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FIRM PROFILE

At Abu-Ghazaleh Legal "ABLE", we are strongly committed to present professional legal services and consultations to our clients. We have internally devoted an expert staff of attorneys who demonstrate unique skills to understand our clients' legal matters and options. To maintain this commitment and to actualizing our firm's motto, ABLE attorneys acquired an effective contributing of various legal backgrounds and specialties, such as business and corporate affairs and Intellectual Property aspects. Our attorneys regularly engage in training courses and seminars in order to improve their level of professional qualifications conjunctionally with the most recent legal updates in our region's regulations. Furthermore, we have many legal specialists who can supervise and instruct litigations of our clients in countries where ABLE does not exist yet.

Reflecting Abu-Ghazaleh Legal's standard of excellence and quality services, our firms undertake and attain many business and legal conferences in order to assure the most sufficient legal assistance.

Founded in 1998, Abu-Ghazaleh Legal has built a considerable reputation for providing a diverse legal support throughout the Middle East countries. In addition, ABLE has structured a sufficient network of attorneys, who support our team from various jurisdictions and regions, to assist our clients in their international litigations and legal inquires. At Abu-Ghazaleh Legal, and through our team of attorneys who work to sustain and strengthen the firm's commitment to professional excellence, we constantly build on our opportunities for growth and gratifying our clients' relations.



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Since the 1980s, Baker & Daniels has been building relationships and expertise in China. With China's accession to WTO and permanent NTR trade status, U.S. business interest in China has accelerated dramatically. China's economic growth rate (7% - 10% per year), financial and political stability, and desire for foreign investment have opened unprecedented opportunities for foreign business investment.



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Zack Dong's practice focuses on China-related transactions, helping U.S. companies establish presence, sell products and license rights in China through joint ventures, wholly foreign-owned enterprises, distributorships, franchises and representative offices, and restructure their investments. His experience includes acquisitions and divestitures, technology licensing and contract manufacturing. Zack also counsels clients on intellectual property rights, employment, tax, trade regulation and regulatory compliance. In addition, he has represented Chinese state-owned and privately held companies in negotiating and closing U.S. acquisitions and establishing operations in the U.S. Born and raised in Shanghai, China, Zack travels frequently to China to negotiate for clients and to keep abreast of policy and business developments. His education and professional experience in both China and the U.S. help him better understand the legal and regulatory regimes of the two countries and the needs and challenges of American companies doing business in China and Chinese companies entering the U.S. market. Thus, he is often able to offer solutions that make business sense and comply with local requirements. Before joining Baker & Daniels, Zack practiced at the international law firm of Baker & McKenzie and Chicago-based Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, focusing on transactions with the China region, including Hong Kong and Taiwan.



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Ji-Qing Liu practices general business, corporate, labor/employment, dispute resolution (non-litigation) and IP/IT enforcement in the People's Republic of China. He is experienced in representing clients in counseling and negotiating direct foreign investment establishments, import/export, labor/employment, non-litigation dispute resolution (including international arbitration), IP/IT enforcement and other legal matters. Mr. Liu is the chief representative of Baker & Daniels' Beijing office and the resident partner of the firm's China offices in Beijing and Qingdao.



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Bing Wang practices international law in the China office at Beijing, where he advises U.S. and other foreign businesses on trading with and investing in China. Bing understands the needs and challenges of American businesses going to China to maintain their competitive edge in an ever-changing environment and possesses strong business sense due to his experience as vice president and legal counsel for three Hong Kong corporations investing in China. He concentrates his practice on transactional matters, intellectual property protection, and telecommunications and IT practice, including assisting foreign companies in setting up joint ventures, wholly foreign owned enterprise and other entities in China; acquiring assets and equities of Chinese enterprises and companies; and restructuring investments of foreign companies in China. Bing also advises foreign businesses on commercial employment issues and tax laws.

Before joining Baker & Daniels, Bing advised and represented foreign companies and investors in acquiring businesses, restructuring investments, establishing operations in China and understanding Chinese legal and regulatory regime for foreign investment in China. He is especially strong in China telecommunications practice as he served as in-house counsel for two Hong Kong companies specializing in providing mobile telecommunications services in China and has represented a global telecommunications manufacturer in acquiring interest in a joint venture in China.

