highlighted. Eduardo Fornazari Alencar, a partner at the firm, heads this department, which is highly demanded by national and international companies. The team is readily prepared to handle all kind of consultancy and contentious cases in the country, and has helped international companies with their Brazilian operations.

Its client base consists of international corporations and leading Brazilian conglomerates, including banks, insurance companies, distributors, investment funds, mining companies, green-energy, and oil and gas corporations. It has represented high-profile clients, including Fortune Global 500 companies, regarding a high volume of labour and employment law-related matters. The firm's excellent services and successes on behalf of its clients put it among the top players in the local market. It stands out due to its bespoke service, business awareness and deep knowledge of law matters.

Mr Fornazari regularly advises a wide range of corporations, large and small, on labour and employment-related issues. He is a skilled negotiator, recognised by employers and unions, and has extensive experience in resolving labour matters. He works in special and strategic cases related to labour and employment litigation for leading companies. Mr Fornazari also advises management on employment law compliance and risk reduction.

Further, he was manager of the Labour Legal Department and headed the Human Resources and Labour Relations Department at Banco Mercantil de São Paulo from 1987 to 2000. He was also a member of Labour Legal Commission from 1996 to 1999, and of the Human Resources Directors Commissionat the National Bank Federation (FENABAN) in 2000. These experiences provided him with extensive know-how regarding each aspect of the employment relationship, as well as expertise in labour law practice.

Mr Fornazari has a master's in Labour Law from Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (PUC/SP), as well as a postgraduate degree in Human Resources Management from Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV/SP). Moreover, he is a professor at the College of Law of Universidade Paulista (UNIP). Prior to this, he was professor at the Superior School of Advocacy of São Paulo Section of Brazilian Lawyers Order - OAB/SP, from 2005 to 2006.

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Formed by experienced professionals who have worked at Brazil's leading law firms, our team represents some of the most important domestic and international companies from several business segments, ensuring service excellence through a personalized, efficient and creative approach. BRGCH's multidisciplinary team practices in numerous legal areas, with vast experience in international transaction law, corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, banking and capital markets, tax, infrastructure, civil law and tax litigation.

The firm boasts a sophisticated physical and operational structure, allowing us to handle each case with utmost care and dedication, always with the direct participation of at least one of the founding partners, and ensuring prompt answers and bespoke, efficient services to all our clients.

The performance of the firm and its professionals has been acknowledged over the last few years by some of the most renowned Brazilian and foreign publications in the law area.

Languages: Portuguese, English, French, German and Spanish.

International Transactions, Corporate & M&A: The firm has a prominent practice in international, corporate and M&A transactions involving merger or spin off of companies or assets; disposal or acquisition of companies or assets; transfer of corporate control and minority stakes; private equity, legal due diligence processes, corporate restructuring and reorganization; an the negotiation of investment agreements and shareholders' agreements.

Banking & Capital Markets: BRGCH represents clients in international financial and domestic transactions, advising creditors and debtors on credit transactions in general, debt assumption and restructuring transactions, as well as structured and securitization projects. It also advises on public and private offerings and the structuring and establishment of investment funds.

Contracts: The firm advises on the negotiation, drafting and review of local and international contracts in general.

Litigation & Arbitration: BRGCH has a specialized litigation department which handles matters of several different natures, including civil and business law, infrastructure, bankruptcy and reorganization of companies and real estate. The firm has experience in both domestic and international arbitration.

Oil & Gas: The firm has broad experience in assisting international and local clients in complex transactions and regulatory issues, covering all the phases of the O&G industry.

Taxes & Customs: BRGCH represents domestic and foreign clients who wish to implement any business in Brazil or to broaden or optimize their services in compliance with the Brazilian tax laws. The firm has a specialized team, experienced in tax consulting and tax planning services.

Other Areas of Practice: Regulatory; energy; mining; telecom; project finance; competition and antitrust; real estate; health surveillance; and intellectual property.

REGIONAL - TAX LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN BRAZIL



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Garcia & Keener is a medium-size law firm, which, since its foundation in 1959, has dedicated to the practice of law for companies, assisting its clients in the areas of business law, civil law, administrative law, tax law and labour law. In addition to its main office in Rio de Janeiro, the firm maintains branches in São Paulo, Campinas and Manaus.

According to partner Lourdes Helena Moreira de Carvalho, in Brazil, a federative state, the federal constitution provides for a tax system to be followed in all the country. There are three levels of taxing power: the federal government, which levies, for example, the income tax, the tax on manufactured goods and the importation tax; the state governments which levies principally, but not limited to, the ICMS, a sales tax (similar to the European VAT); and, the municipalities – real estate tax and service tax.

Ms. de Carvalho noted: "The Brazilian tax system is notoriously complex, and a wide tax reform has always been in the agenda of lawmakers. However, it is yet to be implemented due to political and economic reasons, which originate antagonism between the many states of the federation."

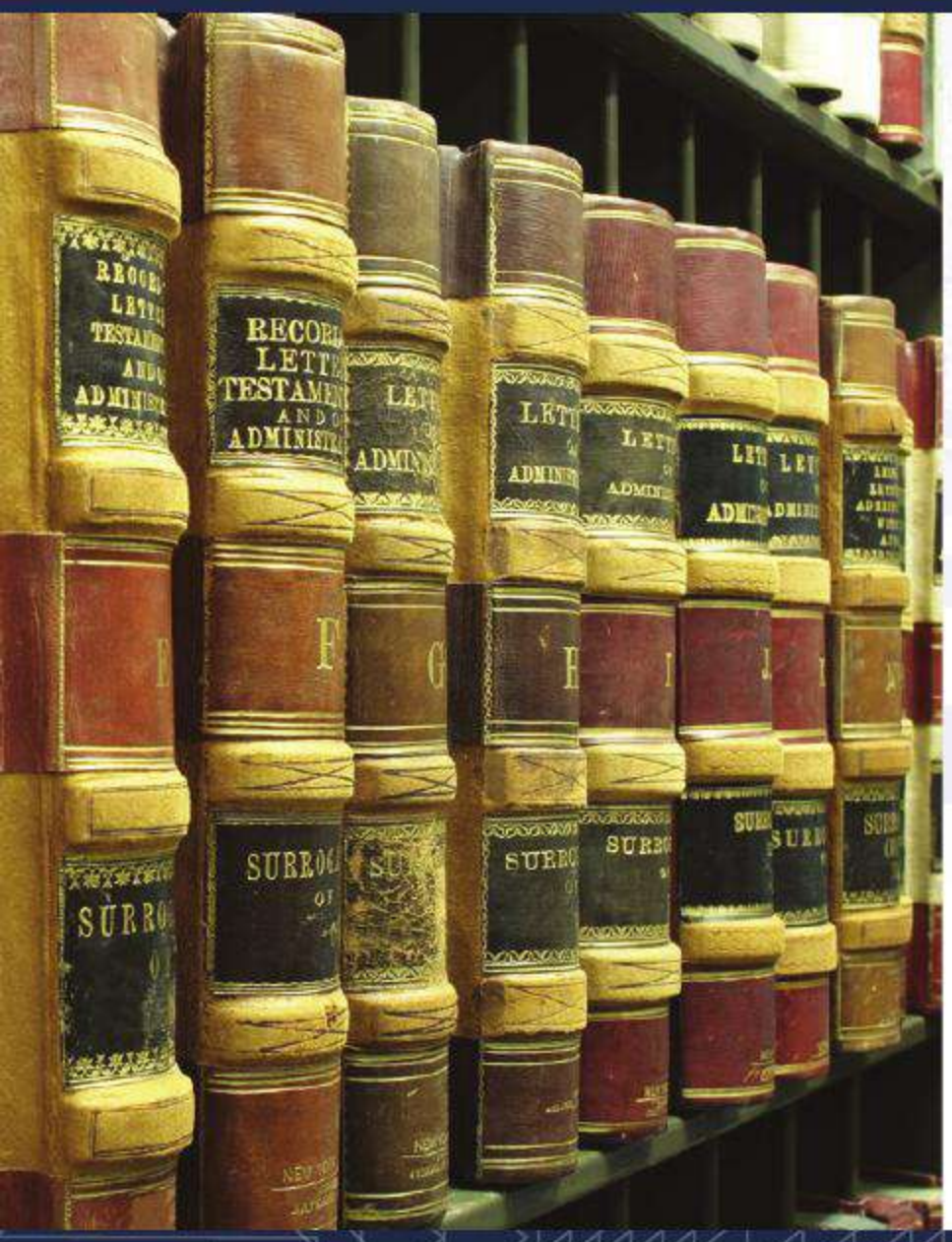
Brazil is a country that is undeniably attractive to foreign investments, economically speaking, although such attractiveness cannot be attributed specifically to its tax system. The tax load is heavy and the regulation, complex. Nonetheless, it weighs in its favour the fact that it is governed by a strict principle of legality and an ample control by the Judiciary.

Ms. de Carvalho added: "In Brazil, the tax law makes distinction between tax evasion – which bears the presumption of tax load reduction by wrongdoing; and tax avoidance – through which the same reduction is achieved, but by licit means. Lately, tax plannings based on tax avoidance have been annulled when they are deemed as lacking valid economic substance, without which, the tax authority claims that the actions performed by the taxpayer are nothing else than a sham transaction, only aimed to obtain tax savings.

"The matter is still being discussed in court, based on the taxpayers' argument that the practise of lawful acts may not be disallowed only because they result in tax saving; additionally, it must also be considered the subjectivism of judgements deciding on the absence of economic substance. Lastly, the very tax saving must be admitted as a licit economic purpose, provided that it results from acts permitted by law. As for tax havens, the Brazilian law has numerous provisions aimed at annulling their efficacy.

"I anticipate that action is being prepared by the relevant trade organisations, such as the Brazilian Association of Fiscal Law and the Institute of Brazilian Attorneys, for encouraging a deep tax reform. In the private sector, there are efforts to convince the judiciary to prevent the courts from exaggerating in the fight against tax evasion to such an extent as to violate the taxpayers' right to protect themselves against over-taxation by licit means."

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Klein Lawyers is one of the leading providers of legal expertise in motor vehicle accident claims in British Columbia, Canada. The firm also represents clients from across Canada to obtain compensation in a broad range of class action lawsuits.

The head office in Vancouver, British Columbia, is the hub for the motor vehicle group who represent the injured victims of motor vehicle accidents against ICBC (Insurance Corporation of British Columbia). This specialized group handles plaintiff only injury claims and maximizes each claim by utilizing a well-established network of experts including doctors, occupational therapists, vocational consultants, engineers and economists.

The firm is led by proprietor David Klein, who is recognized as one of Canada's leading litigators by Best Lawyers in Canada, Benchmark Canada and Lexpert Canada. David has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for thousands of victims in a wide range of landmark cases.

Mr. Klein is a prolific writer and speaker on legal issues, and has provided over 100 papers and presentations to various organizations, universities and trial lawyers associations across North America. Mr. Klein is frequently sought out by the media to comment on current legal issues in Canada.

History of the Law Firm

Klein Lawyers is respected nationwide employing over 50 staff with offices in Vancouver and Toronto, Canada. Many of the firm's lawyers have been called to the bar in British Columbia, Ontario and Washington State. The motor vehicle group has grown to help thousands of people obtain settlements for injuries, lost wages, property loss and medical expenses. Klein Lawyers has successfully negotiated millions of dollars in settlements from minor to catastrophic injuries. David Klein was plaintiffs' counsel in the first class actions certified in British Columbia, Manitoba and Newfoundland & Labrador. Landmark class action cases include Breast Implants, Hepatitis C Tainted Blood, Woodlands Residential School, Air Canada (Retiree Benefits), Crocus (Financial Advisor Negligence) and more. Millions of dollars have been won and distributed to clients. The firm supports a healthy society by donating to the Sauder School of Business at UBC and the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association. They support various community organizations such as MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), Drop It And Drive, and Dress for Success.

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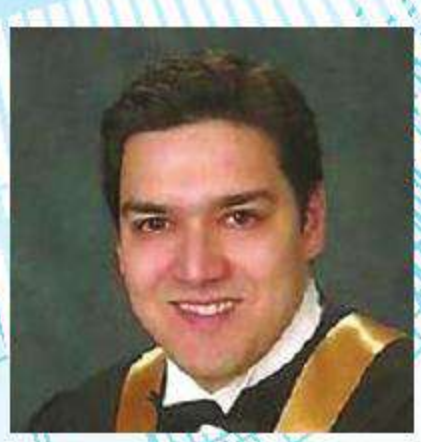
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Tara Pipella has been continuously listed in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* as a leading practitioner in Alberta in the area of Personal Injury litigation. Tara carries on the family tradition of her late father, Edward S. Pipella, QC, practicing exclusively in the area of personal injury law and acting exclusively for Plaintiffs, successfully negotiating settlements and arguing cases that ensure proper compensation for her clients' catastrophic injuries.

Tara received her Bachelor of Communications from the University of Calgary in 1989. Thereafter, she completed her Bachelor of Education in 1991 and taught with the Calgary Board of Education for one year. Tara then pursued her Bachelor of Laws (Honours with Distinction) from the University of Wales in Cardiff in 1997.

Upon graduation, Tara articled with Pipella Law and Calgary Legal Guidance, where she acquired experience in family and criminal law. Following her admission to the Bar in 1999, Tara practiced solely at Pipella Law under the tutelage of her father, Edward S. Pipella, QC, repeatedly voted as one of the Best Lawyers in Canada for his accomplishments in the legal field, and who was proud that he never acted for an insurance company in his 56 year legal career.

Tara now operates Pipella Law which her father founded. She has developed a high level of expertise in the areas of personal injury and medical malpractice.

Tara has volunteered with the Canadian Bar Association, Personal Injury Subsection. She held the positions of Secretary and Legislative Review Chair and was the acting Chairperson. She has also prepared papers for the Legal Education Society of Alberta, (LESA), and has presented seminars for Alberta physicians and the Occupational Therapy Association.

In addition to dedicating time to her husband and children, Tara, has further volunteered for various community organizations for close to two decades including Spinal Cord Injury Alberta, (SCI), the Association for the Rehabilitation for the Brain Injured (ARBI), the Southern Alberta Brain Injury Society (SABIS), Inn from the Cold, the Canadian Diabetes Association and the Calgary Drop-in Centre. Ms. Pipella is a member in good standing with the Alberta Law Society and the Canadian Bar Association and currently sits on the Board of Directors for SABIS.

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Stenning & Associates is predominantly a litigation practice. Our dedicated team of talented in-house legal professionals contributes to an ability to tackle some of the most challenging instructions and deadlines. Our Commercial team has expertise within enforcement of foreign judgments, as well as multi-jurisdictional commercial and insolvency litigation. Additionally, we can assist with civil advisory work and litigation within areas including: fraud, financial regulation, compliance and asset recovery.

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You will not incur any obligation or fees for an initial consultation, which we see as an opportunity for you to assess us as much as for us to determine if we can accept you as a client. Upon mutual agreement to work together, we can tailor our standard service agreement to reflect your requirements.

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Stenning & Associates has significantly grown over the last year under James' stewardship. Whilst also being the Managing Director of Stenning & Associates, James focuses his legal practice on criminal, multi-jurisdictional commercial and insolvency litigation with particular focus in the financial services industry.

James' recent engagements include: representation of a government in enforcing judgments of more than US$120m against assets and defendants in multiple jurisdictions in the United States, the Caribbean and Europe; representation of an individual in a complex compensation claim (amounting to in excess of US$30 million) against a number of sophisticated defendants for breach of fiduciary duty and/or provisions under the Proceeds of Crime Law 2008; and representation of an architect in an intellectual property rights dispute, exploring the applicability of the UK's Copyright, Designs & Patents Act 1956 to the Cayman Islands.

EDITOR'S CHOICE - IP LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS



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Stenning & Associates is an innovative law firm with a growing international presence. We offer representation and advice to individuals, institutions and public bodies from around the world.

The firm is particularly well positioned and experienced to act and advise in relation to civil, criminal, intellectual property and regulatory matters. Our team is known for being fearless in their representation of clients and has a broad range of expertise and experience in multiple jurisdictions. Our approach is always tailored to meet the specific needs of the client. We are always available, at any time of the day or night, if a pressing issue arises.

Headquartered in the Cayman Islands, the firm has a growing international footprint. All of our barristers are regularly instructed to appear before the most prominent courts (within a number of jurisdictions) and can advise the client in relation to cross-border issues and their legal position in more than one jurisdiction where relevant.

For existing and new businesses we offer intellectual property services in the Cayman Islands in the following areas:

- Protection of IP rights
- Trademark registrations within the IPO, OHIM and WIPO
- Trademark & patent recordings in the Cayman Islands
- Trademark renewals and recording changes in particulars
- Maintenance of trademark recordings including payment of annual fees
- Issuance of Certificates of Good Standing
- Availability searches (trademarks, patents, corporate names)
- Copyright disputes
- IP disputes

The Cayman Islands trademarks registry serves to extend trademark rights that have been registered in other jurisdictions. Currently United Kingdom, International (under the Madrid Protocol) as well as Community Trademark rights (under Regulation (EC) No. 40/94 by the Council for the European Union) may be extended to the Cayman Islands. A trademark's validity is dependent on its IPO, OHIM or WIPO counterpart remaining active. Recordings in the Cayman Islands can be renewed, but only once its underlying IPO, OHIM or WIPO counterpart is renewed.

Only licensed local agents, such as Stenning & Associates, are allowed to deal with the trademarks registry. A non-resident trademark owner may not transact any business with the registry directly.

We strive to provide our clients with a personalised, efficient service for all IP recordings.

Len de Vries is an Associate with Stenning & Associates in the Cayman Islands. He is active in all aspects of the firm's broad practice, with a particular emphasis on Property Law, Employment & Immigration, Personal Injury and advising in relation to Intellectual Property matters.

Len's expertise in the Real Estate arena, includes significant experience in the registration of property transfers, leases and charges, as well as dealing with property & strata disputes. He routinely advises clients on the preparation of employment policy documentation, in addition to being regularly instructed in relation to debt recovery, health care facility and company registrations, including Special Economic Zone business.

Len manages the firm's IP portfolio and in January 2015 he was named as the Recommended Professional in Intellectual Property in the Cayman Islands by Global Law Experts.

Admitted as an Attorney of the High Court of South Africa in September 2006, as well as a Conveyancer in December 2006 and a Notary Public in August 2008, Len joined Stenning & Associates in October 2008 and was admitted as an Attorney-at-Law in the Cayman Islands in May 2015.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN CHILE



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Saldivia, Contreras, Inalaf, Würth & Verdugo is an independent, business-minded law firm based in Santiago, Chile. The firm, born from the merger of two well-respected firms in Santiago, is made up of prominent attorneys with significant experience and expertise in diverse areas of the law, particularly international trade, real estate transactions and corporate law, banking and finance, mergers and acquisitions, foreign investment, tax, and antitrust. In addition, the firm also provides legal services related to water rights and regulations on liquid industrial waste emissions.