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Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum Perlman & Nagelberg was founded in 1984 by two law professors at Northwestern University School of Law, and two other members of a prominent Chicago law firm with whom they had practiced. Since that time, the Firm has grown to over 60 lawyers, primarily through the addition of partners and associates from some of Chicago's largest law firms, and the recruitment of associates from the top ranks of the nation's leading law schools.

The Firm is not structured to be all things to all clients. We have chosen to practice only in areas where we can attract and retain the best legal talent and quality client relationships. The areas in which we have chosen to practice require skills for which our lawyers are well known — a high level of technical expertise and an aggressive, innovative approach to solving significant legal problems. These skills allow our lawyers to create added value for our clients in our areas of specialty. These areas include corporate and securities, financial services, real estate transactions and finance, asset restructurings and reorganizations, tax, business and estate planning, commercial litigation, intellectual property and employee benefits.



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Alexander (Sandy) Lourie concentrates his practice on general corporate, securities and international law matters, and is co-chair of the Firm's corporate and securities group. Sandy's general business practice has given him broad based experience in a number of areas including domestic and international general corporate and new venture counseling, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, public offerings and private placements, joint ventures and contract negotiations. He has extensive experience working with domestic and foreign high technology businesses, as well as negotiating, structuring and documenting unique and complex mergers, acquisitions, financings, recapitalizations and resolutions of business disputes. He also has represented clients in a number of matters before the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Trade Commission.

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As spirited and dynamic as Nevada and as solid and principled as the laws it represents, the firm of Beckley Singleton is unparalleled in integrity and excellence. Prominent Nevadan William (Bill) Singleton founded the firm in 1962. Immediately, his dreams of assembling the state's foremost attorneys and providing his clients with the finest service began to become a reality. After only one year in existence, Beckley Singleton became the first professional corporation rendering legal services in Nevada. In its early days, the firm became renowned for its litigation expertise. As Nevada grew and its economy diversified, the firm quickly responded to meet the expanding needs of its clientele in many areas of practice. Today, as in its infancy, the firm continues to play a major role in the development of the law of Nevada.

Throughout its history as a leading and distinguished member of Nevada's legal community, Beckley Singleton has obtained optimum results for its clients. It successfully meets the complex challenges presented by expansion and growth. Moreover, the firm never fails to focus upon the most efficient and cost-effective methods of resolution whether it is mediation, arbitration, litigation, or other means of resolution.



Dan Polsenberg

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Dan Polsenberg is head of Beckley Singleton's special litigation unit, which concentrates on complex cases and appeals. His trial and litigation experience covers a variety of large cases, including medical malpractice litigation, as well as pharmaceutical and products liability. Mr. Polsenberg is considered a leading Nevada authority on insurance, and he has also litigated worker's compensation issues. Since 1998, he has been lead counsel in the Nevada "phen-fen" pharmaceutical litigations. Well known for appellate practice, Mr. Polsenberg has argued over 140 appeals and has written briefs in many more. OFFICES & POSITIONS: A frequent speaker on appellate and civil practice, Mr. Polsenberg also acts as a consultant on appeals handled by other firms. He has worked on cases before the United States Supreme Court and is admitted to practice in many of the Circuits of the United States Courts of Appeal. Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, 2003-Present; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Rules Committee: Member, 2001-Present; President, State Bar of Nevada, 2000 - 2001; Bar Governor, Board of Governors, 1994-Present



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Dan R. Waite, Treasurer and a Shareholder of Beckley Singleton, practices primarily in the areas of commercial litigation, construction lien litigation, real property, fiduciary law and fiduciary litigation. He has experience representing a wide variety of commercial clients, including foreign and domestic businesses, property owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and materialmen, trustees, estates, beneficiaries, employers, employees and governmental entities. Mr. Waite's clients include Bradshaw, Smith & Co. LLP, The Bud Jones Company, City of Las Vegas Downtown Redevelopment Agency, Dakem & Associates, Extreme Concrete, Freed's Bakery of Las Vegas, Juliet Properties, Paul-Son Gaming Corp., Smith's Food & Drug Centers, Inc., and Transunion. Prior to law school, he was the Executive Vice President for Ponderosa Management Company, a property management firm with a portfolio of income properties in Nevada, California, Arizona, Utah and Idaho. Mr. Waite has considerable experience working with and representing owners, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and lenders in the area of mechanics' liens.