Saldivia, Contreras, Inalaf, Würth & Verdugo was formed to better address new challenges presented by the rapidly growing and increasingly global world. The firm has played a large role in the internationalization of their clients, both in Latin America and overseas. The law office's international trade attorneys advise and assist clients by helping them understand and make the most out of domestic and international laws affecting global business. Saldivia, Contreras, Inalaf, Würth & Verdugo, a member of LawPact's International Association of Independent Business Law Firms, represents both foreign and domestic entities in cross border matters while maintaining a strong sense of ethics and responsibility towards society, often engaging in pro bono work related to corporate responsibility.

The firm is committed to its clients and understands how complex international trade law and regulations can be. Because of this, the law office of Saldivia, Contreras, Inalaf, Würth & Verdugo seeks long-term relationships that enable its attorneys to understand their clients' business objectives while helping them to take advantage of and benefit from trade rules and treaties.

Rodrigo Novoa Urenda, a partner at Saldivia, Contreras, Inalaf, Würth & Verdugo, specializes in international trade, customs, and corporate and real estate law. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade and he also has membership in the Chilean Bar Association and the International Bar Association. He received an LLM in International Trade Law in the United States in 2003 and has been a foreign associate at the law offices of Arnold & Porter LLP and Winston & Strawn LLP, both located in Washington D.C.

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Our group has been a pioneer in international commercial and investment arbitration in Latin America and in providing clients with high-quality legal advice on arbitration and litigation, with a combination of deep knowledge of the local laws and a true international practice. Our attorneys have vast experience in several industries, including infrastructure, oil and gas, construction, energy, telecommunications, mining, mergers and acquisitions, banking and finance and public utilities.

Our attorneys have acted, either as advisors, counsel or arbitrators, in over 200 domestic and international commercial arbitrations under multiple arbitration rules, including the ICC, UNCITRAL, ICDR, IACAC and arbitration centres in Colombia and in other local and regional centres. Members of our group have also served as arbitrators and counsel in investment disputes conducted under ICSID and UNCITRAL Rules. The overall sums involved in commercial and investment arbitrations in which our attorneys have been involved exceed USD $4.5 billion.

We have also represented clients in complex litigations before civil, commercial and administrative courts in disputes related to distribution schemes, commercial agency agreements, torts, international commercial agreements, public bids and offers, State contracts, class actions, consumer protection and antitrust law.

Our lawyers have acted as experts and counsels before foreign courts in complex litigations involving Latin American parties.

The members of our team received graduate degrees from top law schools in the United States, England and Spain. In addition, they have substantial experience in foreign law firms and international courts. Finally, they are members of the board of directors of international associations and stand out in academia as professors of the most distinguished universities in Colombia.

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EDITOR'S CHOICE - ARBITRATION LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN COLOMBIA



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MONROY TORRES ABOGADOS was founded more than 15 years ago, and has since remained at the forefront of efficient, rapid, effective and comprehensive legal solutions, which are required in any business sector today. The firm is active in diverse areas, including government contracts, litigation, public and private processes, complex transportation contracts, regulated markets (energy and telecommunications), among other areas.

MONROY TORRES ABOGADOS has extensive bargaining, litigation and arbitration experience in issues related to wholesale energy markets as well as oil and gas. The firm is fully conversant with regulatory developments as well as judicial processes that affect its work in this area. On the bargaining side, the firm has advised several companies producing, transporting and marketing gas and energy in the different contracts that regulate business activities – from building a new gas compressor station, through the expansion of loops, to complex supply contracts. The firm's attorneys have not only developed legal knowledge pertaining to regulatory issues, but also have a broad understanding of guild bargaining dynamics concerning oil and gas, enabling them to advise companies such as TGI and GENSA, among others.

All business and trade is based on one thing: the fulfilment of contractual agreements between parties. MONROY TORRES ABOGADOS not only has a comprehensive and transversal knowledge of various sectors and trade unions, but fully understand the background of contracts and how they relate to bargaining and the will of the parties. Today, the firm provides comprehensive advice to large companies in pivotal industries, including pharmaceuticals and guild insurance.

Marcela Monroy Torres is a founder and senior partner of MONROY TORRES ABOGADOS, and is a specialist within the areas of arbitration, administrative law, commercial litigation and infrastructure projects. Ms Monroy has acted as arbitrator in several arbitration tribunals, including:

- MAECO vs NATIONAL SAVINGS FUND (Chief Justice)
- INURBE vs TRUST-LIVESTOCK-FIDUGAN (Chief Justice)
- COVIANDES vs INVIAS
- CONSORTIUM COFFEE vs HIGHWAYS. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CONCECIONES
- CONCONCRETO vs INVIAS. (Chief Justice)
- SANTA MARTA vs CONCESIONARIA Paraguachón. INVIAS (Chief Justice)
- CONSORTIUM ODEBRETECH-Conciviles vs FERROVÍAS (Chief Justice)
- HIGHWAYS COFFEE SA vs INVIAS (Chief Justice)
- ELECTRIFICADORA Tolima SA E.S.P. IN LIQUIDATION vs MELGAR ENERGY COMPANY SA E.S.P. (Chief Justice)
- INTERNATIONAL OF GAS TRANSPORT SA TGI SA ESP- E.S.P. vs COLOMBIAN GAS COMPANY – ECOGAS Chief Justice
- CONSTRUCCIONES EL CONDOR vs METROPLUS (Chief Justice)
- COLOMBIAN NATURAL RESOURCES vs MINING CONSORTIUM DEL CESAR (Chief Justice)
- CONSTRUCTORA EMINDUMAR vs PETROMINERALES (Chief Justice)

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In Costa Rica, we have eighteen fully developed practices led by over twenty dedicated professionals, highly skilled in each of their specializations, and assisted by students committed to the vision and mission of the Firm. This allows us to offer our clients full legal services as well as to facilitate the expansion of the businesses throughout Central America and the Caribbean Area.

OUR PARTNERS:

MAURICIO QUIRÓS: Attorney at Law and Notary Public. Mauricio specializes in the practices of Commercial Law, Corporate Law and Real Estate as well as in Leasing Contracts.

GUILLERMO SÁNCHEZ: Attorney at Law and Notary Public. Mr. Sánchez specializes in foreign Investment activities, Business Law and Corporate Law.

RAFAEL QUIRÓS: Attorney at Law and Notary Public. Studies in Insurance and Reinsurance Law in the Georgia State University, USA. Rafael specializes in Corporate Law and Insurance Law and he is also specialized in due diligence proceedings as well.

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Since its inception, Civil Law has been a specialty of LÓPEZ & ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM and has a successful record on cases of this nature.

Our law firm provides keen legal analysis on a case-by-case basis on national and international jurisprudence.

At LÓPEZ & ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM, we are committed to helping clients capitalize above-average returns and competitively position them locally with a global vision. It is important to recognize the challenges in an ever-changing marketplace and also optimize the opportunities for profitable business. To that end, we take pride in offering holistic solutions for our local and international clients. That's what we do best; and the best is the only thing we do.

Our home, Ecuador, is an emerging land of investment opportunities with unique challenges to tackle. Whether it is dispute resolution, litigation, intellectual property, banking or tax law needs, we deliver unparalleled strategies and tailor custom-made solutions for the specific needs and objectives of our clients.

Consequently, we are your business and legal ally. The legal consulting and business services that we offer leverage our clients' potential enhancing their strategies in planning, implementing, and measuring business operations. Because we are focused on achieving greater global efficiency we have improved our logo, implemented social media strategies and recruited the best legal team in the country to better serve you. This is more than just an image makeover: we are leading the way in business and legal consulting services in Ecuador.

We can help you go far. Let's work together.

Our firm promotes and has achieved significant resolutions in court of one important and relevant multinational company that we have as a client, this is the case of LIBERTY SEGUROS S.A. On the other hand, Banco del Pacifico is a barometer of our strength as a litigation law firm in our country. Being property of the Ecuadorian government, it is a privilege to own their trust for managing their legal issues and we are committed to obtain outstanding results in the assigned judgments, getting confidence in the market as one of the best law firms in Ecuador.

Currently, we are advising the operation establishment of the Spanish Building Group Centro Técnico de Construcciones CETECO S.A. in Ecuador.

MARITIME LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN ECUADOR



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Apolo Attorneys, under the name Apolo Law Firm, was founded by Dr. Modesto Apolo Ramírez in 1948. When his son, José Modesto Apolo, joined the firm, new areas of the law were added to serve clients, such as maritime law, maritime labor law, maritime port law and foreign trade law.

Dr. Jose Modesto Apolo is President of the Maritime Law Association, Titular member of the International Maritime Committee (CMI), Founder and Ecuadorian Vice-President of the Iberoamerican Maritime Law Institute.

From that time on, the Apolo Law Firm became a pioneer in the practice of the above-mentioned areas of law. Apolo Attorneys actually has the following areas of legal practice: maritime, port, customs, corporate, immigration, administrative, tax, commercial, public procurement, aquaculture and fisheries, aviation, labor, credit investigation and environmental law.

We believe in training, specialization and the wise combination of experience with generational change. Thus, most of the members of Apolo's professional team are university professors committed to training new generations of professionals in this increasingly demanding career.

Maritime Law

Apolo pioneered the field of maritime law in Ecuador, having taken part in the establishment of every maritime industry trade association in the country. The firm advised on the founding of the National Association of Shipowners of Ecuador (ASONAR) in 1977, the National Association of Shipping Agents of Ecuador (ASONAVE) in 1980, the Maritime Chamber of Ecuador (CAMAE) in 1984 and the Association of Private Port Terminals of Ecuador (ASOTEP) in 1990.

We have participated in the drafting of most of Ecuador's maritime laws and regulations. We have represented the shipping industry sector in negotiations on collective bargaining agreements with the stevedores of the Port of Guayaquil since 1973. In 1998, we advised all the shipping lines when the Stevedores Unions terminated their labor contracts with the shipping companies. Over 80% of the shipping lines operating in Ecuador rely on our professional experience and advice in all areas of the law they require.

The Head of the Maritime Law Department is Dr. Jose Modesto Apolo and its principal lawyers are LLM Victor Carrion and LLM Javier Cardoso.

Our client list consists of domestic and foreign shipping lines, shipyards, P&I Clubs, ship operators, port terminal operators and cruise ship owners.

Our advisory area covers administrative procedures ranging from vessel registration to vessel technical-maritime documentation. We also handle administrative disputes such as marine casualty investigations, which may conclude with rulings by a Captains' Tribunal.

In the area of maritime litigation, we handle and represent clients in disputes arising from accidents, boardings, salvages, general averages, shipwrecks, marine pollution, vessel abandonment, ship arrests, cargo damage and marine insurance.

We also have a Navigation Advisory Department for marine insurance claims in which navigation experts are needed.

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De La Gasca & Cia is the premier Intellectual Property and Litigation boutique firm in El Salvador.

We provide expertise in the prosecution and enforcement of Trademarks, Patents and Copyrights. In addition we are experts in handling complex litigation matters, particularly when related to intellectual property, commercial, civil, administrative and pharmaceutical law.

Our members have had longstanding experience in Intellectual Property and Litigation since at least 1998, through which we have assisted our clients to successfully solve their legal problems.

Our firm was founded by Managing Partner Mr. Giancarlo de la Gasca after obtaining his LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law (with honors) at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, IL; and having work experience in a well known IP boutique firm of Chicago.

Thereafter, we created the firm, with the purpose of offering specialized services by an expert team, which is fully bilingual and has an international perspective of the law, but most of all, an expert team that looks up to fulfilling the legal necessities of our clients.

It has been said that litigation, rather than being a science, is an art. We consider ourselves masters in the fine art of solving legal conflicts.

We stand by our clients advising them all along the way, with knowledge, experience, ethics, and truthfulness in the possibilities they stand or not on a given case.

Despite the fact that we can provide strong representation whenever it is required, we also pride ourselves in having the ability of reaching satisfactory settlements or agreements with mutual benefits for all the parties involved.

Most importantly, we have experience in dealing with complex litigation cases in the fields of Intellectual Property, Administrative Litigation, Commercial Litigation and Criminal Law (economic crimes).

Our firm provides expert assistance in the following complex litigation subjects:

- Trademark Litigation (enforcement and defenses)
- Copyright Litigation
- Patent Litigation
- Administrative Litigation against the Government (public bids, regulatory bodies, city halls amongst others)
- Civil and Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Litigation (Counterfeiting and Economical Crimes)
- ADR (Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration)

Born in San Salvador, El Salvador on July 20, 1979, Giancarlo de la Gasca is a specialist in Intellectual Property and Litigation with over 15 years' related experience. He has worked at intellectual property law firms in El Salvador and the United States.

His practice includes not only working at a major Salvadoran law firm, but also being in-house counsel and Head of the Registration and Intellectual Property Department for a Regional Bank, later acquired by CITI Group.

He further obtained his LL.M. in Intellectual Property (with honors) from The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, due to a scholarship awarded by the Inter American Association of Intellectual Property (ASIPI).

During his time in the U.S. he worked as Foreign Trademark Specialist (2009 – 2010) at a well respected Chicago-based IP boutique law firm, and subsequently retook his practice in El Salvador by joining a Salvadoran Mid sized legal firm as partner.

At the beginning of 2013, Giancarlo takes the decision to pursue his ultimate goal and found the first Salvadoran Boutique Law Firm dedicated to Intellectual Property and Litigation.

CLIENT CHOICE - INSOLVENCY LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN MEXICO

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Rivera Gaxiola y Carrasco is a law firm specialized mainly in litigation, specifically in areas of Bankruptcies, Financial Restructurings, Shareholders' Controversies, Commercial, Civil and Administrative Litigation.

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- Financial Restructurings
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- Telecommunications
- Aviation Law
- Bonds and Bails
- Insurance
- Energy

Partner Profile

Alonso Rivera Gaxiola, Founding and Senior Partner of Rivera Gaxiola y Carrasco, is an Attorney by the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. He has extensive experience in civil, commercial, corporate and administrative litigation throughout the country, as well as in national and international arbitration, bankruptcies and financial restructurings.



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VSG is a leading firm in mining-related issues, developing every one of the areas that conform this sector.

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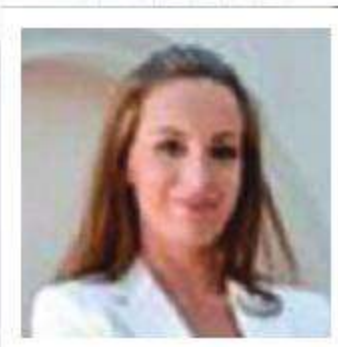
Mr Vazquez was born in Mexico City on 29 December 1971. With more than 20 years of experience, his practice is focused on corporate law, mining, migration, foreign investments and community relationships. Mr Vazquez has been permanently involved in the establishment of Mexican companies and corporate management of companies, as well as drafting agreements in general and representing important corporate foreign groups with business in Mexico. He has carried on important negotiations to access superficial lands where the concessions are located.

Mr Vazquez is a graduate of La Salle University, where he obtained his law degree in 1996 with the publication of his thesis *Expropriation as a right derived from Mining Concessions*. He is an active partner of the Mexican Mining, Metallurgy and Geology Engineer Association, AC and a member of work groups organised by the Mexican Mining Chamber (CAMIMEX) and the General Direction of Mining Promotion of the Ministry of Economy.

The team is committed, loyal and constantly developing.

He has been invited as speaker in local and foreign seminars related to mining law issues and has written several articles for magazines specialised in mining and environmental law. He is also the author of the Mexican chapter in *The Mining Law Review* and producer of the video *Inside the Earth* for Mining in Mexico.

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Through a dedicated team of lawyers and other professionals, Casseli Law Firm combines creativity, personalized and comprehensive analysis of the problems – offering a multidisciplinary approach that enables its customers to achieve their objectives in a complex environment with increasingly complex professional, legal and trade relations requirements.

Members of Casseli Law Firm are actively involved in some of the most important professional associations and national and international organizations related to the legal world and intellectual property. Moreover, members of the firm do, on numerous occasions, assume important positions participating as speakers at conferences and seminars, among other activities.

Areas of Practice

As part of its civil, commercial and corporate practice, Casseli Law Firm offers various professional services designed to meet the varied needs of its customers.

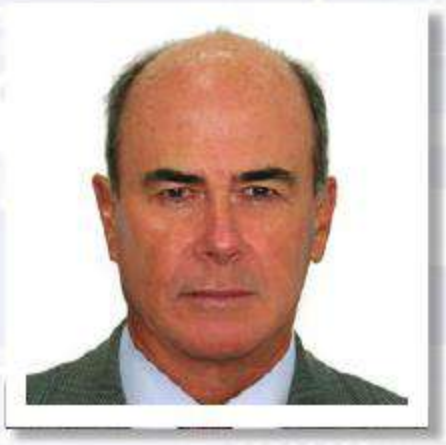
The firm advises on the most suitable vehicles for undertaking projects, also providing experience in the drafting and negotiation of all types of contracts and corporate tax structures.

Similarly, the firm offers assistance with the various forms pertaining to: joint ventures; sale of business shares and goodwill; shareholder agreements; corporate governance and management; licensing agreements, technology transfer and know-how, franchise, distribution, agency and representation; leasing and trusts, among other modern and sophisticated forms of procurement.

Casseli Law Firm has advised clients on transactions and issues of higher specialty and complexity. Its client base is comprised of world-leaders from sector including automotive, chemical, cosmetic, entertainment, media and advertising, banking, finance and private equity, oil and energy, pharmaceutical, telecommunications and satellite, textile, tobacco, hotel and tourism, among others.

As regards the foreign investment, the firm advises investors with interests in Paraguay and projection to other countries in Latin America – in structuring and coordinating multi-jurisdictional transactions that enable its customers to establish or increase their market presence.

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Founded in 1940, Barreda Moller is a full service Intellectual Property Law Firm representing local and foreign clients and providing specialized services in the Patent, Trademark, Copyright, Infringement, Unfair Competition and related fields, including litigation in Intellectual Property matters.

Barreda Moller is the largest Intellectual Property law firm in Peru, as concerning the number of lawyers and patent practitioners that integrate the firm, the number of trademarks and patent applications filed per year, added to its extensive practice of filing trademark applications abroad for local and foreign clients through its foreign associates. The firm has a solid practice in Intellectual Property litigation, as well as in procurement of Intellectual Property rights.

Barreda Moller's partners and associates are in addition frequent speakers at intellectual property meetings and conferences in Peru and abroad.

The International Legal Alliance has granted Barreda Moller the Silver Award as one of the Best Latin American Intellectual Property Law Firms.

The Managing Intellectual Property magazine, the Latin Lawyer law directory and Chambers and Partners have selected Barreda Moller as the number one intellectual property law firm in Peru in the last seventeen years.

Partners and associates actively participate in both domestic and international intellectual property law associations, particularly INTA, AIPPI, AIPLA, LES, IACC, ECTA, PTMG, MARQUES, FICPI, APAA and ASIPI. Two of our partners have been presidents of ASIPI, the Inter-American Association of Industrial Property. Four of the partners have been Presidents of the Peruvian Association of IP Lawyers and of the Peruvian Group of AIPPI. Several additional posts have been held as members of the board of international and national associations.

Barreda Moller has clients locally and abroad, established in South America, North America, Europe and Asia, and has important clients in the banking and financial world, as well as in the chemical industry, pharmaceutical, electronics, technology, education, food industry, hotel, tourism and restaurant sectors.

The dimension and prestige of the firm's clientele and the excellence of the services rendered by the firm make Barreda Moller one of the most prestigious intellectual property law firms in South America.

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George Missick is a co-founder and managing partner of Karam & Missick Turks & Caicos and Bahamas. George is a fierce and fearless litigator with a strong background in Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury, Admiralty, Insolvency and Company Law. George is admitted to three Bars: England & Wales (2001), The Bahamas Bar (2001) and the Turks and Caicos Bar (2007). He is also certified in dispute resolution from the Dispute Resolution Foundation in Jamaica. Prior to starting the partnership of Karam & Missick, George worked as a senior associate at the law firm of Callenders & Co. in the Bahamas, where he handled detailed civil and commercial litigation and conveyancing matters.

George has enjoyed much success in both the Supreme Court and Appeals Court and has won many high-profile cases in the civil courts as well as the Labour Tribunal. George has been involved in multi-million dollar insolvency claims, world wide freezing injunction claims, ship arrest and other maritime related matters. He regularly advises commercial banks, trust companies, resorts and large corporations on banking and commercial matters.

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F Chambers is a modern law firm affiliated with Chambers in Europe, North America and the Caribbean which has a reservoir of experienced lawyers to efficiently meet its clients' demand for quality legal services.

"Our mission is to become the leading law firm in the Turks and Caicos Islands, by providing quality and professional representation, advice and services to all clients both personal and corporate, domestically and internationally and to secure a just outcome in the courtroom and at the deal making table expeditiously," said Mark Anthony Fulford, managing partner.

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- Family Litigation
- Company and commercial
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According to Mr Fulford, the value that defines F Chambers can be summarised as fearlessly committed:

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- to a liberal tradition of defending freedom and citizens' rights irrespective of the popularity of the cause or the client;
- to creating an undisputed reputation for excellence;
- to providing a service that is swift, efficient, responsive and at a price matching the quality of the firm's service; and
- to ensuring that principles of equality, respect and diversity are embodied both in the service it provides to clients and in the recruitment, training and support policies it promote.

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.

"Our mission is to become the leading law firm in the Turks and Caicos Islands, by providing quality and professional representation, advice and services to all clients both personal and corporate, domestically and internationally and to secure a just outcome."

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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- Child support
- Spousal support (alimony)
- Visitation rights
- Separation
- Paternity actions
- Estate planning
- Wills and trusts
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Sedgwick LLP is an international litigation and business law firm that provides counseling, risk management, litigation management, trial, appellate and transactional legal services to sophisticated corporate clients. Sedgwick has more than 330 attorneys with collective experience that spans the globe and virtually every industry. Sedgwick attorneys have been litigating cases in the life sciences industry since the 1950s, when the firm represented Cutter Laboratories in connection with its polio vaccine.

A substantial portion of Sedgwick's product liability work is performed on behalf of clients in the life sciences industry, including numerous pharmaceutical, medical device, biologics, food and medical product firms. We are at the forefront of cutting-edge legal issues for the life sciences industry and have developed much of the case law that currently governs drug and medical device product liability actions.

We handle cases that range from simple to complex, multiple and interrelated cases filed in a variety of jurisdictions. Our clients value our experience in complex litigation procedure, such as class action practice, MDLs and statewide coordinated proceedings. They have frequently called upon us to serve as national, regional or statewide counsel. Our experience as coordinating counsel in scores of drug and medical device matters has allowed us to develop pre-trial litigation strategies, efficient workflows and proven defense practices to position cases for the best possible trial and/or negotiated resolution. Our attorneys have also participated in many of the major mass tort settlements achieved over the past three decades.

Sedgwick's life sciences defense team consists of experienced litigators, including nationally recognized trial counsel. Many of our attorneys have a special interest in medicine, and some have educational backgrounds in medicine, nursing and pharmacology. We have fostered relationships with experts in varied medical disciplines, statistics, epidemiology, genetics, biomechanics, and jury selection. We use the latest technology to produce demonstrative evidence, including computer-generated graphics, models, video reconstructions and full-scale product mock-ups. Sedgwick also provides regulatory counseling and representation involving products and services regulated by FDA, USDA, CDC, NIH, HHS, CPSC and other federal and state agencies.

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Sedgwick's Life Sciences team also provides counsel on regulatory compliance, enforcement and related investigations; interaction with regulatory agencies; and participation in rulemaking and other agency proceedings. We conduct product safety assessments, help develop appropriate compliance measures and counsel on premarketing product commercialization issues. Sedgwick attorneys regularly advise life sciences companies on regulatory and litigation issues involved in transactions, including mergers, acquisitions and commercial agreements.

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Richard H Golubow is a founding member and the managing shareholder of Winthrop Couchot Professional Corporation, a premier bankruptcy law firm established in 1995 and located in Newport Beach, California.

Devoting his practice to the areas of complex bankruptcy and business reorganisations, litigation, liquidations and acquisitions, Mr Golubow's clients include debtors, creditors, creditor committees, bankruptcy trustees, assignees for the benefit of creditors, receivers and asset purchasers in a wide range of industries, including retail, manufacturing, distribution, importing, construction, entertainment, education, non-profit institutions, healthcare, hospitality, real estate, automotive, golf and country club, biotech, transportation, telecommunications and Internet businesses.

He has achieved an 'AV Pre-eminent' (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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Ms. Berkowitz chairs the Land Use Practice Group at Gresham Savage. She provides strategic, legal, business and political advice to clients involved in the development of real property. In that capacity, she represents clients before government agencies in connection with land use approvals and compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. She also assists clients in land-use related litigation, primarily arising from project challenges under CEQA and other land use regulations. Her clients range from international corporations to regional and local developers, and include projects throughout California. Ms. Berkowitz' approach focuses on finding pragmatic solutions to achieve her clients' objectives, emphasizing negotiation and collaboration with community and elected officials to the extent feasible, with more rigorous advocacy as necessary. Current projects include large retail developments, assisted living facilities, logistics/distribution centers and residential developments, among others.

She is an Executive Committee member of the Los Angeles Business Council; Executive Officer of LABC Institute; Vice President of the Los Angeles Mayoral Appointee on the Greek Theatre Advisory Committee; and Past President of the Board of California Women's Law Center.

Ms. Berkowitz's honors and recognition include:

- Named as Daily Journal's Top 25 Land Use Attorneys in California
- Received the highest A-V rating by Martindale Hubbell for more than 15 years
- Named as one of Southern California's Most Influential Woman in Real Estate
- Selected for inclusion in Los Angeles Magazine's 2014 and 2015 Women Leaders in the Law
- Selected as a 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Land Use & Zoning and in Real Estate by American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected for inclusion as a Southern California Super Lawyer 2004-2006, 2008-2015
- Selected for inclusion in Fortune Magazine's 2013, 2015 Women Leaders in the Law

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Cobalt attorneys are specialists in advertising, promotions, and intellectual property matters, including: Federal Trade Commission compliance, product packaging review, electronic media review, contest and sweepstakes rules drafting, rebate and award rules, claim substantiation, COPPA and CARU compliance, copyright prosecution and protection, trademark prosecution and protection, customs regulations, registration of IP, internet matters, streaming video.

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Cobalt assists clients with their promotional needs, including contests, sweepstakes, give-aways, rebates, grant giving, and other promotions. In addition to providing legal counsel, Cobalt connects clients with agencies and fulfilment houses that can help manage the details of operating a promotion.

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When challenging debt situations or difficult family law matters arise, it is very important that you secure qualified representation to ensure that your matter is handled appropriately and to help you secure the best possible resolution. Choosing a law firm with a reputation for excellence and a track record of success is the surest way for you to know that your matter will be well-handled.

Our firm strives to provide exceptional representation in the following practice areas:

Bankruptcy — During the three decades our firm has been helping people and businesses overcome difficult debt situations, we have developed a very specific skill set that meets the needs of clients who are facing complex challenges. We have vast experience working with individuals, business owners, physicians and other professionals. We also offer representation to bankruptcy trustees and creditors who are in need of experienced guidance. Two of our partners are Chapter 7 bankruptcy panel trustees.

Family law — Divorce and the legal issues related to it are very personal issues that one should only trust to an attorney with a record of effective representation behind him or her. Our firm understands the delicate nature that family law proceedings can involve, and we offer representation that is committed to achieving your goals with discretion and understanding. Divorce and other family law matters often involve serious financial considerations. Our extensive experience in helping people with difficult financial situations allows us to offer our clients a comprehensive representation that many have appreciated. With all of these considerations in mind, the attorneys at Furr & Cohen, P.A. are expanding their Family law practice to include "collaborative family law" where all parties voluntarily agree to try to resolve all issues in a cordial and private manner.

Robert C. Furr leads the firm's bankruptcy practice. A panel trustee for the U.S. Trustee Program for the Southern District of Florida, Mr. Furr regularly acts as trustee in chapter 7, 11 and 12 cases throughout the region. He has served as trustee in many multimillion dollar bankruptcies and has represented debtors-in-possession, trustees, creditors and banks in complex bankruptcies and workouts.

Mr. Furr is board certified in consumer and bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification. His experience includes both state court civil litigation and complex commercial litigation.

In 2008, Mr. Furr was appointed trustee to liquidate the assets of 21 Roadhouse Grill locations in Florida. In 2006, he served as counsel to the bankruptcy trustee in a $33 million Ponzi scheme. Additionally, he has represented Cascade International and Linen Supermarket as chapter 11 debtors-in-possession.

Mr. Furr is a past president of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, the only trustee organization in the nation. He has testified before Congress and the National Bankruptcy Review Commission on bankruptcy matters and the legislative process. He is a past-editor and chief of Nabtalk, the journal of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees and a past-president of the Bankruptcy Trustee Association of Southern Florida.

A frequent lecturer, Mr. Furr has spoken to various professional groups and authored numerous articles on insolvency and bankruptcy.

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Carreras & Lemoine, LLP is a boutique international law firm offering a complete range of legal services to businesses and individuals throughout Georgia, Florida, California, Tennessee, New York, as well as a number of foreign jurisdictions, including France, the United Kingdom, and Belgium. With offices in New York, Paris, Atlanta, and Palm Beach, the firm can provide comprehensive global legal services in the area of commercial litigation, arbitration, M&A, commercial contracts, public relations and tax. The firm also assists partnerships, high net-worth individuals, entrepreneurs and their families, including providing advice and representation in international family law and immigration matters. As a boutique law firm, Carreras & Lemoine, LLP offers a degree of flexibility that many large law firms cannot.

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The Carreras & Lemoine, LLP team's strength most certainly rests on its mastery of foreign languages. The team includes attorneys who speak fluent French, Dutch, Italian, Spanish and German, who will provide their clients with tailored and cost-effective services to help them overcome their legal obstacles. Most of Carreras & Lemoine, LLP's attorneys have also received formal legal training in foreign countries, including in the Civil Code system. This gives them a unique outlook, and enables them to comprehend "global" legal problems and "legal culture" conflicts without the need to be re-educated or assisted.

Carreras & Lemoine, LLP is also a full service law firm representing clients' interest in complex appellate litigation at all levels of the state and federal systems. Its attorneys participate in every step of the trial and appellate process, allowing them to assess each legal issue, and defend against appeals or appeal any improper adverse rulings, as needed. In addition, they accept and review cases referred by other firms facing challenges before the Court of Appeals. By staying informed of current litigation and appellate law trends and case law, they are able to offer their clients the expertise and procedural knowledge that appellate work requires.

One of Carreras & Lemoine, LLP's specialties is the assistance of companies, organizations, and entrepreneurs, located both in the U.S. and abroad, in issues related to international trade or involving international business law and international tax law. Its attorneys assist companies to negotiate complex, multi-jurisdictional transactions, protect their intellectual property, resolve employment disputes, maintain compliance under applicable laws and regulations, and create footholds within the U.S. or European markets via subsidiaries and joint ventures. They also handle the relevant immigration aspects of doing business in the U.S., and represent their clients in courts and arbitration forums, most particularly in the American federal court system.

In the tax arena, the firm's extensive foreign network puts it in pole position to address most international tax issues, including international tax organization, transfer pricing, and related litigation. Several of Carreras & Lemoine, LLP's attorneys are admitted in the very exclusive tax court bar. Carreras & Lemoine, LLP has significant expertise in assisting clients subject to foreign tax collection within the United States.

Carreras & Lemoine, LLP also strives to build relationships that facilitate the exchange of information between American businesses and European institutions to understand completely local issues and provide resolutions to develop their business. In doing so, they are able to provide assistance in setting up or exporting a new business in the European Union. They are able to advise and aid American businesses in negotiating any contracts and aid in their understanding of any administrative and legal procedures they may face. They provide advice regarding the development of institutional relationships in Europe and represent and defend their clients' interests with respect to any legal, legislative, administrative, regulatory and even political challenges that may arise.

Finally, Carreras & Lemoine, LLP has helped many individuals, who find themselves caught between different legal systems, to obtain a divorce, alimony, child support or child custody. The firm is familiar with cross-border family issues involving international family law, such as removal of a child to another jurisdiction as well as enforcement of foreign divorces in the U.S. and enforcement of U.S. divorces in Europe. Through its particular understanding of the role of international family law, international conventions and foreign legal systems, the firm can make the difficult journey of divorce and child custody more manageable.

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Paul Fisher is a founding Partner of Fisher Cohen Waldman Shapiro, LLP. Paul and FCWS specialize in commercial debt, particularly when their client is experiencing challenges in buying, selling, or syndicating real estate. Paul believes that a personal strength of his is handling complex workout situations and keeping them outside of a bankruptcy structure.

By distinguishing himself as a man who has legal and business expertise, Paul is able to formulate solutions that are both legally and functionally optimal for his clients. He feels the business implications of a legal matter are frequently overlooked.

Paul cites three problems as being of particular concern now and over the immediate horizon; all related to guaranties. The first is the impact that the FDIC is having on the commercial banking system; in particular its influence on bank "aggressiveness" with real estate loans and their guarantors when a loan falls out of covenant compliance. Another involves guaranty triggers in general, and "bad boy" guaranties in particular, where he sees courts and lenders making whatever assertion is necessary to apply and extend liability to the guarantor. Finally, in bankruptcy cases he sees more creditor-favorable enforcement of claw backs and fraudulent conveyance claims.

Recently, Paul successfully handled a client case where the secured lender asserted full liability to a guarantor who failed to turn over all tenant security deposits. Paul was able to negotiate a partial payment arrangement under the guaranty and exit the guarantor from the scenario with only marginal damage done to their net worth. In yet another matter, he also advised one of the principals involved in the sale of the Willis Tower.

Paul cites as one of his biggest successes a case which involved setting strategy and tactics in a complex workout associated with subsidized housing. Faced with numerous moving parts including governmental authorities, tax credits, delinquent loans and personal guaranties, Paul directed legal and business manoeuvres that led to a fully-satisfying outcome for his client and the other parties involved.

Supplementing the federal tax practice inside of FCWS is a current goal Paul has established for himself and the firm. He feels the growing complexity of the tax laws, coupled with taxing authorities' desperate need to collect funds, make expansion of this service necessary to better serve the firm's typical entrepreneurial, real estate owning, clientele.

Prior to co-founding FCWS, Mr. Fisher was a partner for 10 years at McGuireWoods, LLP and head of its commercial real estate department in Chicago. He is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the Illinois Real Estate Journal, a Senior Fellow at the Heartland Institute, and a recurring speaker at the Midwest Bank/Special Assets Forum on Real Estate, C&I, and SBA Loans.

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We distinguish ourselves by combining big firm quality and sophistication with the more personalized, lower-cost setting of a small-to-mid-size firm. Our lawyers come from major national and international firms, and are attracted to our entrepreneurial culture that focuses on client service. For example, (i) we staff our matters with highly-experienced lawyers whose billing rates are comparable to less-experienced lawyers at larger firms; (ii) we offer flexible fee arrangements suited to a particular client's needs; (iii) we impose no billable hour requirements on our lawyers -- rather than incentivizing our lawyers to increase time spent on a matter, we reward efficiency; and (iv) we foster internal cooperation by de-emphasizing "billing credit" in our compensation structure. We believe these and other factors distinguish us from competitors and greatly benefit our clients.

Our firm represents a wide range of clients, ranging from entrepreneurs to global institutions. The firm's principal practice areas relate to commercial transactions and litigation. These include representation in corporate and securities transactions, corporate finance, real estate, tax, employment, bankruptcy and insolvency and related matters.

Our biggest recent notable successes include being selected for several large projects of the type typically awarded to much larger firms. Examples include representing (i) a major foreign airline in its dispute against one of the largest U.S. airlines, (ii) an investment fund in its acquisition of hotels and other commercial properties in Brazil and Uruguay; (iii) the issuer in an initial public offering of securities; (iv) a consortium of predominantly European banks in the workout of a $650 million defaulted commercial loan; and (v) a world-renown chef in restaurant management deals in various U.S. locations, as well as Bermuda and the U.K. High-profile matters of this nature add to the firm's stature, and our success in these engagements will improve our market position.

Another unique feature results from my position as the President of Interlex, one of only 10 international legal networks receiving Chambers' highest "Band 1 – Elite" ranking. Our leadership role in Interlex affords us close relationships with leading law firms in 61 countries worldwide, and we frequently use it as a valuable resource for our clients doing business outside the U.S. This allows us to compete favorably with global law firms. In fact, Interlex policies are very flexible, and members are free to refer business to whomever will best serve clients' needs (even if that means referring the client to a Non-Interlex firm). In contrast, global law firms are tied to using their own branch offices everywhere.

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We at Leydig are committed to providing the highest quality of service to our clients. Legal directories have described Leydig, Voit & Mayer as "the quintessential, time-honoured patent firm" and as "top-notch and cost-effective."

Leydig has over 80 attorneys and technical advisors, along with 100 staff professionals, including patent agents, law clerks, paralegals and administrative personnel, who work in the firm's three offices in the U.S. and in Germany. Our legal teams are led by senior attorneys, whose track records are a testament to their experience, industry understanding, and commitment to providing the highest value of service. To provide the greatest value to clients, our legal teams are streamlined, creative, and focused. Attentiveness, attention to detail and efficiency matter.

Our firm has a history of distinguished courtroom performance. Leydig's attorneys have long been known for their effectiveness in both bench and jury trials for patent, trademark and trade secret owners, and those accused of infringement or misappropriation. We have successfully litigated several industry-founding patents, including patents and patentees inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

Lawyers who handle trials and have courtroom expertise also have the technical expertise needed to prosecute patents and trademarks. The wealth of litigation and technical experience of the firm's attorneys and staff enables the firm to tailor its services to the unique litigation needs of each client and to deliver the highest quality representation to clients in a cost-effective manner. Companies faced with "bet-the-company litigation" turn to our team of seasoned litigators with confidence.

Bruce Gagala practices in all aspects of domestic and international patent law, with primary emphasis on litigation, dispute resolution, licensing, counselling and patent preparation and prosecution. He counsels and advises numerous U.S. and foreign clients on patent validity, infringement, licensing matters, and post-grant proceedings in the USPTO, as well as general trademark matters.

Mr. Gagala has extensive experience in trials and appeals, including appeals to the Court of Appeals to the Federal Circuit, regarding patent, trademark, trade secret, and other intellectual property related issues. He was co-counsel to Pall Corporation in *Pall Corporation v. MSI*, a companion case to *Markman v. Westview Instruments*. He has prepared and negotiated numerous patent licenses, and has considerable experience in interferences, and alternate dispute resolution. He has served as mediator and arbitrator.