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Belin Lamson McCormick Zumbach Flynn is a full service law firm which provides the highest quality legal services to business entities, public institutions, and individuals in Iowa. The firm provides complete legal services to a broad range of Iowa corporations, and it handles the Iowa legal matters for a variety of national and multi-national business clients, including Fortune 500 companies.

While the firm provides complete legal services for many of its clients, individuals and companies inside and outside Iowa also seek the firm out for its expertise in a number of areas, including mergers and acquisitions, debtor/creditor relationships, labor and employment matters, environmental issues, complex commercial lawsuits, white collar criminal defense, and appellate litigation. The firm is distinguished by its commitment to the uniform excellence of its legal talent. The firm's attorneys are consistently viewed as being among the state's leaders in their fields. For example, when the Des Moines Business Record recently published an article listing the seven leading corporate lawyers in Des Moines, four of them were Belin firm members. (One of them, since deceased, was David Belin.) In 2000, the readers of the Business Record voted the Belin firm the best law firm in Des Moines. Although substantially smaller than the larger Iowa firms, the Belin firm has more lawyers listed in "Best Lawyers in America" than any other firm in the state. The firm counts among it ranks a 14-year Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court and a number of attorneys who have clerked for the U.S. Supreme Court, the Iowa Supreme Court, a United States District Court in Iowa, or one of several United States Courts of Appeals. A number of the firm's attorneys have practiced with leading firms or government agencies in large legal markets such as New York, Chicago, Washington D.C., and Phoenix.



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Mark E. Weinhardt is a member of the firm of Belin Lamson McCormick Zumbach Flynn in Des Moines. He devotes a substantial portion of his practice to the defense of white collar criminal investigations and prosecutions. He has represented individuals or corporations in a variety of white collar criminal matters in areas including environmental crimes, bank fraud, mail and wire fraud, false statements to the government, vote fraud, bankruptcy fraud, food and agricultural inspections, and securities violations and insider trading. Mark has also conducted or assisted internal investigations for corporate clients who suspected criminal wrongdoing by employees or agents.

Mark has tried over 40 jury cases to verdict and has handled criminal appeals before the Eighth Circuit, the Iowa Supreme Court, and the Iowa Court of Appeals.

Mark graduated from Dartmouth College, magna cum laude, in 1982 and obtained his law degree, cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School in 1985. He joined the Belin firm in 1991. Prior to that he was an associate at Phelan, Pope & John, Ltd. in Chicago, Illinois from 1985 through 1988, and he was a criminal prosecutor in Rockford, Illinois from 1988 through 1991.

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Berg and Duffy represents the combination, in 1972, of the practices of Alfred S. Berg and James P. Duffy, III. Mr. Berg was then in his early 60's and was a corporate lawyer of considerable reputation on Long Island. He was the senior name partner of Berg Becker Moinster & Dillon. Mr. Duffy was then in his early 30's and had recently distinguished himself as Minority Counsel and Staff Director of the United States Senate Small Business Committee and as an associate at Cravath Swain & Moore. Both had relatively extensive practices, and the new firm had a strong beginning.

Today, the Firm has three well staffed, well functioning offices in Monaco, Lake Success, New York and Mexico, with a growing practice in Latin America that is leading the Firm to establish additional offices in that region.

Firm Expertise: Monaco office business services include: Off-shore corporations and structures, International contracts and agreements, International trade and distribution, Conducting voluntary depositions and discovery, Enforcing foreign judgments and awards, Service of foreign process and orders, Starting a business or profession in Monaco, Formation of civil and commercial business entities, Private placements and investments, Regulation S securities transactions, Monaco trademarks and Madrid Arrangement filings thereon Monaco office private client services include: Establishing residency in Monaco, Off-shore and domestic trusts and structures, Non-resident US tax return preparation, Advice on US tax laws and problems, Asset transfers, estates, and successions.