Mr. Gagala has prepared and prosecuted patents for U.S. and foreign clients in a variety of technical fields, especially relating to chemistry, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and food science. Recent technologies with which he has been involved include chemical compositions and processes, pharmaceutical compounds, compositions, and processes, medical treatments, diagnostic assays, polymers, foods, batteries, and medical devices.

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Friedman Law Group (FLG) is a Chicago-based, woman-owned and managed law firm. It provides clients with cutting-edge strengths in the areas of marketing, advertising, product claim substantiation, entertainment and sweepstakes law and their related intellectual property and business needs across a wide range of industries.

FLG also offers clients a compelling combination of experience, exceptional service, and value. The firm consists of client-focused lawyers dedicated to delivering innovative, pragmatic and timely business legal strategies.

Andrea Friedman, the firm's founder, owner and managing attorney has, based on the results of surveys of peers, been recognised by the Leading Lawyers Network as a Leading Lawyer in Intellectual Property for the past nine years. During these nine years, Ms Friedman has also been selected as a Leading Lawyer in the fields of Advertising & Media Law as well as Entertainment & Sports Law. Ms Friedman also has been recognised for inclusion in the Worldwide Who's Who Registry of executives, Professionals and Entrepreneurs in 2012.

FLG is known for its unique approach to client engagement. Ms Friedman noted: "Although we welcome engagement for individual matters, we are at our best when we function in the manner of in-house counsel, serving clients without such in-house capability or, in the ideal model, as an organic extension to the client's existing in-house counsel. We are adept at partnering directly with clients' business/marketing staff, developing a comprehensive understanding of the client's business and market, its brand equities, its overall marketing goals and, the final critical element – the client's tolerance level for legal and business risk."

Ms Friedman added: "Marketing campaigns have become more global and Internet-based during the past decade. Privacy issues differ among countries and regions and are of prime concern. Issues of local taste and culture are blurring in our global marketing economy, but have not disappeared and, where they exist, are fiercely held. Therefore, working with local counsel has never been more critical.

"Our lawyers have been working with local counsel in the trademark, advertising and sweepstakes area for many years, and possess the legal and interpersonal skills needed for successful relationships that move the clients' programmes forward in a most efficient and collegial manner."

In April 2015, Ms Friedman was named one of the Top 10 Women Intellectual Property Lawyers in Illinois. "Andrea Friedman is known as a top-notch professional in not only marketing law, but in such diverse fields as intellectual property, advertising, media, sports and arts law," said Scott Anderson, director of Leading Lawyers and publisher of Leading Lawyers Magazine. "The fact her peers selected her as one of the top 10 in her field is a recognition of that skill and reputation."

Ms Friedman concluded: "For the coming 12 months, FLG has undertaken to expand its capabilities in the area of general business counselling and regulatory compliance, including franchise and retailing matters and IT contract negotiation. This expansion underscores the firm's commitment to helping our clients navigate a broad range of business and legal challenges as they pursue and achieve their strategic goals."

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Founded in 1988, Rosenbaum IP, PC combines professional and technical skills to position IP portfolios for achieving clients' business goals. While having particular expertise in the life sciences, we provide a full spectrum of intellectual property legal services in a wide array of fields from biotechnology to semiconductor processing.

Our overarching philosophy is to partner with our clients to establish and maintain coherence between the client's business objectives and the intellectual property strategy and its execution to build value in an IP portfolio.

We have a client-first culture. As the founder of the firm, my philosophy is to ensure first, that all activities at the firm are client-centric, and, second, that I am consistently available to clients, attorneys and firm staff to support them in accomplishing their goals to better serve the client.

Our firm brings big firm expertise, experience and capability to our clients while operating in a smaller firm environment. This allows us to serve earlier stage pre-revenue technology companies as well as established companies and grow with our clients throughout their life cycle.

We have focused on developing skills required to effectively represent our clients in the Medical Laser field, and have sustained and grown that skill set over many years and across many changes in this dynamic field.

Clients in our sector should look for a design protection law firm that communicates its understanding of the role of design protection in the overall IP portfolio and how to both creatively and effectively meld design protection for a given product concept with other forms of IP protection available for that product concept. Design protection is a routine component of our IP scope analysis for our clients' products and product concepts.

In terms of the challenges we face, the pendulum has swung away from a broader effect of patents, back to more incremental effect of patents. Patent rights are being judicially curtailed, both from a subject matter scope as well as from an enforcement scope. I expect this trend to continue for the foreseeable future. This places on a premium on ensuring an open dialog with our clients to ensure the coherence in business purpose and IP strategy and its execution.

The biggest impacts on our business are also the biggest opportunities and the biggest challenges. One is the highly fluid state of the definition of patent eligible subject matter. Another is the legislative and regulatory environment seeking to stem the exponential growth of patent infringement litigation and the effect that such initiatives are having on enforcement strategies.

We partner with high-technology companies to assist in developing intellectual property assets, formulating and executing strategic plans for achieving maximal value for our clients. Our clients have achieved over $1.6 Billion (USD) in market value, either through financing rounds, merger and acquisition, licensing or litigation awards. To achieve this success, we combine professional and technical skills with level-headed business principles and experience.

Once the IP plan has been identified, a management team, including business, technology and legal expertise, reviews the business objectives, considers the congruence between the plan and the objectives, then pressure-tests the plan against identified opportunities to challenge that the intellectual property assets will achieve those objectives. Being dynamic, the plan will be consistently and constantly assessed, revised, and reassessed as new objectives are identified, new opportunities are presented or new challenges arise.

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Spellmire Law Firm LLC is a firm of trial lawyers. Spellmire Law Firm is uniquely qualified to represent individuals and corporations in professional responsibility, insurance and litigation matters. Spellmire Law Firm was recently selected for inclusion in the 22nd Edition of The Best Lawyers in American in Legal Malpractice defense and prosecution. Mr. Spellmire was also named Chicago's 2016 "Lawyer of the Year" for Legal Malpractice defense by Best Lawyers. Spellmire Law Firm holds the standing record for highest legal-malpractice jury verdict in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, for $8.2 million. Through settlement, the firm has also recovered many other seven and eight figure settlements on behalf of its clients. Not only has the firm successfully prosecuted professional liability cases, it has obtained successful results in the defense of lawyers and law firms and insurance litigation.

George W. Spellmire has tried numerous legal and accounting malpractice cases and has represented hundreds of lawyers, law firms and accountants from coast to coast. He was recognized by the National Law Journal as one of the most prominent professional malpractice lawyers in the USA and he has been included since 1995 in editions of the Best Lawyers in America.

Mr. Spellmire has been AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell for more than twenty five years and is identified among the Selected Leading Illinois Attorneys and Illinois Super Lawyers in Legal Malpractice. He is a Member of the Society of Trial Lawyers and a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Spellmire Law Firm also represents numerous Fortune 500 corporations in litigation against former outside counsel nationwide. Over the years the firm has successfully helped businesses, large and small, recover millions of dollars from outside counsel and their insurers. In addition, Mr. Spellmire is frequently requested to provide expert testimony in lawyer professional liability litigation.

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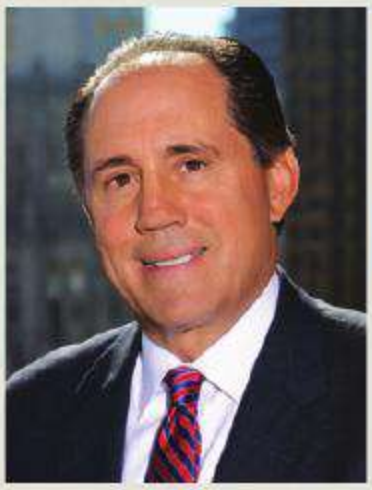
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We have argued appeals before the United States Supreme Court and numerous federal and state appeals courts. We have also tried cases in federal and state courts and before many arbitration panels across the country and around the world involving almost every foreseeable area of business controversy. Our lawyers have wide experience in many industries and bring that experience to bear to resolve business disputes favorably for our clients. We represent individuals and institutions in connection with complex contract, fraud, and unfair competition claims.

Blair C. Fensterstock founded Fensterstock & Partners LLP, a commercial litigation boutique in New York, where he is the Managing Partner. Prior to founding his present firm in 1998, Mr. Fensterstock was with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, Dewey Ballantine, and Sutherland Asbill & Brennan. From 1984-1992, he served as head of litigation for Saul Steinberg's Reliance Group and then General Counsel of Frank B. Hall & Co. Inc.

Mr. Fensterstock has served as President of the New York American Inn of Court, on the Board of the London Center for Policy Research, on the Board of Visitors of Columbia Law School, and presently is a member of the Board of the New York County Lawyers Association. In addition, he currently serves on the boards of a number of corporate clients.

Mr. Fensterstock specializes in complex commercial litigation in all areas including securities, tax shelters, fraud, insurance and reinsurance, partnership disputes, intellectual property, employment, accounting malpractice, construction, and defamation.

Having litigated in both the corporate and private law firm environments, he has successfully merged his extensive economic background and his over-35-years of litigation expertise to create novel and cost-effective means to litigate "out of the box" in a David v. Goliath world. His accomplishments include successfully trying the largest tax shelter cases in the U.S., all of the civil cases arising from the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993, a plethora of securities, intellectual property and trade secret litigations across the U.S., as well as cases in the Hague and Brazil.

Mr. Fensterstock is often quoted in Bloomberg News, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, and on CNN, NBC, CBS, and in the Asian press. He has been honored as a New York Super Lawyer, is listed in a number of Who's Who publications including as Professional of the Year for Commercial and Civil Litigation, and is the author of the chapter on Complaints in the leading West publication, Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts. He was named one of the Top 100 Lawyers in America by the Top 100 Business Magazine.

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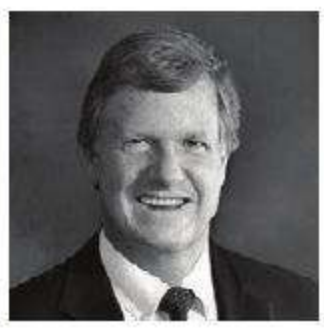
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The Export Controls and Sanctions Practice Group of Berliner, Corcoran & Rowe LLP represents Fortune 50, multinational, medium, small, and startup companies as well as think tanks, and individuals in all aspects of compliance with and enforcement of U.S. dual-use, defense, and nuclear export control regulations, as well as U.S. economic sanctions regulations (including extensive experience with Cuba, Iran, Russia/Ukraine and Syria sanctions) and U.S. antiboycott regulations. Our team is among the most experienced in the country, forming a "boutique within a boutique." Each of the eight core members of the Group has between 10 and over 30 years of experience with export controls and sanctions, and our attorneys frequently speak on a wide range of topics at national and international conferences and training programs.

BCR prides itself on providing clients large and small cost-effective compliance solutions tailored to each client's business risk profile. We assist those new to export controls setting up effective internal compliance programs as well as help clients very experienced in export controls/sanctions to fine-tune their established systems. Our team advises clients on all aspects of export controls and sanctions, including assisting with complex classifications and jurisdiction determinations, developing and implementing compliance programs and training, licensing and agreements, investigations and enforcement matters, audits and monitorships, litigation/arbitration expert testimony and export compliance representation, and transactional due diligence.

Our lawyers have experience serving in government and industry regulatory advisory groups and committees, trade and professional associations, and private business coalitions, allowing BCR attorneys to influence policy through regular interaction with policymakers, regulators, and enforcement officials. Our attorneys have also testified before Congress and advised the Executive Branch on export control and sanctions legislation and regulations, and are well respected at the political and staff levels at relevant agencies.

Serving a broad clientele has helped BCR develop experience in numerous commercial and defense industry sectors, with particular experience in computers, software, encryption, microelectronics, sensors, night vision, aerospace, automotive, medical, test & measurement, and the civil, commercial, and private exploitation of space. Our attorneys thrive on the challenge of learning new technologies and invest significant time keeping up with and analyzing the rapidly changing landscape of U.S. export controls and sanctions.

BCR's core Export Controls and Sanctions team includes Ben Flowe, Jr., Wayne Rusch, John A. Ordway, Dan Fisher-Owens, Babak Hoghooghi, Ray Gold, Michelle Turner Roberts, and Jason McClurg.

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Rothwell Figg is a quality-focused intellectual property firm known for handling high stakes matters. We are experienced, strategic, cross-disciplined and business-oriented.

Lawyer for lawyer, Rothwell Figg has handled more patent litigation in the media and financial services fields than any other law firm in the country. In the media field, we currently represent or have recently represented the following entities in intellectual property litigation: **The New York Times Company, Dow Jones, News Corporation of America, NBCUniversal, HarperCollins, Simon & Schuster, Random House, Advance Publications, ALM Media, American Media, Cox Broadcasting, CNBC, Fox News, Univision, Hulu, Time Warner, HBO, CBS, Gannett, Cognizant, Investment Technology Group, Chicago Board of Options Exchange and the McGraw-Hill Companies.**

Mr. Lieberman has been litigating patent and other intellectual property cases since 1991. He has handled a variety of lawsuits in the pharmaceutical, biotech, electronic commerce, financial services and electronics fields in the district courts, the Federal Circuit and before the International Trade Commission. Mr. Lieberman has considerable expertise and experience in handling and arguing post-grant proceedings (IPRs and CBMs) created by the America Invents Act. He advises clients regarding matters having to do with electronic commerce and privacy issues, and has successfully represented several clients in investigations initiated by the Federal Trade Commission regarding privacy matters. Mr. Lieberman also has particular expertise in the First Amendment area.

Currently, Mr. Lieberman and his team are defending The Cancer Letter in a matter where a pharmaceutical company (Amgen) has subpoenaed a journalist whose stories eight years ago revealed negative clinical trial results for a best-selling product. The Cancer Letter journalist is fighting back by insisting that the First Amendment shields him from providing the information (including confidential source information) the pharmaceutical company is seeking.

Recent patent cases involving media clients include:

1. In February, 2014, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit upheld an order by Judge Sue Robinson of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, invalidating under Section 101 a patent that CyberFone had asserted against 81 defendants. The Rothwell Figg team, led by Mr. Lieberman, Sharon Davis and Brian Rosenbloom, represented 14 defendants in the case, including CBS, CNN, Warner Bros., Fox News, HULU, Univision, Flixster and HBO. The district court granted defendants' prediscovery motion for summary judgment that CyberFone's patent, which involves a system for entering transaction data into databases, was invalid under §101.

Rothwell Figg took the lead in drafting the papers and argued the summary judgment motion on behalf of all defendants. On CyberFone's appeal to the Federal Circuit, Rothwell Figg also took the lead in drafting appellees' appeal brief and argued the appeal for all appellees. While early Section 101 motions are now quite common, the CyberFone case was one of the first cases in which a judge in the District of Delaware granted such a motion prior to discovery.

2. In March, 2015, Rothwell Figg was awarded an early victory in defending patent infringement litigation brought against Fandango, L.L.C. alleging that Fandango infringed U.S. Patent No. 6,477,503. The '503 patent relates generally to a reservation system that controls inventory, including systems for the sale of event or movie tickets. Named inventor Robert Mankes, Mankes asserted that the '503 patent was infringed by Fandango's system for selling movie tickets. In her ruling, Judge Flanagan agreed with Fandango that Mankes could not prove that Fandango's system either directly or indirectly infringed any claims of the '503 patent. As a result of this ruling, there will be no discovery and no trial on Mankes' infringement claims against Fandango.

3. In March, 2015, National Geographic Channel Network US (NGC) and Univision were sued by Rothschild for patent infringement in the Eastern District of Texas on March 19, 2015. Rothschild alleged that NGC and Univision infringe U.S. Patent No. 8,856,221, entitled "System and Method for Storing Broadcast Content in a Cloud-Based Computing Environment". The '221 patent addresses generally the provision of online video streaming or downloading with user device authentication. Rothschild brought suit alleging infringement of the '221 patent against an additional eight companies on the same day in the same court. After Rothwell Figg identified invalidating art and explained the problems with asserting this patent against its clients, Rothschild voluntarily dismissed its cases against NGC and Univision without receiving any consideration from NGC or Univision.

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Economic growth in South Asia is forecast to accelerate to 2016, led by an increase in activity in India.

The World Bank said the region's economy will expand by a real 6% in 2015 and by 6.4% in 2016 compared to 5.4% in 2014, potentially making it the second fastest growing region in the world after East Asia and the Pacific. The Indian economy, 80% of the region's output, is set to grow by 6.4% in fiscal year (FY) 2015/16 after 5.6% in FY 2014/15. Other countries in the region are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Reviewing the risks facing South Asia's economies, home to a fourth of mankind, the report notes that all developing economies are vulnerable to the effects of monetary tightening in a recovering US economy and of stagnation in the weaker Eurozone. However, bigger effects on the fortunes of the region could come from domestic developments. Political turmoil and non-sustainable fiscal policies could undermine stability and investor confidence, whereas sound macroeconomic policies and economic reforms could spur faster growth.

Exports have recently shown a strong export performance in many South Asian countries, the report said, growing in the double digits in several of them. While sales abroad were boosted by favourable tailwinds, such as the depreciation of the Indian rupee in 2013, there are also deeper trends at play. Export diversification by type of product increased, as did the share of emerging markets in total exports. These are manifestations of an increasingly stronger position of the region in global markets.

Countries in the region should build on this strength. As East Asian

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labour costs increase, South Asia has an opportunity to become the manufacturing hub of the world; but achieving this will require boosting competitiveness.

Developing countries in East Asia Pacific will see slightly slower economic growth in 2014, but the pace of growth in the region, excluding China, will pick up in 2015, as the gradual recovery in high-income economies boosts demand for exports from the region, according to the East Asia Pacific Economic Update released today by the World Bank. Still, developing East Asia Pacific remains the fastest-growing region in the world.

Developing East Asia will grow by 6.9% in 2014 and 2015 combined, down from 7.2% in 2013, the report says. In China, growth will ease slightly to 7.4% in 2014 (final figures) and 7.2% in 2015, as the government seeks to put the economy on a more sustainable path with policies addressing financial vulnerabilities and structural constraints. Excluding China, growth in developing countries in the region is expected to bottom out at 4.8% in 2014, before rising to 5.3% in 2015, as exports rise and domestic economic reforms advance in the large Southeast Asian economies.



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Our clients are people throughout Australia and the United Kingdom (UK) who are in need of a broad range of personal legal services. They want lawyers who are accessible and able to provide expert advice on their legal matters at an affordable price. Our clients came to us for individual legal needs, as well as group actions. They come from all backgrounds and socio-economic circumstances.

What is Estate Planning?

Estate Planning is not just about having a Will. It involves the review, management and control of your personal, family and business affairs while you are alive and when you pass away. It can be as simple as having a Will, but often involves powers of attorney, enduring guardianships and sometimes more.

A well-considered Estate Plan can cover your current lifestyle needs, your retirement plans, your business arrangements, your tax position, future critical events such as divorce, health scares and family disputes as well as ensuring your assets go exactly where you wish them to go.

We understand your unique circumstances and can help establish an estate plan that's right for you.

A legal Will gives you peace of mind that your loved ones will be taken care of. Our dedicated Wills, probate and estate litigation lawyers have a thorough knowledge of this potentially complex area.

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We can advise you on completing and updating a Will, preparing powers of attorney and enduring powers of guardianship, administration of a deceased estate, including superannuation and death benefits, and Will disputes.

Your Estate Plan should be structured around what you expect to happen, and flexible enough to accommodate changed laws or changed circumstances.

Rod Cunich

Rod Cunich has 36 years' experience in consumer, business, corporate and commercial law and practice.

A director of numerous companies and Not For Profit organisations over the last 30 years, Rod's clients benefit from both his extensive legal expertise and his first hand commercial experience.

Rod has lectured nationally and internationally on a range of topics relating to business transactions, business structures, corporate governance, wealth protection, personal estate planning and business exit planning.

For the last five years Rod has managed Slater and Gordon's Wealth Protection and Estate Planning Division Nationally. This Division includes, Wealth Protection, Business Succession Planning, Personal Estate Planning, Probate and Estate Administration. For that this period he has practised primarily in these disciplines:

Expertise

- Wealth Protection
- Succession Planning – personal and business
- Corporate and Personal Insolvency
- Corporate and Commercial Law and Practice
- Reconstruction and business turnaround solutions

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Broad & Bright, founded in 2004, is a full-service Chinese law firm providing a broad range of specialized legal services in multiple practice areas for domestic and international clients, Among the various practice areas. Broad & Bright is one of the leading law firms in antitrust law practice in China.

The antitrust team of Broad & Bright has extensive and expertise in the competition law practice, including merger control review, cartel investigation, antirust compliance and counseling. The quality service has won the recognition by the clients and the legal society. It has been awarded by prestigious legal ranking publications such as Chambers, Global Competition Review, China Business Law Journal, and Asian Law & Practice.

Ms. Feng Yao is one of the founding members of Broad & Bright since 2004 and she is also the head of BB's antitrust team. She graduated from Jilin University Law School, Jilin, China, with a LL.B. and from Columbia Law School, New York, with a LL.M. Upon graduation from Jilin University, she worked in MOFTEC (now the Ministry of Commerce) as governmental counsel and later worked at Washington D.C. Office of Covington & Burling till 2003.

BB is widely recognized as the tier 1 antitrust team and has won a lot of awards for the excellent performance in antitrust area, including Antitrust Firm of the Year by Chamber and Partners 2011, China Law and Practice 2013 and 2014, ACQ Global Awards, etc.

Experience in Anti-monopoly Practice

Since August 1, 2008, MOFCOM has received more than 1,000 filings to date, out of which Broad & Bright has represented over 200 filings, many of which are either high profile or significant cases. Broad & Bright is one of the local firms that handle most of the cases.

Broad & Bright is experienced and has the expertise in handling sensitive and complicated cases. In MOFCOM's 24 conditional approvals so far, Broad & Bright handled 9 conditional clearances, including China's first conditional approval of Inbev's acquisition of AB beer. In 2009, Broad & Bright represented Coca-Cola in its acquisition of Huiyuan case, which is one of the most complicated filings in China and involved political concerns. Besides, Broad & Bright is the firm that handles most of the conditional clearances in China up till now.

Broad & Bright has also advised many clients on various antitrust issues, including representing clients in cartel investigations and other behavioral investigations with National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC).

In addition, Broad & Bright has extensive experience in advising international companies in compliance with the AML.

EDITOR'S CHOICE - LOGISTICS LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN CHINA

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Shanghai Kai-Rong Law Firm, founded in 1998, with a team of experienced and highly regarded professionals, is a dynamic legal boutique offering clients representation in commercial transactions and disputes settlements.

The firm practices in all areas of logistics, including but not limited to disputes on freight, cargo damage and loss, releasing goods without B/L, vessel / truck chartering, warehouse leasing, warehouse handling and so on, from road to sea and to air, and from transaction structuring to dispute settlement. Its reputation for delivering the highest quality advice and outcomes for clients in the logistics sector is built on its specialist legal knowledge and in-depth understanding of the logistics industry. It fully understands the problems of the logistics industry and how this industry works, so it is capable of providing to clients advices for their daily business and operation and also its opinions on unique challenges that they may face every day. Since the firm is experienced in dealing with lots of cases in the field of logistics, it knows exactly what the clients want and how to solve the problems. Therefore, it can give the clients straightforward advice that makes business sense for the clients. As one of the leading logistics law firms in China, the firm has successfully handled with a lot of logistics cases, and won high praise from clients on its high-effective legal service. It has been continuously selected by famous legal ranking institutions such as ALB, Chambers and Partners as the leading shipping firm in China.

Its clients cover different roles in this sector of logistics, from ship-owner, airlines, to trucker, from cargo owner to forwarder, from warehouse to container operator, such as, Air Cargo, CTS, JHJ, Agility, Schenker, Sinotrans, Scan, EXCEL, KF, Pacorini, CWT, China Elec-Trans, OnTime Express, P&P Logistics, Jupiter Forwarding, Great Richwell Logistics, TMT and etc.

In the past year, the firm continued to maintain and enlarge its leading role in dispute resolution in the field of logistics, and dealt with cases involving total disputed amount of hundreds of millions of USD.

The firm has been engaged in handling the following significant cases with high value since 2014:

- Representing a well known warehousing company to deal with its warehousing disputes in Qingdao Port worth millions of USD;
- Representing a well known warehousing company and its insurer to deal with warehousing disputes in Qingdao Port worth millions of US dollars;
- Representing PICC to deal with the case on a contract dispute on tugging by sea worth $900,000.00;
- Representing Agility to deal with a dispute from air chartering contract worth USD 1.8 million;
- Representing HengTai to deal with disputes on cargo carriage by sea worth $400,000.00;
- Representing various insurers to deal with various cases in relation to cargo losses, cargo damages, disputes on freight and so on, successfully saving its economic losses more than RMB 10 million;

The firm expects companies in this industry to improve its own business risk-control and service level, in order to minimize legal risks and avoid unnecessary disputes. Once disputes occur, turning to a professional legal law firm/lawyer may be the best and economic way to solve the problem.

In the past year, the firm continued to maintain and enlarge its leading role in dispute resolution in the field of logistics.

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- general commercial and corporate;
- financial services;
- banking and compliance.

Our financial services legal practice group encompasses asset management and investment funds, financial services regulatory and investigations, financial services compliance and licensing, and broker-dealer related matters. Our lawyers have acted for a wide range of fund managers (from boutique to institutional, local to international), securities firms, financial advisors and other types of financial services firms.

Our lawyers have acted for a wide range of fund managers in the formation of private funds (encompassing hedge funds, private equity funds and real estate funds) as well as SFC authorized funds and RQFIIs. Our lawyers are able to advise and create investment vehicles and structures which are similar to those that are typical of private funds. These can be limited companies, limited partnerships or trusts. Our lawyers are also experienced in acting for investors (for example family offices, HNWIs and institutional investors) in their investments into private funds.

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Lawrence Yeung

Mr. Lawrence Yeung is a founding partner of Messrs. Yu, Chan and Yeung established in 1997.

He was admitted as solicitor of HKSAR in 1994 and England and Wales in 1997. He also worked for an international and state-owned bank carrying on banking business in Hong Kong prior to his admission. Since the '90s, he actively acts for Hong Kong licensed banks and securities firms in a wide range of transactions and is knowledgeable about and experienced in banking-related operations, securities-related transactions and other business and commercial arrangements. His clientele includes both local and international banks, listed companies, securities firms and other international corporations.

Lawrence is highly experienced in acting for clients in the entire SFC licensing cycle which includes, without limitation, application for licenses for regulated activities under the SFO, waivers or other regulatory approvals and permits thereunder as well as dealing with regulatory inspections, investigations, enforcements and disciplinary proceedings. He also advises clients on licensing, regulatory, market conduct, broker-dealer and compliance related issues and is engaged in drafting documents for the capital market transactions. He is also retained by securities firms to act as service provider for the outsourced compliance functions.

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We operate on a worldwide basis; not defined by geographical borders, cultures, contract types, jurisdictions, arbitral or litigation processes.

Most of our work is on large, complex projects often with intricate contracting arrangements. For a single appointment a dispute may range from US$10million to in excess of US$200 million.

Since our formation in 2006 we have been appointed on more than 65 occasions for projects in Central America, Middle East, South and East Asia and have produced evidence for courts and arbitral tribunals in Dubai, Hong Kong, London, Singapore and Sri Lanka.

We adopt a consistent approach to our work. All appointments are treated the same regardless of the dispute details. Therefore there is consistency in the services we provide and the manner in which we treat our clients.

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We have worked alongside many leading construction senior counsel and international law firms and have produced evidence for renowned arbitral tribunals. We know what is expected of us and we deliver.

We have had continual feedback as to the credibility of the services we provide through awards and decisions published by arbitral tribunals and courts. There is no better measure of competence than by the judicial power itself.

Our success derives from our integrity and continuing commitment to provide a highly professional service. We will not accept an appointment that we are unable to commit to or excel at, because it is the quality of our work and our reputation that we strive for and therefore we will not settle for giving less than our best.

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Hung, Au Yeung & Partners is thrilled to be awarded "IP Law Firm of the Year in Hong Kong - 2015" by Global Law Experts. We are a boutique law firm which specializes in handling intellectual property and information technology matters in Hong Kong, China and the Asia Pacific region.

We strive to provide strategic, business-oriented and cost-effective legal services with practical solutions to domestic and international corporations, businesses and entrepreneurs. We see ourselves not only as our clients' trusted external legal adviser, but more as their business partner and an extension to their in-house legal team in the Asia Pacific region.

The Founder and Managing Partner of the firm has eight years of solid experience as senior legal counsel in Asia Pacific for one of the world's largest and most prestigious luxury/retail groups handling all legal, compliance and intellectual property matters, and before that ten years in private practice in large international law firms.

Our expertise extends beyond intellectual property and brand protection to corporate and commercial, technology and R&D, distribution, e-commerce and social media, entertainment, franchising, distribution and licensing, retail operations, product quality, consumer protection and other practice areas. We are a member of the International Trademark Association (INTA).

We pride ourselves of our integrity and trustworthiness and we would like to help our clients operate and grow their businesses in their preferred ways in our part of the world.

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CWL Partners is a commercial law firm that seeks to offer clients the very best standards of service in selected practice areas with a high degree of personal attention from senior lawyers on each matter the firm handles.

The firm operates a purely commercial practice focusing on, among other areas, Corporate Finance, China Trade & Investment, Corporate & Commercial, Dispute Resolution, Investment Funds, Securities Regulation & Enforcement, Banking & Finance, Media & Entertainment, and Intellectual Property (with a special focus on patents).

Clients include listed and private companies, PRC enterprises, multinational groups, investment banks and financial institutions, private equity groups and hedge funds, as well as entrepreneurs and high net-worth individuals.

CWL Partners has a well-established formal association with the global law firm Nixon Peabody LLP (www.nixonpeabody.com). This allows the firm to offer clients access to approximately 700 lawyers collaborating across major global practice areas, and provide expanded services from 16 offices in the USA, the UK and China.

The firm also has an association with Hylands Law Firm, a leading PRC firm, which allows it to provide enhanced services to clients doing business in the PRC.

Kenneth Wong is a founding partner of CWL Partners and Head of Corporate Finance. His corporate finance experience includes initial public offerings, rights issues, placings, capital reorganisations and notifiable transactions under the Listing Rules of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, as well as takeovers of Hong Kong listed companies. He deals with Hong Kong securities regulatory compliance matters on a day-to-day basis.

Mr. Wong's client base includes a wide range of Hong Kong listed companies in the industrial and property sectors, investment banks and financial advisers as well as high net-worth entrepreneurs and start-up companies. He is well-known for acting as think-tank for his clients, and for advising and assisting in the structuring of transactions at an early stage.

CWL Partners is typically involved in several IPOs each year. The firm focuses mainly on transactions involving mid-market issuers, both on the Main Board and GEM, often of companies whose major shareholders are from Mainland China or international jurisdictions. A significant number of the firm's corporate finance transactions involve Chinese entities or holding companies with investments in China. The firm also assists on dual listings, and on the Hong Kong and China aspects of listings on other markets such as SGX, NASDAQ and AIM.

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Mr. Moser is currently an arbitrator member of 20 Essex Street Chambers in London and Singapore. He is based in Hong Kong. He is Honorary Chairman of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, a Member of the Board of Directors of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, a Member of the Court of the Vienna International Arbitration Centre and a former member of the London Court of International Arbitration and the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce Arbitration Board.

Mr. Moser has resided in Asia for more than 30 years. He has acted as arbitrator, mediator or counsel in more than 300 international proceedings conducted under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and institutional rules, including those of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the AAA/ICDR, the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), and others.

Recent arbitral appointments include: Chairman in an ICSID-administered arbitration in Paris with The Honorable Yves Fortier QC and Toby Landau QC (co-arbitrators); Chairman in an SIAC arbitration in Singapore involving a dispute pertaining to coalbed methane deposits in mainland China; Chairman in an ICC arbitration in Singapore involving oil and gas deposits in Indonesia; Co-arbitrator in an arbitration at The Hague under a BIT between an Asian government and a European corporation; and Chairman in an arbitration in Hong Kong between a private equity group and a Chinese Government entity involving alleged expropriation in an infrastructure project.

Mr. Moser has been widely recognized for his work with entries in the leading professional directories including Who's Who in the World, The World's Leading Lawyers, Asia Pacific Legal 500 and Who's Who Legal. Chambers Global 2010 listed Mr. Moser as one of the world's "most in demand arbitrators". Who's Who Legal 2012 named Mr. Moser among the top 20 "most highly regarded individuals" in international commercial arbitration. Chambers Global 2013 listed Mr Moser as one of the world's "most in demand arbitrators". Who's Who Legal 2014 described Mr Moser as "a really brilliant arbitrator".

Mr. Moser is also the author or editor of numerous articles and books on Chinese legal topics, including: Asia Arbitration Handbook (Oxford University Press, 2011); Hong Kong Arbitration: A User's Guide (CCH/Kluwer, 2008); Arbitration in Asia (Juris, 2008); and Asian Leading Arbitrators' Guide to International Arbitration (Juris, 2007).

BOUTIQUE - LITIGATION LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN INDIA

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Karanjawala & Company was founded in 1983 by Mr Raian Karanjawala and Mrs Manik Karanjawala, and operates today out of two offices in New Delhi. The firm has eight partners and the strength of about 70 lawyers at present.

The firm over the years has come to dominate the litigation landscape and has serviced a wide variety of clients from ordinary litigants to royal families, politicians, corporate houses and largest media companies. It is equally at ease handling the day-to-day cases of ordinary litigants as it is handling the legal disputes of many royal families. Though historically its practice began with a predominant Supreme Court and High Court emphasis, it has today expanded in a manner, which ensures that it has a presence in all the subordinate courts and tribunals in the National Capital Region, and its services are often enlisted to handle litigation on a pan–India basis. The Firm has also been engaged before various Commissions of Inquiry set up in India to investigate politically sensitive events that have occurred which the Government of the day felt were of sufficient importance to merit the appointment of a special commission of inquiry. Over the years, the Firm has also developed a very strong Arbitration and Mediation practice.

The Firm features in over 400 reported judgments of the Supreme Court and has filed and dealt with more than 18,000 matters till date. Though historically, the firm's practice began with predominant Supreme Court and High Court emphasis, it has today expanded in a manner which ensures that it has a presence in all the subordinate courts and tribunals in the NCR, including: District Courts, Appellate Tribunal for Electricity, National Green Tribunal, Company Law Board, Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal, Competition Appellate Tribunal, National Consumer Disputes' Redressal Commission, State Consumer Disputes' Redressal Commission, Appellate Authority of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, Debt Recovery Tribunals & Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal, etc.

The approach of the Firm is reflected in its working creed. The Firm believes in thought-through advice, effective and expeditious execution, and competitive and cost effective pricing. The Firm's pragmatism and all round professionalism has been highly valued by clients. Also, the client is always that of the Firm and never of an individual; and therefore the most optimum and client friendly utilization of talent is assured.

For certain clients, not only does the firm handle matters in Delhi, it virtually handles all their litigation throughout India either through our in-house team or, if need be, through counsels briefed and instructed by us on their behalf. The firm also as a result of the bulk and pan-India nature of the litigation, it handles on behalf of some of its clients like Hindustan Times, Proctor and Gamble, DLF Ltd., Yes Bank, Adani Enterprises and the Tata Group acquired the capacity to handle and supervise litigation all over, and has built up a strong network of advocates through whom it can co-ordinate the handling of matters in other parts of the country.

BOUTIQUE - M&A LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN INDIA



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FORTITUDE LAW ASSOCIATES

FORTITUDE LAW ASSOCIATES is a full-service law firm where lawyers from diverse backgrounds have integrated their intellectual capital to provide clients with well-rounded and effective legal advice. The firm focuses on representing clients having business interests in India on all aspects of Indian laws and regulations affecting their industries. We specialize in strategic legal and regulatory advice coupled with industry expertise in an integrated manner. We focus on niche areas in which we provide significant value and are invariably involved in select highly complex, innovative transactions.

Mr. Mahajan's practice focuses on the corporate and commercial laws of India with emphasis on cross-border transactions. Mr. Mahajan advises on mergers and acquisitions, securities laws, financing laws, telecommunications and IT regulations, investment regulations, entry strategies for multinationals and general advice on corporate and commercial laws. Mr. Mahajan has negotiated and advised on multi-jurisdictional joint-venture and shareholder agreements, technology transfer agreements, financing documents, investment agreements, corporate due diligence matters, assisted on public tender offers, and advised on corporate and commercial laws. He has also represented companies in various industries, including aviation, banking, entertainment media, software technology, satellite, telecommunications, textiles and venture capital funds.

Mr. Mahajan has been ranked as a leading practitioner in the Corporate (Merger & Acquisition) area by Chambers Asia, 2009. Moreover, he was recognized as regulatory counsel in the Telecommunications, Information Technology and Media Industries, Who's Who Legal, 2007, 2008 and 2009; as well as being noted as a Communications and Financial Services specialist, Legal 500, 2008.

Bar Admission: India, New York Bar (Legal Consultant)

Regarding FORTITUDE LAW ASSOCIATES' key strengths, Mr Mahajan cited the firm's strong relationships with various international law firms, which have enabled it to provide legal counsel carefully nurtured to its clients' global requirements.

He added: "2015 started as a very busy year for the firm. We are currently in the midst of closing two big ticket acquisitions for our client in the areas of gas sector and a listed transaction.

"Today, our key clients include marquee repeat Fortune 500 clientele, of which more than 60% are US corporations. Another main strength of our firm is that it has strong relationships with various international law firms – which has enabled us to provide legal counsel carefully nurtured to our clients' global requirements."

BUSINESS LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN INDIA



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Khare Legal Chambers' vision is to influence complex global business environment with top class legal acumen enabling their clients to make a difference, for clients to maintain their leadership position, to enable clients to be a game changer in their business.

What differentiates them is their approach and belief which is to provide simple, practical, implementable solutions to complex business environment. For this, Khare Legal Chambers' engage with their clients, to understand their requirements, focus on them to provide best suitable solutions. Having highest regard for integrity, ethics and core values – clients and theirs. Khare Legal Chambers' provide solutions which are aligned to their clients' business interests and integrated to core values, which enables their clients to take better informed decisions. This empowers the Firm's clients. This is success to them.