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ADMITTED: 1968, New York, U.S. Tax Court and U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; 1969, U.S. District Court, Southern (4/3/69) and Eastern Districts of New York; 1973, U.S. Supreme Court; 1975, New Jersey and U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey; 1986, Conseil Juridique, Monaco; 1989, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

PERSONAL: Born, July 14, 1942, Jamaica Estates, New York. Married to the former Elaine M. Higgins (1943-2003) on August 8, 1964. Mr. and Mrs. Duffy had two children, Jenifer E. Bendezu-Duffy (b 1969) and James P. Duffy, IV (b 1975), and one grandchild, Liam P. Bendezu (b 1999). Mr. Duffy's second grandchild, Bridget Bendezu (b 2004) was born after Mrs. Duffy's death. Mr. Duffy's son is also an attorney practicing internationally.

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"A leading regional law firm" with "demonstrable quality" "distinguished by its high calibre advice and sizeable presence" who are "a class act" is how the leading legal directories describe us. Blake Lapthorn Tarlo Lyons takes great pride in its national reputation for successfully combining legal skills with business experience and acumen. Through the years Blake Lapthorn Tarlo Lyons has established a tradition of decisive, innovative and intelligent lawyering. Combine this with timely responsiveness, creative advocacy, all the while maintaining cost control and you have a winning formula that keeps the firm on the top list of lawyers in the south of England and United Kingdom.



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Gillian joined Blake Lapthorn Linnell in 1995 having previously been a legal adviser with the Engineering Employers' Federation. She qualified as a solicitor in 1992. Her legal expertise is exclusively in the field of employment law covering all aspects including contract, trade unions, equal opportunities, discrimination, unfair dismissal and transfer of undertakings. Gillian works with a broad range of both UK and international organisations providing a commercial and pragmatic approach to Employment Law issues in the workplace. She is experienced in the conduct of cases at the Employment Tribunals where she regularly represents clients. Gillian has also represented clients at the Employment Appeal Tribunal. Member Employment Lawyers Association; Industrial Law Society and Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. University: Open University (BA) 1985; Reading University. (LLB) 1989; Law Society Finals (Chancery Lane) Second Class Honours.

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Founded in 1954, Blaney McMurtry LLP is a firm of 109 lawyers, providing high quality services in a broad range of practice areas, by combining in-depth industry knowledge and creative legal expertise.

Our motto, "Expect the Best" is a reflection of our clients' expectation and our standard – not only in the quality of the legal service we provide but also in our professionalism, in our responsiveness to clients' needs and in all of our dealings with them.

Firm Expertise; Aboriginal; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Architectural/Construction/Engineering Litigation; Business Re-Organization & Insolvency; Commercial Litigation; Corporate/Commercial; E/Commerce; Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Securities; Labour & Employment; Environmental; Family; Immigration; Insurance, Corporate; Insurance Litigation; Intellectual Property; Municipal, Planning & Expropriation; Personal Injury & Insurance Benefits; Real Estate/Leasing; Sports Law; Tax Law; Tax Litigation; Wills & Estates



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Joan Garson is a Partner in the Corporate/Commercial Group at Blaney McMurtry LLP and heads the firm's Marketing Committee. Joan is fascinated and animated by the issues and challenges that entrepreneurs face, and she has used her considerable background in corporate/ commercial law to become a key advisor to them. "My practice has changed over time," says Joan. "I acted for financial institutions for a number of years, structuring loans, but I became increasingly interested in entrepreneurship and I started to focus on them." Although the entrepreneurs portfolio is the main part of her practice, Joan continues to do general corporate/commercial work and often serves as counsel to out-of-province law firms that do not have operations in Ontario.

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Boodle Hatfield is a highly successful medium-sized law firm serving property, corporate and private clients throughout the world. Boodle Hatfield acts for a wide range of clients, with a particular understanding of the specific pressures that face the owner-managed business, entrepreneurs and high net worth individuals investing in business or property. The firm also has considerable experience in advising clients on planning their personal lives.

The corporate department focuses on mid-size corporate clients and private capital. It acts for an international mix of private businesses; smaller quoted companies; entrepreneurs; and both corporate and private investors and financiers. The employment group has a national profile and is acting for an increasing number of household names in the broadcasting, IT and new technologies industries as well as senior executives. The group is recognised for providing valuable solutions to all types of employment issues. The tax and financial planning department is a leader in its field domestically and internationally and handles tax planning for large, complex estates, private companies, high-net-worth individuals and families, trustees, executors and charities. The highly rated property department is involved in major town centre and out-of-town office, retail and leisure developments and in large urban estate transactions with associated landlord and tenant matters. It acts for developers, owners, occupiers, funders and UK-based and international corporate and private investors. The litigation department is active in a broad range of commercial disputes and has substantial, well-regarded expertise in property and commercial litigation; in construction; employment; and agrochemicals. The family law practice deals with all issues related to relationships. Many of our clients have international backgrounds and the team has particular experience of cross-border cases.