Khare Legal Chambers advise on commercial disputes, transactional and corporate matters including contracts, commercial issues, regulatory affairs, finance and property matters.

Most important to them is the individual requirement of their clients. Khare Legal Chambers provide personalised tailor made legal solutions for each of their client for each issue independent of advice provided for similar issues earlier.

Khare Legal Chambers help corporate organisations work smarter in a competitive environment. Khare Legal Chambers intend to be the catalyst in building effective organisation, reduce costs, manage risk and leverage talent.

In India their offices are in Mumbai, New Delhi and Pune, the 3 major corporate centres of India. Internationally, Khare Legal Chambers LLP have alliance with law firms in all major jurisdictions which cover all possible areas of law which their clients may require.

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CRAWFORD BAYLEY & CO.

Crawford Bayley & Co., established in 1830, is one of India's oldest and best known law firms, with rich and well-endowed experience in several practice areas. It currently has a team of 150 members, including 20 partners, more than 100 associates and 15 paralegal personnel, and a supporting staff of more than 75 individuals. It has served its Indian clients with complete dedication and adherence.

The firm's individual partners specialise in the following practice areas: corporate and commercial practice, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, joint ventures and foreign collaboration, privatisation and disinvestment, banking and corporate finance, intellectual property law, litigation and dispute resolution, real estate and property law, indirect taxation, labour and employment, admiralty and shipping law, information technology, e-banking and e-commerce.

In addition to these, Crawford Bayley & Co. provides many more legal services for its international clients worldwide. The firm's partners and several of its assistants have decades of extensive legal experience and have been advising various leading Indian and foreign companies on a vast variety of matters.

Sanjay Asher, Crawford Bayley & Co. Senior Partner, is a Solicitor and a Chartered Accountant with more than 23 years of experience in the field of M&A, cross-border M&A, joint ventures and capital markets. He advises large, medium and small business enterprises in these areas.

Mr Asher was an invitee to the committee formed by the Indian Department of Disinvestment for standardising the transaction documents to privatise the public sector enterprises of the government of India. In addition, he has been a speaker at various seminars and conferences organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Institute of Chartered Secretaries of India, Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Indian Merchant Chambers and International Financial Law Review. He has also authored several articles published in national and international publications.

Crawford Bayley & Co. is consistently engaged by India's biggest corporate houses, as well as major multinational corporations, requiring advice on several complex matters such as company laws, securities laws, revenue / taxation laws, dispute resolution, labour laws, foreign exchange laws and pharmaceutical laws, among others. It is also actively involved in representing its clients on a multitude of matters before various Indian courts, tribunals, forums and regulatory authorities.

When the Indian market liberalised in the early 1990s, Crawford Bayley & Co. was the firm of choice for international clients. It still has a broad capability and a number of industry sector experts, and ranks within the top 10 or 15 Indian firms for corporate deals. Its two fundamentals are 'trustful and worthy services' while serving potential clients.

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IP ENFORCEMENT LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN INDIA



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Lall Lahiri & Salhotra (LLS) today is one of the most reputed and well-regarded law firms in India with exceptional team experience, domain expertise and a business centric approach. LLS is also known for its pro-active measures, fresh thinking as well as providing services of the highest calibre to all its clients. Consisting of over 55 attorneys (including six partners) and a support staff of 85, including attorneys, patent agents, scientific and engineering experts, life sciences experts, transactional attorneys and company secretaries in two locations, LLS is fast expanding to become the foremost legal advisory practices in the country.

Rahul Chaudhry is the managing partner of LLS and has been at the helm of the firm's entire practice since June 2007, turning it from a small family-run law practice into one of the finest, professionally managed, business oriented full service law firms in India. He has directed and managed the changes in LLS' operations, structure and business approach, resulting in considerable increase in the strength of the whole team and expertise of LLS. His vision of ensuring that the best legal talents be pooled at LLS has resulted in immense depth of knowledge available for clients to rely upon.

Mr. Chaudhry adopts a solutions-based approach to all matters entrusted to him by his clients. Not satisfied by merely elucidating the law, he encourages his clients to develop long term strategies based on business goals and long term cost-benefit analysis. Under his leadership, LLS has represented clients in several high stakes legal battles and he is often relied upon for advice and representation in court matters by clients from diverse range of industries.

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

He is also sought by his clients for managing, representing and advising on court strategy and his record in achieving positive results for clients in the most pitched battles is well-known. Clients from diverse industrial backgrounds seek his legal and business acumen, making him amongst the leading advisors in the country. As a result LLS has developed an enviable legal practice with decades of experience and a team consisting of the most eminent legal practitioners with specialist intellectual property, corporate, commercial and transactional expertise.

LLS's practice areas include:

- Intellectual Property Law
- Trademarks
- Designs
- Information Technology & Cyber Laws
- Capital Markets
- Foreign Investment & Joint Ventures
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- Regulatory Practice & Legal Compliance
- Copyright & Broadcasting
- Patents
- Geographical Indications
- Antitrust & Competition
- Corporate Compliance & Secretarial
- Infrastructure
- Media & Telecommunications
- Dispute Resolution

CLIENT CHOICE - CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN INDONESIA



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SIMBOLON & PARTNERS LAW FIRM ("S&P") is one of the fastest growing Indonesian law firms who provide comprehensive legal services to companies and individuals ("the Clients"). Our vision is to be one of the largest law firms in Indonesia and always enriching and updating our knowledge in order to serve our Clients with proper legal advice. Our mission is to provide high-quality and caring representation to the Clients. S&P is Indonesian law firm with a high profile team of professionals who render comprehensive legal services to Clients, both domestic and foreign to achieve their goals and serve their needs. We, S&P understand that we operate in global transnational transaction and we act and represent our Clients where the corruption in business environment may exist and however never be an excuse for us. We, S&P take zero tolerance approach to bribery and corruption. We are committed to prevention, detection and investigation to bribery and corruption.

S&P provides legal service in the form of consultation, contracts drafting, legal due diligence, legal opinion, negotiating, in relation to establish a joint venture, merger, take-over, dissolution of a company, sale-purchase of company assets, corporate restructuring, public offering (go public), and others. Simbolon & Partners provides legal services in establishing a limited liability company (PT), domestic capital investment and foreign capital investment (PT PMA), Representative Office, partnership, foundations, International Non Government Organization and cooperatives; S&P also provides a corporate secretarial services in arranging of all company document including deeds of incorporation, amendments to the company articles of association, and others.

Quality of Services

As one of the best law practices in Indonesia, we strive to maintain the highest standards of practice through a process of selectively recruiting the best people for the job, careful supervision, and rigorous training. Our lawyers are dedicated to provide the best quality services to our clients. We strive to meet and exceed customers' expectations by working together to provide information and services, which is personalized to our clients' needs.

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We will protect the confidentiality of any information that you provide to us and avoid conflicts of interest in representing you. The teamwork that we build at Simbolon & Partners would take their responsibilities very seriously and will never discuss your affairs with any other person or organization outside the firm without your express permission. We understand that clients need to know that they can trust a firm before asking it to give them advice.

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CORPORATE IP LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN INDONESIA



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Chamelia Sari, founder and Managing Partner at Prawiranegara International Patent & Trademark Law Office, has been a recipient of numerous awards in law fields, including 2004 IPA Awards, as well as such accolades as 'Advisory Excellence in Indonesia' from Corporate INTL magazine and 'Corporate IP Law Firm of the Year in Indonesia' from Global Law Experts' International Awards, both in 2013. Ms Sari is also on the board of directors at AEA – the Association of European Lawyers, representing the Asian region from 2014 onwards.

Prawiranegara was established in 1999. Five years after running the firm, Ms Sari received a prestigious International Professional Award from the Ministry of Research and Technology, Republic of Indonesia.

Her day-to-day work includes advising a diverse Indonesian clients and multinational companies on matters of intellectual property rights. This extends to answering the common questions posed by clients prior to protecting their intellectual property assets. Ms Sari noted: "The important thing in intellectual property is that we have to respect our intellectual property right – and other people's right. You can do business in peace if you create or invent original products and do not claim something which is not your right."

Every individual, every company has the same right to protect their exclusive rights. In IP fields, every creation, invention or products need to be protected. Ms Sari added: "My clients vary from individual or companies who produce aeroplane, dairy goods, food and beverage products, toiletries and medical equipment, as well as those residing in industries such as oil and gas, education, cosmetics, tour and travel, hospitality, telecommunications, retail, book authors even famous rock band."

Looking to the future, Ms Sari noted that IP protection trends relating to the next five years in Indonesia will be particularly challenging. The awareness of protecting their intellectual property rights is increasing more and more. Indonesia and other countries in the Southeast Asia region will form an integrated region, known as the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC). MEA is a form of realisation of the ultimate goal of economic integration in Southeast Asia.

Ms Sari concluded by noting: "One thing that will be the focus of the AEC, which can be used as a good momentum for Indonesia, is that countries in Southeast Asia will be used as a unified region market and production base. Unity of the market and production base will improve the flow of goods, services, investment, capital and skilled labour. There will be fewer barriers between countries in Southeast Asia.

"The MEA will improve the economic region's status as a high-level competitor, and new policies will be required, such as those concerning competition policy, consumer protection, taxation, E-Commerce and, of course, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). With a population in excess of 250 million – and with a growing middle class – Indonesia is becoming a significant international market, not only for industry in Southeast Asia, but also from other region all over the world, which needs law protection in the field of intellectual property rights."

BUSINESS LITIGATION LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN JAPAN



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Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP is honored to be selected by *Global Law Experts* as "Business Litigation Law Firm of the Year in Japan" for 2015.

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 nearly 700 lawyers in 18 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 over the course of their careers and have won 88.2% of them. The firm represents defendants in the majority of its engagements, but when representing plaintiffs, its lawyers have won over $44 billion in judgments and settlements. Its attorneys have also obtained five 9-figure jury verdicts, twenty-three 9-figure settlements, and eleven 10-figure settlements. Quinn Emanuel uses its trial reputation and power to get better and quicker settlements for its clients.

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. Similar to *Global Law Experts*, *Corporate INTL Magazine* also named Quinn Emanuel "Business Litigation Law Firm of the Year in Japan" for 2015.

Quinn Emanuel is renowned for having the best litigation practice in the U.S., and its European offices have received similar accolades. In multijurisdictional litigation, the firm's Tokyo office seamlessly collaborates with other Quinn Emanuel IP lawyers around the globe to provide clients with cost-efficient and effective representation in these matters worldwide.

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Manuela António – Lawyers and Notaries is a law firm founded in 1986 by Manuela António, a long-time local resident, and evolved steadily to become one of the leading firms in Macau with a long experience and tradition of excellence.

Large enough to handle complex cases, yet being able to maintain a close personal relationship with its clients, Manuela António – Lawyers and Notaries is well suited to provide legal services of any kind as well as to represent both local and foreign individuals and corporations.

A large portion of our clients are companies based in other jurisdictions. We work on a day-to-day basis with companies and individuals based in the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, the U.S.A., Great Britain, Australia, Japan, South Korea and Singapore, among others.

The firm has an extensive and loyal client base, which includes the local units of the largest world banks, one of the six gaming license holders, several construction companies and local property developers, mass transport operators as well as international insurers. As a result, we have been involved in some of the most relevant projects in Macau.

We are a full service law firm and we cover all areas of practice. The firm currently consists of around 50 people, among lawyers, trainees, consultants, paralegals and three in-house notaries, and has comprehensive experience and in-depth knowledge in all legal areas, enabling us to fully understand the issues that affect our clients, hence providing assistance that protects their best interests.

Several of our lawyers even have international experience from studying or practicing abroad, giving them the required global perspective to best serve our international clients. Bilingual Portuguese and Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) lawyers ensure the provision of services in both languages as frequently as needed.

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Our lawyers are also fluent in English, Spanish, French and German.

Our goal is to provide legal services of the highest quality in a timely and efficient manner, always keeping in mind the actual needs of our clients. The firm is known for adopting an efficient and pragmatic approach, in order to give a technically accurate and swift response to its clients.

Manuela António – Founding Partner

Manuela António is a well-known lawyer and private notary in Macau and the founding partner of the firm. Involved in every instance of all cases, she is the heart and soul of the firm since it opened in 1986.

Highly regarded for her consistent legal knowledge as well as pragmatic approach, Manuela has been involved in the major legal challenges that have been taking place in Macau, such as the public tender for the gaming concessions (acting for a tenderer) in 2002 and the listing abroad of several companies with subsidiaries operating in Macau.

Having a comprehensive insight of the law in Macau, Manuela is also particularly praised for her legal knowledge on Real Estate and Construction, Banking & Finance and Public and Administrative Law. She is also a very able litigator and supervises directly all cases related to dispute resolution, being often commended for her practical and balanced solutions.

More than benefiting from Manuela's legal skills, clients also tend to compliment her business savvy and unique perspective of the Region and its culture. In fact, her experience in Macau dates back to 1982, after being invited to act as legal advisor at the Macau Finance Department and later as Chief of the Taxation and Excise Services of Macau. Around that time she was also appointed Magistrate of the Tax Enforcement Court and member of the Supervisory Board of the Monetary Institute of Macau (presently, Monetary Authority of Macao) by the Macau Government.

Besides being a registered Lawyer with the Macau Lawyers' Association (since its foundation in 1991) and a Private Notary since 1991, she has been practicing as a Lawyer and Consultant in Portugal (having joined the Portuguese Bar in 1975), and acting as arbitrator in several arbitrations.

In particular, Manuela's experience was centred at the Ministry of Finance of Portugal, as legal advisor, assistant, and later chief of staff for the Minister. She also represented the Portuguese Government in several international negotiations for external financing arrangements for the public sector. Manuela also gained exposure to the private sector by being appointed member of the Supervisory Board of TAP Air Portugal and legal consultant of major Portuguese jointly-owned companies (by the Government and private individuals), such as the largest highway concessionaire in Portugal and banks. She was also Assistant Professor at the University of Lisbon.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING & FINANCE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN MALAYSIA



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ADNAN SUNDRA & LOW was originally established in August 1975 under the name of Mutalib Sundra & Low and has operated under its present name since June 1982. Our expertise spans multiple practice areas, and our core competencies include banking & finance, capital markets, civil aviation, corporate & commercial, dispute resolution, Islamic finance and real estate.

Deepak Sadasivan, our Managing Partner, is recommended as a leading lawyer in a number of legal publications, including: The Legal 500, Asialaw Leading Lawyers, IFLR 1000, Chambers and Partners in the areas of Banking & Finance and Islamic Finance in Malaysia, as well as Who's Who Legal for his expertise in Capital Markets - Islamic Finance.

Deepak's experience includes banking work such as capital market financing, security documentation, straight financing, corporate work such as acquisitions, listings, joint ventures, restructuring and corporate and commercial litigation work. His early finance experience included acting for arrangers, lenders, underwriters and agents in relation to loan facilities taken by both the Government of Malaysia and corporations and advising on the recapitalisation of various Malaysian financial institutions during the 1997–1998 Asian financial crisis.

He is particularly experienced in structuring and documenting Islamic financing transactions which include advising on the world's first exchangeable Sukuk (and also the largest ever exchangeable issuance in Malaysia); advising on the first Islamic stapled securities transaction in Malaysia; advising on the first municipal bonds in Malaysia (being also the first bonds to employ a parallel Mudharabah Islamic structure) and advising on the template documentation for an Islamic Derivatives Master Agreement.

Deepak is also extensively involved in project finance work and has advised on the financing of several significant infrastructure and energy projects in Malaysia, including the privatisation of water supply in Malaysia, coal fired power plants and the development of expressways in Malaysia.

Following the above, our firm has a particularly strong track record in advising on finance and corporate matters and has consistently been ranked as a top-tier firm in these fields.

Some of our most recent accolades include:

ALB Malaysia Law Awards 2015
Banking & Financial Services Law Firm of the Year

Finance Monthly Global Awards 2015
Islamic Finance Advisory Firm of the Year (Malaysia)

Acquisition International 2015 Offshore Excellence Awards
Best for Project Finance - Offshore Asia Pacific

IFN Deals of the Year Awards 2014
Malaysia Deal of the Year

IFLR Asia Awards 2014
National Law Firm of the Year (Malaysia).

ALB South East Asia Law Awards 2014
Malaysia Deal Firm of the Year

ALB Malaysia Law Awards 2014
Banking & Financial Services Law Firm of the Year
Malaysia Deal Firm of the Year.

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READERS' CHOICE - IP LITIGATION LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN THE PHILIPPINES



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ROMULO MABANTA BUENAVENTURA SAYOC & DE LOS ANGELES

ROMULO MABANTA BUENAVENTURA SAYOC & DE LOS ANGELES LAW OFFICE, founded in 1902, is now 113 years old. While it is a general law practice firm, it has pioneered in intellectual property law practice, and some of its key cases have been featured in Philippine Reports, the repository of the decisions of the Philippine Supreme Court. It has likewise secured favourable judgements for its clients in inter partes cases before the Intellectual Property Office (IPOPHL), in trial courts and the Court of Appeals.

Regarding intellectual property litigation, the firm also handles enforcement cases. These require obtaining a search warrant before the trial courts wherein witnesses have to be presented who will testify on the existence of counterfeit items, giving detailed description of the infringing items and showing to the court the sample infringing items that are confusingly similar to the genuine products of the client. Partner Rogelio Nicandro noted: "Careful presentation of the testimony of the witness and the detailed description of the place to be searched is necessary, because they are required by our Constitution and our procedural laws based on the due process clause."

A notable case handled by the firm involved the sale of stents, used in angioplasty surgery to allow blood to pass clogged arteries. "The offending company used the brand and packaging format of our client's famous product to pass off its products as those of our client's," said Mr Nicandro. "We successfully obtained a search warrant and, with the assistance of the police, we were able to confiscate the copycat products and stop continued sale of the counterfeit products."

The firm also handles oppositions and cancellations. It defends clients who are respondents in opposition or cancellation cases. The experience and expertise acquired by the firm through its many years of practice are the principal reasons why many multinational companies retain the firm for their IP litigation cases.

According to Mr Nicandro, IP law is highly technical and some trial courts and appellate courts are not sufficiently equipped with expertise to be able to look at a case from the standpoint of a knowledgeable IP practitioner. He added: "In 2015 so far, we have obtained a favourable decision for a multinational company engaged in the operation of a chain of hotels throughout the world for one of its trademarks consisting of a letter of the alphabet. The favourable judgement rendered by the IPOPHL was appealed to the Court of Appeals, which sustained the IPOPHL decision. The adverse party has appealed the decision to the Supreme Court where it is now pending."

He concluded by noting: "For the coming 12 months, we intend to provide our clients and prospective clients with more extensive information on the accomplishments of our firm in IP litigation through informal communications as well as a newsletter. Two issues of our newsletter have already been circulated to our clients and prospective clients."

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The occurrence of international child abduction is rising exponentially in tandem with the increase in bi-cultural marriages and the ever increasing divorce rate.

The Hague Convention is an international treaty designed to guard against the harmful effects of cross-border abductions. It provides an avenue for children wrongfully removed or retained in any Contracting State without the permission of the parent yielding custodial rights to be returned to their residential country. All Contracting States are required to engage in the most expeditious procedures available within their territories to ensure the prompt return of the abducted child.