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At Boult Cummings, we approach the practice of law from a unique perspective. Our clients' goals are our goals. Our community's priorities are our priorities. Our culture emphasizes open communication. And we have always been willing to try the untried to improve our practice.

Founded in Nashville in 1910, Boult Cummings has grown to include more than 100 attorneys serving clients locally, nationally and internationally. As a full-service firm, we offer broad legal counsel. Whether clients are involved in mergers or acquisitions, operating or expanding a business, financing or developing real estate or managing the risk of litigation, we provide expert legal guidance throughout the process.

We provide services to a national client base that is comprised of both large and small clients and includes financial institutions, privately held enterprises, publicly traded entities, individuals and government agencies. Our clients are engaged in diverse activities including banking, insurance, manufacturing, biomedical research and development, health care, real estate, construction, publishing, communications, wholesale, retail and entertainment.

Regardless of the legal challenge, we focus on the things that matter most to the clients - understanding their businesses, exceeding their expectations and making important contributions to their success.



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Ling received her law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law, cum laude, in May 2006 where she served on the Journal of Intellectual Property Law. She earned her undergraduate degree in Environmental Arts and Design from Wuxi University of Light Industry in China in 1998.

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Established in 1989, Carter Newell today employs an impressive team of around 100 lawyers and staff, committed to the vision of being a premier provider of specialist legal services. Our firm provides service to clients that is innovative and client-focused in both the quality of the advice and solutions provided, as well as in the way services are delivered.

We have a proven track record of handling complex commercial issues and high level disputes, specialising in four key practice areas in the corporate arena:

- Corporate And Commercial Law
- Commercial Dispute Resolution
- Insurance
- Construction And Engineering

We have a great depth of expertise across these areas, with particular sub-specialties in: corporate and product liability; professional liability; directors' & officers' indemnity; financial services and financial lines; fraud & investigation; insolvency; capital raising, funds management, and joint ventures and partnering arrangements; workplace relations; specialist industry advice in the aviation, resources, property and agribusiness sectors.

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For over 100 years, Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP has provided innovative and comprehensive legal services. Today our firm offers services in the areas of Real Estate, Litigation, Corporate and Transactional, Estate Planning and Administration, Copyright & Trademark, Labor & Employment, Nonprofit and Charitable Organizations, and Taxation.

Through steady growth and dedicated client service, we have built a reputation as one of California's most trusted, experienced and respected mid-sized firms.

Our size is a significant virtue. It allows us to maintain a close connection with our clients and to provide the responsiveness they expect. But, we're also large enough and experienced enough to handle the toughest cases for clients on the most complex issues.

We provide innovative service to a diverse group of sophisticated clients — from small, closely-held family businesses to some of the nation's largest corporations and non-profit organizations. We give our clients big-firm capabilities with small-firm flexibility and attention.



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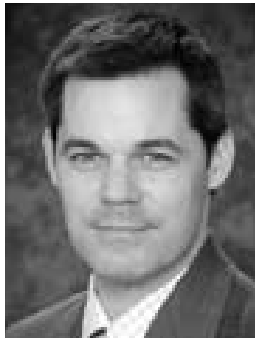
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Among the Firm's practice areas are Appellate, Aviation, Bankruptcy, Business, Criminal, E-Commerce, Electronic Banking, Employee Benefits, Environmental, Estate Planning, Executive Compensations, Family Law, Financial Services, General Civil Practice in all State and Federal Courts, Insurance, Labor, Litigation, Mergers & Acquisitions, Mortgage Banking, Public Finance, Real Estate, Securities and Tax law.



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Kirton & McConkie has received the highest rating for professional and ethical standards by Martindale-Hubbell, and is listed in the prestigious Bar Register in its list of "preeminent law firms" in the United States. Our attorneys have established relationships with government, business, and civic leaders and provide leadership to a number of professional, civic, and service organizations. Kirton & McConkie's prime objective is to provide quality legal services ethically, efficiently, at a reasonable cost, and to our clients' satisfaction. The firm endeavors to achieve and maintain this standard by carefully selecting, training, and supervising attorneys and other professionals, and by encouraging continuous legal education. The firm also emphasizes the need to effectively use legal assistants, staff, and technology, helping to minimize costs to our clients, maintain good client communications, and respond in a timely manner to client needs for legal services. The firm also has instituted state-of-the-art computer technology that provides for cost-effective research, timely communication with clients, cost controls, and detailed billing statements — all to increase efficiency and reduce costs to clients.



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Kochhar & Co. offers a wide range of legal services in the areas of corporate and commercial laws and specializes in representing foreign corporations in connection with their business interests in India. The Firm represents some of the largest multinational corporations from North America, Europe and Japan (including many Fortune 500 companies).



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The firm's practice areas include: Agency Law, Antitrust Law, Arbitration, Company Law, Distribution Law, Drafting of Wills, EDP Law, European Law, Food Law, Franchise Law, General Contract Law, Inheritance Law, Insurance Law, Intellectual Property, Labor Law, Mergers and Acquisitions, Patent Law, Product Liability Law, Succession in Companies, Supervisory Board Memberships, Tax Law, Trademark Law, Termination and Unfair Dismissal, Unfair Competition Law.



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Liang & Associates was established in 1979 by Mr. Kit Kai Tien Liang as a full-service corporate law firm, providing professional legal services to both domestic and international clients. The firm's primary goal since its inception, has been to meet the changing needs of its clients through innovation, continual development of the firm's areas of expertise, and demanding the highest standards from its professional and support staff.

Today, with a staff of over fifty professionals, comprised of local attorneys, foreign legal consultants, and support and administrative staff, Liang & Associates provides comprehensive legal and business services to a wide array of companies. These companies include numerous multinational corporations and some of Taiwan's largest and most respected companies. The firm has also served the government's legal needs on occasion. The firm's legal staff is comprised of both locally admitted attorneys, foreign legal consultants admitted to practice in various jurisdictions, and local paralegals. Many of the firm's legal staff have also received formal legal education and training in Europe and North America, and many are multilingual.

Client service is a key foundation of Liang & Associates. The firm's intimate knowledge of the local legal and regulatory systems, business community, and working relationships with governmental and business organizations, smooth the path of potential pitfalls. The firm's thorough understanding of the needs of its clients allows it to provide comprehensive, competent, and cost-effective personal legal service.



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In addition to serving the long-term growth needs of companies, we are frequently entrusted by other legal and financial service providers to handle high-level, complex business transactions and litigation matters for their best clients. For all clients, we couple maximum results with the highest standards of client service and professional conduct.

Nationally, Lindquist & Vennum is recognized for its community bank and financial institutions practice, agribusiness and cooperatives law, health law, railroad law, securities litigation and arbitration; and in the functional area, bankruptcy.

Lindquist & Vennum is regularly involved in assisting clients in the expansion of their international activities. These efforts include: Strategic alliances, including joint ventures for product development and distribution; foreign distributors; foreign manufacturing operations; OEM manufacturing; private label manufacturing; raw materials supply; dispute resolution; and the acquisition of foreign companies and product lines.

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Our client base is made up of a multitude of successful and enterprising businesses, both in Ireland and internationally. To keep our clients aware of the latest legal developments we hold regular seminars and publish current legal information on important and topical issues. The firm is structured around three integrated departments, Business Law, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, and Commercial Property. Each area is comprised of industry focused units that combine the knowledge of all our solicitors ensuring clients have maximum exposure to skills and experience relevant to their requirements.



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Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Spikes, L.L.P. performs a wide range of legal services for a diverse group of clients. We believe that legal representation should be both high quality, cost-effective, and should be marked by a concern for the client's broader objectives, whether the business goals of a company, or the personal or financial goals of an individual.

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A good relationship between a lawyer or notary and a client is characterised by trust. That starts with the obligation of confidentiality. But Nysingh takes it further. An independent position and objective viewpoint are essential to allow us to focus on your interests. The degree of distance required here does not stand in the way of intensive commitment. Far from it. We are fighters when it comes to securing the best possible outcome for you. Thanks to this attitude, our office has acquired a special place in the minds of many clients. They call on us to act as advisers for the exchange of ideas on difficult issues. This can be done on an ad hoc or an ongoing basis. If the issue is a long-term one, we can also second an employee to the client for a certain period of time.