With the announcement in 2011 that Singapore has acceded to the Convention, the firm has seen an increase in enquiries and work done on protection against cross-border abductions. Godwin Campos LLC is proud to offer services of assistance and legal advice pertaining to the procedure of retaining wrongfully abducted children.

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FUN(D) TIMES FOR CENTRAL CHAMBERS IN SINGAPORE

Central Chambers Law Corporation and their sister entity Dacheng Central Chambers LLP are seeing funds activity from different perspectives. Sara Liew, Head of Corporate at Central Chambers (the dominant entity) expressed her delight at the heightened activity in the public sector. Speaking after the NUS Enterprises event in Singapore attracting worldwide interest, she said that a major part of her involvement is in the government initiatives like the Early Stage Funding Scheme and the Technology Incubator Scheme.

Aloysius Wee, the Managing Partner of Dacheng Central Chambers (the JVA between Central Chambers and Dacheng Law Offices in China) on the other hand sees the buzz in Renminbi Funds. He was referring to funds set up in China that allows investments in other companies in the local currency (normally companies cannot invest in other companies in China).

Both Sara and Aloysius see different clients at their Cecil Street office at the heart of Singapore's financial sector for investment funds advice. Sara was herself from EDB Investments Pte Ltd, an investment arm of the Economic Development Board for 11 years before joining Central Chambers. EDB is the lead government agency attracting foreign equity funds and investments into Singapore. Aloysius, on the other hand is involved in the regional action, most notably in China. He explained his involvement in funds from India as well. Both practitioners agree that closed end funds are increasingly popular as more money is put into alternative investments due to increase in Private Equity or property funds. There is more money out there looking for good investments.

The global economic slowdown had done little to dampen the interests in funds activity.

At least, that is going by the assessment at Central Chambers. Sara is herself heavily involved in government initiatives like the National Research Foundation (NRF) and other initiatives in setting up funds to co-invest in early stage start-up companies. For instance, the Early Stage Venture Funding Scheme seeking to catalyse the set-up of several early stage venture capital funds and the Technology Incubation Scheme for co-investment and incubation of start-ups by selected Incubation Managers. Her department is also involved in the initiatives of Institutes like NUS Enterprises (which is part of the National University of Singapore) in helping and mentoring startups to bring technology to market.

All these augur well for the Practice says Ronnie Tan, their Managing Director, whose long term vision for the Practice also includes broadening their Government Support Services (GSS) Department. He elaborated that the GSS was a natural development given their provision of legal services to the public sector over the years. "Acting for Statutory Boards and government agencies puts us at the business and commercial pulse of the economy", he adds obviously alluding to the value that private sector organizations and foreign companies can expect from their expertise and network.

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Our insurance team comprises both seasoned professional litigators/advisors and those dynamic young novices who are thriving on their learning curve, of course, led by Prof. Chancheewa, managing partner who has been an advisor for the Thai General Association ("Thai GIA") for nearly three (3) decades. Prof. Chancheewa has been giving lectures on insurance law in four (4) universities in Thailand, and also at the Thai Insurance Institute of Thailand (recognized as the most advanced academy for insurance in the country). He also is a guess lecture at the Office of Insurance Commission, as well as, an author of a dozen books and treatises on insurance, which had been publicized by the Thai GIA and other academia, were the authority since then and still are today.

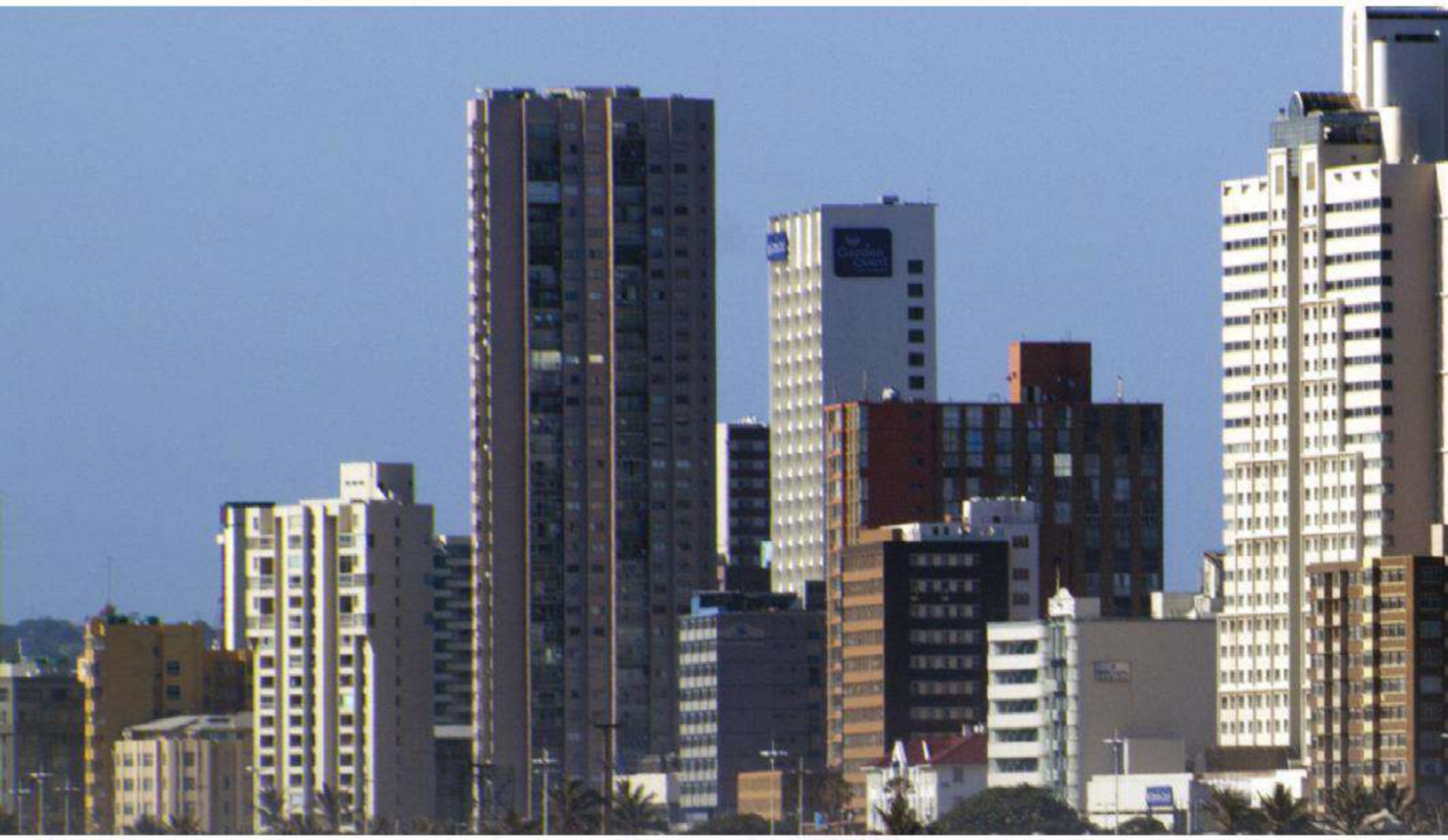
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Also, another main team member is Atipong Chittchang who joined the firm in late 2009 and worked predominantly with Prof. Chancheewa and Nisporn on a number of cases, and whose corporate and contract drafting backgrounds have since reinforced the strength of the insurance team and enhanced the firm's variety of practices. His expertise also extends to providing advice for the insurers on the issues of non-life insurance investment, and non-life insurance compliance, which involves a due diligence on Non-life Insurance Act and the Office of Insurance Commission (or, so-called OIC)'s regulations and announcements, as well as those requirements for the non-life brokers/agents issues and establishment.

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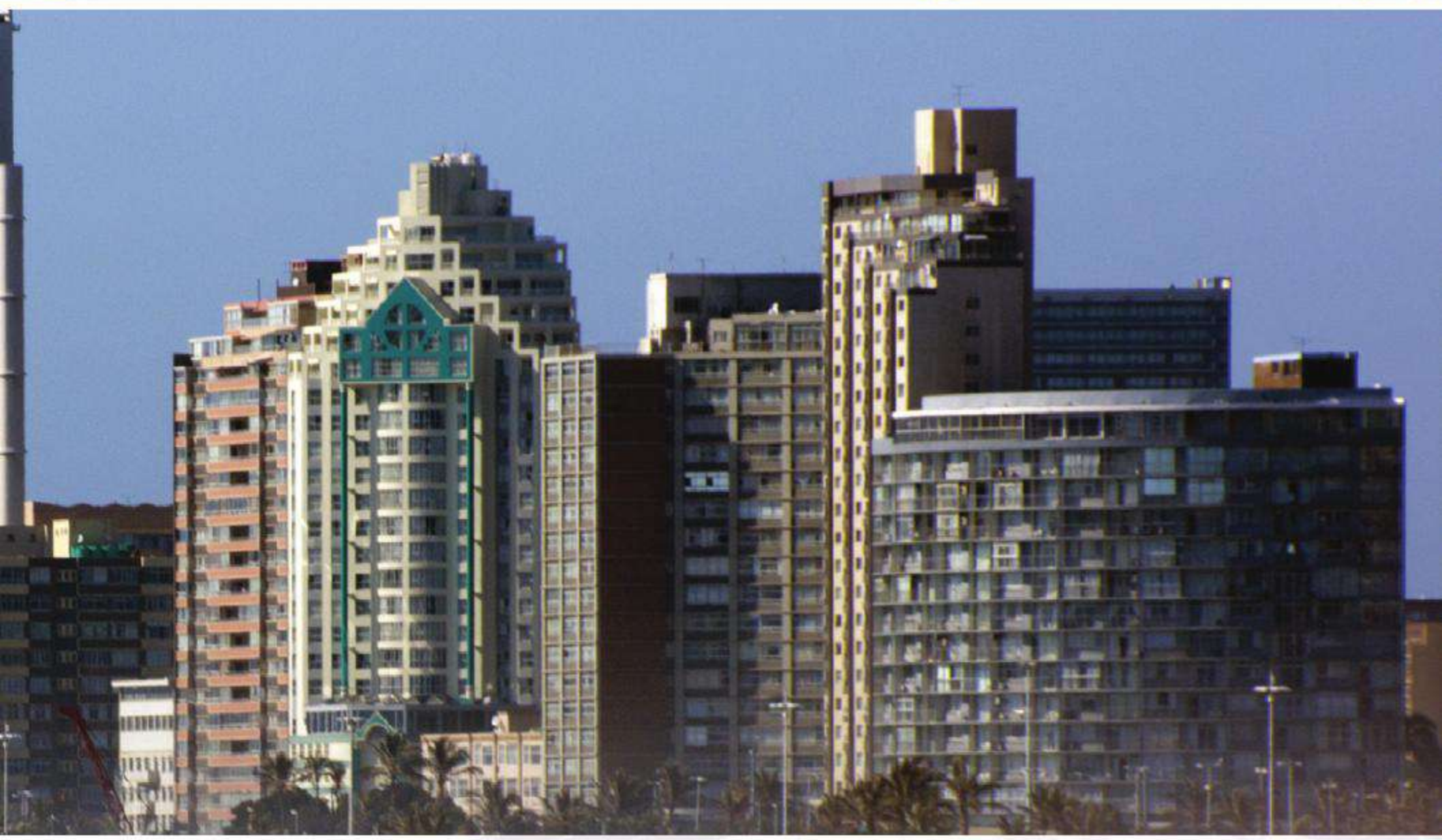
The developing countries of the Middle East and North Africa region experienced a recovery in 2014, following a 0.1% contraction in 2013, on the back of domestic and regional turmoil and weak external demand, according to The World Bank's Global Economic Prospects Report. Recovery in oil production, industrial activity and exports is contributing to the pick-up in growth.

This modest upturn, however, remains fragile and well below the region's potential as structural reforms needed to spur growth, lower unemployment and alleviate poverty remain unaddressed. Security challenges in several countries are a key source of instability. Fiscal and external accounts remain weak and are benefiting from the exceptional official support from the high-income Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) countries.

In oil-importing developing countries, economic activity is stabilising, but the recovery remains fragile. Strong growth in the first half of 2013 was offset by a sharp drop in the second half such that growth in oil-importers rose, on average, by just 0.2 percentage points to 2.7% in 2013. Exports in several Mediterranean economies are rebounding due to the recovery in the euro area during Q1 2014. While activity has picked up from low levels in Egypt, in Lebanon spillovers from the conflict in Syria continue to depress activity, exports and sentiment.

In oil-exporting developing countries, growth has been highly volatile, with GDP contracting by 1.8% in 2013, reflecting production setbacks in Libya and Iraq, sanctions in Iran and civil war in Syria. However, oil output now appears to be recovering, averaging 7.7 million barrels per day (mb/d) in Q1 2014, due to rebounding production in Iraq, the region's largest producer. However, output is still below the 2013 average and the pre-Arab Spring average.

By participating more effectively in the global production of goods and services, Africa can transform its economy and achieve a development breakthrough, according to the latest African Economic Outlook, released at the African Development Bank Group's Annual Meetings.



Produced annually by the African Development Bank (AfDB), the OECD Development Centre and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the latest report shows that Africa has weathered internal and external shocks and is poised to achieve healthy economic growth rates.

The continent's growth is projected to accelerate to 4.8% in 2014 (final figures) and 5 to 6% in 2015, levels that have not been seen since the global economic crisis of 2009. Africa's economic growth is more broad-based, argues the report, driven by domestic demand, infrastructure and increased continental trade in manufactured goods.

"In order to sustain the economic growth and ensure that it creates opportunities for all, African countries should continue to rebuild shock absorbers and exercise prudent macro management. Any slackening on macro management will undermine future economic growth," said Mthuli Ncube, Chief Economist and Vice-President of the African Development Bank.

"In the medium-to-long-term, the opportunity for participating in global value chains should be viewed as part of the strategy for achieving strong, sustained and inclusive growth," he added.

The report argues that more effective participation in regional and global value chains – the range of activities in different countries that bring a product from conception to delivery to the consumer – could serve as a springboard for Africa in economic diversification, domestic resource mobilisation and investments in critical infrastructure. In order to do so, however, the continent needs to avoid getting stuck in low value-added activities.

"African economies have a great potential to build on their demographic dynamism, rapid urbanisation and natural-resources assets. The challenge for many of them now is to ensure that greater insertion into global value chains is achieved and has a positive impact on people's lives," said Mario Pezzini, Director of the OECD Development Centre.

"Public policies need to be articulated in a targeted strategy that promotes more equitable economic and social transformation and an environmentally sound development," he added.

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Amine Ghellal, the founding partner of Ghellal & Mekerba, has 44 years of experience and is considered as one of Algeria's leading law practitioners. He is said to know the Algerian business framework "like the back of his hand".

Dr Ghellal has a wide knowledge of all aspects of Algerian law regarding investment, corporate, financing, exchange control, tax and customs law.

He is an international arbitrator and a member of the International Arbitration Institute. Dr Ghellal has a perfect knowledge of contractual mechanisms and precautions governing dispute resolution. He acts as an arbitrator before the International Chamber of Commerce (CCI) and the Algerian Chamber of Trade and Industry (CACI).

Dr Ghellal is also currently seen as one of Africa's leading gas and oil practitioners and regularly advises major international firms on all the intricacies of energy regulation. He has counselled the Algerian Ministry of Energy and has also headed Sonatrach's "International Legal" and "International Negotiation" departments. Between 1979 and 1981, he was Algeria's legal expert within the OPEC and the OPAEC.

Dr Ghellal is a graduate in both public and private law and in political sciences. He studied in France and obtained a Higher Diploma in Public law with Magna Cum Laude, a Higher Diploma in Political Sciences with Magna Cum Laude and a PhD with Summa Cum Laude and praises of the examination board. He also taught public law, both in France and Algeria, for many years, and has published many articles.

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Dr Ghellal is a member of the Algerian Bar Association, a member of the International Bar Association, a member of the International Arbitration Institute (IAI), a correspondent of the World Bank in Algeria, an honoured Member of the International Who's Who of Professionals and of Project Finance, a member of the International Lawyers Club (Head Office in France), and a member of the International Lawyers Association "Mackrell International" (Head Office in Great Britain).

IP LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN CAMEROON



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AKKUM, AKKUM & ASSOCIATES LLP is a leading corporate, commercial and intellectual property limited liability partnership in Cameroon, active within the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) region. Its fundamental objective is to provide outstanding legal advice in a dynamic environment. The firm's practice includes consulting, negotiating, prosecuting and litigating in substantially all areas of the law.

Its staff and personnel are highly bilingual in spoken and written English and French. Carlton Fon Akkum, the firm's managing partner, has more than 10 years of outstanding practice. He advises local and international clients in all aspects of corporate transactions and corporate law, as well as venture capital investments. He also has extensive experience in intellectual property law; mining and hydro-carbons; civil aviation; and labour and trade relations.

As a modern innovative law firm, AKKUM, AKKUM & ASSOCIATES has set out policies and working practices to meet modern international standards, challenges and the needs of its extensive clientele. One of the firm's major priorities is to actively build strong partnerships with leading financial institutions and corporate organisations. Its business activities are mainly in banking, financial institutions, transportation, telecommunications, energy, agriculture, tobacco and cigarette production, chemical, pharmaceutical, electronic and processed food industries, capital markets and general services.

The firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group provides legal services designed to protect clients' patents, trademarks, trade names, copyrights, industrial designs, utility models and trade secrets. It handles the processing, registration and protection of all intellectual property-related matters and all post-registration procedures, including various types of IP disputes and litigation.

The Trademark Department handles the preparation, filing and prosecution of trademark applications for registration, as well as the preparation and recording of modifications, assignments and contracts concerning registered trademarks. It also handles litigation on all aspects of trademarks, including infringement proceedings, opposition, passing-off, unlawful competition and anti-counterfeiting procedures.

The Patent Department deals with all matters relating to patents and industrial designs, copyrights and unlawful competition. It takes active part in the development of technological sector in Cameroon.

Both the Patent and Trademark Department have extensive expertise in the area of copyrights, and can provide services in regard to copyright protection; copyright disputes and litigation; drafting of assignment and licenced agreements; international copyright matters; and copyright protection of computer software, etc.

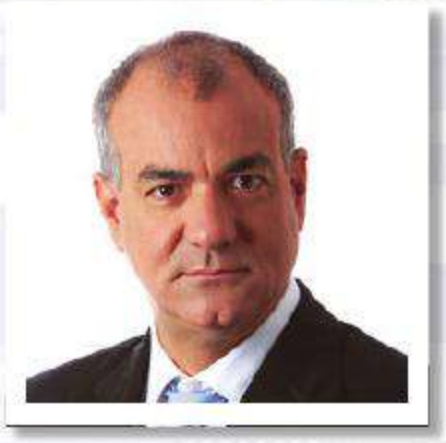
In addition, AKKUM, AKKUM & ASSOCIATES provides professional advice on all infringements of clients' IP rights. It also initiates infringement litigation and administrative claims when negotiations for mediation and other amicable approaches fail.

Cameroon is a member of the OAPI or the African Union, also known as the African Intellectual Property Organization. Patents can be filed in Cameroon through a regional patent filed in the OAPI Patent Office as a designating country of the PCT. The term of the patent is 20 years from the date of filing.

AKKUM, AKKUM & Associates LLP is licensed at the OAPI. It is also a member of the International Trademark Association (INTA); the International Bar Association (IBA), the International Young Lawyers Association (AIJA); and the Cameroon Bar Association.

BIOTECH PATENTS, HIGH-TECH PATENTS & PATENTS LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN ISRAEL

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Ehrlich & Fenster is Israel's leading patent attorney firm, offering premier expertise in all matters concerning the protection and prosecution of intellectual property. The synergy between highly personalized service and unrivalled expertise in all technological fields has made Ehrlich & Fenster the most reputable IP firm in Israel.

The Firm provides **Patent, Design, Trademark, Litigation Support and Breeder's Rights services to Corporations, Institutions, Governmental Institutes, Universities and Individual** clients around the world.

The firm and its team are renowned for excellence in both the local and international professional arena.

The firm helps clients to identify, determine and broaden the protection scope of their core intellectual property. This is achieved by analysing and assessing the potential business opportunities that may emerge from the client's innovative technologies and areas of invention. Ehrlich & Fenster's strategic advantage lies in its ability to identify the individual or multi-core technologies often hidden within a technological development. The firm pursues all of the potential business directions available to a client, including buying, in and out–licensing, selling and international expansion.

Extensive professional knowledge and experience, along with scientific insight enables Ehrlich & Fenster to offer an optimal Intellectual Property strategy, and assisting in managing the intellectual property portfolio, for clients in light of the client's business strategy, be it in licensing, investment, financing and multi-billion buyout exits and deals.

The technical depth of the firm and the industrial and academic experience of the key patent attorneys enables our attorneys to get to the heart of the technical and business aspects of the client's R&D and product line so that it can provide the protection that the client needs and to which the client is entitled.

Key clients include all the major universities and medical and research institutes in Israel such as Ramot at Tel-Aviv University Ltd.; Yeda Research And Development Co. Ltd. at the Weizmann Institute of Science; Yissum Research Development Company of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Ltd.; Technion Research & Development Foundation Ltd.; and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Research and Development Authority.

Ehrlich & Fenster file patent applications for several Nobel and Wolf Prize laureates.

Private and public companies for which the firm have performed substantial patent drafting and/or prosecutional work in the recent year include, inter alia,: Microsoft corporation; Cyber-Ark Software Ltd; IBM Corporation; Stratasys; Protalix Ltd.; Cheetah Medical; Ceragon Networks Ltd.; Biosensors International Group, Ltd.; Elminda Ltd.; Mobli Media Inc; Nintendo Co Ltd; Plasson Ltd; Playtech Software Ltd; Real Madrid Club de Futbol; Kaiima Ltd. and Elminda Ltd.

Each department is involved in drafting and prosecuting patent applications, including opposition procedures, in rendering opinions regarding IP matters and IP-related due diligence processes, and in devising IP and commercialization strategies. There are over a dozen patent attorneys with PhDs in all disciplines, with most department heads having a doctorate.

Main Areas of Practice:

Biotech: The department specialises in IP matters in fields such as nucleic acids, peptides, proteins, diagnostics, cell therapy, embryonic stem cells, adult stem cells, protein production, nucleic acid production, modulation of biochemical pathways, immunoreactive and immunomodulating molecules and cells, and their use in the treatment and/ or diagnostics of cancer, cognitive disorders, diabetes, inflammatory disorders and genetic disorders, genetically modified organisms and their uses in, e.g., agriculture, plant breeding, hybrid seed technology and nutrition to list a few.

Pharma/Chemistry: The department specialises in IP matters in fields such as pharmacology, chemistry, nanotechnology, material science, energy conversion, cleantech, agrochemistry, cosmetics, nutrition, etc.

Physics: The department specialises in IP matters in fields such as energy conversion, radiotherapy devices, optical waveguides, micro- and nanotechnology, medical signal analyses, medical devices, mechanical devices, solid state devices and many types of imaging technologies. The department also specialises in protecting of non-tangible inventions such as inventions related to data analysis and image processing.

Hi-Tech: The department specialises in IP matters in fields such as communications engineering and signal processing, imaging technology, image processing, digital printing technologies, digital electronics, electronic design and simulation technology, semiconductor technology, measurement and sensing, including laser sensing, and ultrasound technologies and touch and smell-based sensing, applications of numerical analysis and algorithms including cryptography and steganography, data security and digital rights management, also Data Storage Technologies and Systems and Data Migration, Network Technologies and Network Management Technologies, including Network Security, and Robotics.

Software, Information System: The Software department has substantial experience in advising clients in relation to intellectual property protection for computer implemented inventions in a wide range of technologies (hardware and software), including search engine technology, electronic commerce and financial services, content distribution, database and memory management, internet security, gaming machines, cellular communications, telecommunications, cloud computing, social network platforms, wireless communication, image processing, multi-media data streaming and management, and network management. In providing invention extraction services to startups and inventors, the Software department includes a team of patent attorneys with strong industry experience and legal background. The department provides services to private inventors, start-up companies, universities, medical centers, and international corporations.

Medical Devices: The department specializes in IP matters in fields such as Medical Devices and Methods, Cleantech, Mechanics, Bio-Tech & Industrial instrumentation, Medical Imaging and Interdisciplinary fields such as Bioinformatics and Computational Chemistry. The department also specializes in strategic design of patent portfolios, value-oriented approach to IP decision making, patent mining services for TTOs, managing re-examinations with licensing and litigation at stake and fine-tuning patents and patent applications for specific needs.

Litigation Support: Headed by Dr. Paul Fenster, who has over 20 years experience in this area, this department deals with cases which involve actual or potential litigation or which involve due diligence or analysis of patents or patent portfolios during acquisition or investment. The firm advises clients on preparing for litigation and help clients to find suitable representation overseas. The firm continues to be involved in the technical and interface aspects of these litigations remaining deeply involved in these cases during their entire lifetime. The firm has a major part in cases of this type in the US, the EPO, the UK, Germany, Japan, China and Singapore. The firm also represents clients in discussions with foreign patent holders who assert their patents against our clients.

Trademarks, Design Patents: The firm provides trademark availability and infringement analysis, advising clients on practical ways to enhance protection of their IP rights by searching and clearing proposed trademarks, obtaining local and foreign trademark registrations, complex prosecution of 3D trademarks and slogans, trademark oppositions, rival proceedings and cancellation actions before the Israeli Trademark Office. Clients range from individuals and start-ups to large Israeli and foreign companies. Example of foreign clients includes Giorgio Armani, Nintendo, Real Madrid, Ulker, Re/ Max International.

INDIVIDUAL - MARITIME LAWYER OF THE YEAR IN ISRAEL



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S. Friedman & Co. has been at the heart of the maritime sector for over seven decades. Described as "the best in Israel" (Transport Legal 500 2015), we have been recognized as the go to firm in Israel by the world's leading maritime clients for high profile and complex maritime law issues, both domestically and internationally. We advise major international shipping concerns in all aspects of their business in Israel and abroad, with particular expertise in fleet acquisition and cross-border asset-backed financing along with legal advice in the areas of taxation, regulation, and insurance liability related thereto. We have decades of experience in all aspects of marine insurance law and related issues, such as GA and salvage law, limitation funds. S. Friedman & Co. has a successful history in maritime litigation, both domestically and internationally including London maritime arbitrations. Our Maritime, Aviation and Transportation department is headed by the highly experienced and prominent senior partner David Malkoff whose track record in maritime law includes the acquisition, sale and financing of vessels for both domestic and international clients, Charter party and VSA agreements and dispute resolution. David's career and that of the department has closely followed every development in the Israeli shipping sector. David is one of Israel's leading and most experienced litigators in all areas of maritime and shipping disputes, a supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) and a visiting lecturer at Israeli universities and shipping conferences.

Our team led by David Malkoff, represented Zim in the largest ever restructuring in Israel, and one of the largest ever in the maritime sector, involving over 60 banks, mostly international, 20 heavily indebted ship owners, numerous Israeli bondholders and public shareholders of the Israel Corporation. We have also been advising Zim, a client for more than 70 years, on a large number of international transactions worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

S. Friedman enjoys long-standing relationships with an extensive client roster, including Zim, Gadot Chemical Tankers and Terminals ("Gadot") and XT Group, three of the five shipping companies operating in Israel, as well as The Chamber of Shipping of Israel.

We represented Gadot in its sale to Tene Investment Funds for approximately US$72 million in January 2014 and in 2013 we won a significant arbitration proceeding of US$81 million in London regarding four of Gadot's vessels when a Chinese shipyard failed to complete the vessels on schedule. Gadot cancelled their agreement and the arbitrator awarded Gadot the entire claim.

S. Friedman is involved in the majority of the precedential rulings regarding Israel's shipping industry. We acted for the P3 Alliance and now act for the 2M in order to legitimize their operations in Israel.

SPECIALIST - TAX LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN ISRAEL

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D. Potchebutzky Law Offices is one of Israel's leading specialists in the various aspects of Tax Law. Since its establishment in 1954, the firm has been rendering Tax Services to all major Business Sectors (including Infrastructure, Energy and Natural Resources, Low-tech and High-tech Industry, Telecom, Banking and Finance, Insurance, Retail and Wholesale Trade, Real Estate and Construction, Internet and E-commerce etc.), as well as the Public Sector. The firm's clients include local and multinational corporations, trusts, estates and families.

D. Potchebutzky specializes in handling the multitude implications of the various Tax Laws, including Income Tax, Customs, Value Added Tax, International Taxation, Purchase tax, and Betterment Taxation. The firm advises its clients on all facets of business and tax issues, including Tax Planning and Legal Opinions, drafts Legal and Commercial Documents, approaches the various Tax Authorities for Pre-Rulings and Settlements, represents taxpayers in Administrative Proceedings before the Tax Authorities and in Appeals to the District Court and the Supreme Court.

The firm's real-time assistance and solutions for a range of issues aids the ongoing correct management of businesses and prevents the formation of future difficulties on tax matters. The support given by the firm enables its clients to conduct their business affairs with peace of mind, while tax solutions are tailored individually for each client.

Many clients overseas are assisted by the firm's services in planning their transactions and their representations before the Tax Authorities. At the same time, the firm handles its clients' activities overseas or their clients' assets abroad with close support in Israel and overseas. The firm also specializes in achieving amicable tax solutions for all members of local and multinational families, using amongst others advanced mediation technics.

The senior partners of the firm are Michal Silberstein, Adv. (LL.M., B.A. (Econ.), mediator) and David Goldman, Adv. (LL.M., B.A. (Acct. & Econ.)).

Over the past 20 years, Michal and David have lectured on varied and complex tax issues at different Academic Institutions, at the Israel Bar Association and at the Institute of CPAs. Michal updated the late Adv. Jacob Potchebutzky's book "Value Added Tax Law" and participates in editing the bimonthly journal "Taxes". David authors a recurring column ("Comments on Fiscal Judicial Decisions") in the bimonthly magazine "Accounting", which was awarded by the Institute of CPAs in Israel, and comments on various tax issues for a daily financial newspaper.

Both senior partners are members of various Tax Committees of the Israel Bar Association and David has served as the Chair of the Indirect Tax Committee. Prior to joining D. Potchebutzky, David served as an Assistant District Attorney in the State's Advocate in Tel Aviv, representing the various Tax Authorities in the Israeli Courts.

TECHNOLOGY LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN ISRAEL



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Karin Horev & Co. Law Offices is a boutique law firm offering its clients individually tailored legal services in various commercial fields. The firm in the last years has grown to become an internationally recognized practice providing representation to a clientele of local and international individuals and business organizations. The firm was selected during 2014 and 2015 to be one of the leading firms in Israel for technology transactions. Our principal areas of practice include corporate and commercial law, primarily representing high-tech and international companies in all stages of operations and providing day-to-day consultation in various areas of the law. We particularly focus on international transactions, licensing and intellectual property, strategic alliances, private equity (representing the company, the founders and the investors), project finance, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, technology and other commercial and corporate matters.

The firm works at the highest professional standards.

We assist our clients in all aspects of commercial activities by managing each transaction with a well considered balance of legal and commercial expertise and business creativity. Our knowledge and experience extends over 17 years and includes a rapidly-growing client base comprising of reputable international, high-tech and technology oriented companies, as well as representing start-up companies from their inception and private investors within their financial rounds. We view our relationship with start-up companies as a long-term strategic partnership, understanding the unique challenges for both companies, founders and investors, and are committed to our client's short-term and long-term success. We have extensive experience in all aspects of commercial law and have acted as lead counsels in a wide variety of complex international transactions with very large international entities, as well as technology transactions, including outsourcing, cloud services and SAAS, system and software acquisitions, system development and implementation, licensing and various services agreements. Our work includes technology based joint ventures and strategic alliances, teaming arrangements and other technology licensing in a wide range of industries.

The firm works at the highest professional standards, and the personal and direct involvement of the firm's partners ensures the provision of high-quality, responsive, accessible, business oriented and effective legal services.

Above all, our firm combines legal excellence with a practical and innovative business approach, providing our clients with an advantage within the industry.

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATED LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN LEBANON



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Prime Consulting Group began under the name of Malek El-Sayed Law and Consultations (MELCO) in 1998 with a handful of lawyers operating throughout Lebanon & GCC, with correspondents in Europe and North America. In 2008, a merger introduced new strategic partners to the firm, and a new branch of the group opened under Prime Consulting (LLC) in The Sultanate of Oman. In 2009, a branch of the group opened in Syria under the name of Prime Consulting-Syria. These entities are now operating under the umbrella of Prime Consulting Group, INC.

In 2012 a sister company opened in Lisbon-Portugal under the name BRILHANTADVISOR LDA to service and advise clients in different business and legal areas, as well as in investment sectors.

The Firm has grown over the years into an international law firm with financial consultancy services. It has developed into a leading litigation firm with expertise in complex cases of all types.

The firm's initial client base of individuals, NGOs and commercial companies has expanded to include local and international corporations in industries as varied as small business, Agencies and heavy commercial & manufacturers, as well as governments and public sector companies.

Led by a strong corps of trial attorneys who have tried hundreds of cases to verdict, the firm has garnered a reputation for taking on matters wholeheartedly. It has dedicated itself since its founding to excellent client service, providing a full range of civil, business and litigation legal services. A law firm with business consultancy services located in Lebanon, Qatar, Syria and in Muscat, Oman, with representatives in the UAE, UK, USA, Canada, and France; we are ideally sized and configured to deliver the highest quality service to our clients, regardless of the complexity of the legal and business issues.

Areas of law practiced by our attorneys include: Corporate and Business, Bankruptcy and Commercial Transactions, Trial Litigation, Taxation, Associations, Family, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Trademark Protection, Labor and Employment, Rental contracts, Real Estate property Transactions and Litigation, and Specialized Criminal Defense. Our firm also provides follow up services for administrative procedures (i.e. customs, registration of associations, visa, work permit, and residence permit applications).

Our list of clients includes large national and international firms, mid-size and small business enterprises including families and individuals, banks and financial institutions, telecommunication operators & companies, governments and public sector companies, NGOs, commercial and residential real estate developers, manufacturers, hotel owners and operators, as well as contractors, architects and other professionals, including auditors, accountants and attorneys.

Mr. Malek El Sayed holds a LLB (Diploma) in Lebanese Law and a LLM (DEA) in Private and Corporate Law from Saint Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon, as well as two Executive MBA from the Ecole Superieure des Affaires- European school of Management (ESA) and from ESCP-EAP in Paris, France and a Diploma in Mediation and Negotiation Technique from IFOMENE- Institut Catholique de Paris.

OIL & GAS LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN LEBANON

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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 and BLO is known for recruiting lawyers that have a superior academic profile and/or considerable professional accomplishments. 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. 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 high expertise in areas of law covering various sectors in many countries.

In the last 60 years, BLO was among the first law firms in the MENA region to have ensured continual expertise in the oil and gas field. The firm assists its clients in the GCC countries and Lebanon in the oil and gas supply chain.

BLO has provided pioneering advices in downstream activities including LNG and ammonia plants. Thus, for decades, BLO has advised both international companies and governments on several projects of oil refineries and ammonia or gas plants constructions, among the most important in the GCC countries.

Partner Lara Karam Boustany, head of Oil & Gas department at BLO, is a law Professor at the most renowned Faculty of Law in Lebanon and the Middle East (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.

BLO has been the adviser of governmental institutions and a large number of international companies.

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 pro-actively 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.

BUSINESS LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN SENEGAL



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SCP Mame Adama Gueye & Associés is the first law firm certified iso 9001-2008 version in West, North and Middle Africa. We provide, among others, the following services:

- Support and legal advice
- Legal Consultancy
- Set up of companies
- Legal assistance to investors
- Representation before courts
- Legislative drafting
- Legal audit
- Due diligence

We work in several fields of general law and business law namely in the commercial law, Mining law, Contracts law, Competition law, Banking law, Project finance, Insurance law, Corporate law, Taxation law, Intellectual Property and Copyright law, Labour law, Investment, Civil Aviation and Property law.

Due to the growing complexity and quality of services required by the clients, our firm has adopted a multidisciplinary approach and has developed a real ability to work in a network of partners, experts in other disciplines. In addition, thanks to the quality of its services, the law firm was rated A by European Export Insurance Agencies and is recommended by the Embassies of USA, France, Spain and Germany in Dakar.

Our law firm is member of LEXAFRICA network (www.lexafrica.com) which is the most important business law firms network in Africa with members from more than 30 countries. We are also member of WORLD SERVICES GROUP (www.worldservicesgroup.com) which is the most important multidisciplinary network in the world with members from more than 115 countries.

Due to our excellent reputation internationally, our firm has gained the trust of the most famous international law firms. Thus, our firm is proud to be the correspondent in Senegal of Baker & McKenzie, Hogan Lovells, Linklaters, White & Case, Clifford Chance, Freshfields, Denton Sapte, Norton Rose. Our firm has been ranked, continuously, since 2003 by Chambers Global, publication of reference published in London in the top 3 of the best business law firms of Senegal based on survey conducted within the business community. In the 2015 edition, our firm is the best ranked business law firm of Senegal. Moreover SCP Mame Adama Gueye & Associés is one of the few law firms in Senegal which is bilingual and able to meet the demands of its clients in both French and English. In fact, our firm is the counsel in Senegal of multinational corporations based in North America, South America, Europe, Asia and Australia with whom we work daily in English.

FAMILY LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN SOUTH AFRICA



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Miller du Toit Cloete Inc is a specialised Family Law firm dealing exclusively with family law and related constitutional and commercial matters. It is based in Cape Town South Africa and deals with matters of a South African and international nature.

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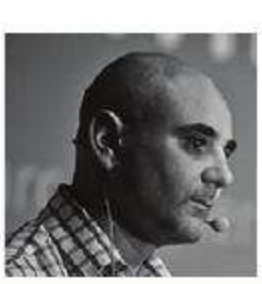


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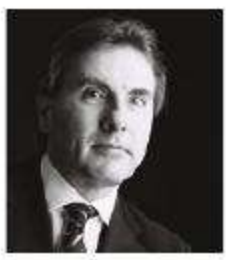
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