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Joined Nysingh Dijkstra de Graaff as partner in 1998 as head of practice of the European Law & Competition Law Practice Section. • Before joining Nysingh Dijkstra De Graaff, Sylvia Evers had 12 years of expertise of practice in this field (as partner) in other Law firms. • She has advised and represented multinational companies, sovereign governments, (semi) governmental organizations and numerous organizations (ranging from industry, shipping, telecom to agriculture and sports) on her specialist areas. • Considerable commercial experience ideally places her to advise on commercial contracts (acquisitions, MBO's, distribution, R & D, licensing, e.g.). • She has presented numerous seminars on competition law and commercial law issues, had studies/articles published on various commercial law subjects (recently on the working of competition law in the health industry) and is an active member of a number of professional organizations. • Her working languages, besides Dutch, are English, Italian and French.



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On 26th November 1907 Mr. A.W. Rassers laid the basis for Rassers Advocaten en Notarissen, at Breda, when he was sworn in at the Breda Bar. Since 1923 the firm has been established at the Sophiastraat at Breda. The firm ranks among the bigger firms of lawyers in the south of the Netherlands. Rassers is a traditional, full service law firm, large enough to allow for specialisation but small enough to maintain a personal client relationship and a low overhead cost structure, keeping its rates competitive. Firmly rooted in the regional business community, Rassers has extended its clientele to national and international clients, serving small, medium size and large companies as well as entrepreneurs and private clients. The aim of the firm is a very personal service, geared to the client. Each lawyer of Rassers represents one or more areas of expertise, but the firm avoids segmenting the practice areas rigorously to the detriment of the client. In this respect it is felt that teamwork is of the utmost importance. Quality, integrity and responsiveness are the key-words to problem-solving solutions. Rassers maintains a high quality of expertise in the fields hereunder. It is to be noted that, Rassers being a traditional firm, all lawyers litigate in their field of expertise. Experience in litigation is looked upon as crucial for an advisory lawyer.

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The firm is comprised of the following practice groups: Corporate and Securities; Commercial; Environmental; Litigation; Real Estate; Tax; Health Care; Employee Benefits and Pension; Estate Planning and Estate Settlement; Bankruptcy and Insolvency; Taft-Hartley (multiemployer) Pension and Benefits Law; and Employment Law.

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We have approximately 50 lawyers and are managed by an Executive Committee and a Managing Director. The current Managing Director is Kevin Bay, who commenced a three-year term in September 2003. Our established practice groups are directed by Group Leaders and the groups actively manage their ongoing work and the generation of new client relationships.

We are also committed to contributing to our community. In 1997, and again in 2005, Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland, PLLC was selected by the local chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators to receive its Community Service Award. Our 2006 charitable giving theme is "Strength Through Giving." The focus this year is on improving the lives of people with special needs. We will target charitable giving agencies whose mission is to assist people of all ages with physical, mental and other special challenges.



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- Advises on treaty rights and obligations for payment or non-payment of taxes for work performed in the United States by people here from other countries
- Conduct tax and estate planning primarily for estates worth \$500,000 to \$10,000,000.
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Co-operating with independent auditing or real estate companies upon the client's request, we can offer our "comprehensive service package" which includes financial or other special advice and overview. The above goals are reached with professional staff with a good command of foreign languages. The staff of our Law Firm consists of sixteen Partners and ten fully qualified associate members.



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Siguion Reyna Montecillo & Ongsiako is a professional law partnership based in the Philippines. Founded during the American colonial period in 1901 by two American lawyers, Charles Cohn and John Hausserman, it is the oldest law firm in the country. The firm name reflects a long and proud history. The firm was associated with the New York City law firm Coudert Brothers from 1903 to 1907, until it merged with the Ortigas and Fisher law partnership. Mr. Hausserman later went on to found Benguet Consolidated, the pioneer in Philippine gold mining, and Mr. Fisher became a justice in the Philippine Supreme Court. Messrs. Kincaid and Perkins joined the partnership in 1923, followed shortly by Mr. Dewitt and Brady. The first Filipino partner, Alfonso Ponce Enrile - one of the most noted trial lawyers of his time - was admitted in 1936.

Leonardo Siguion Reyna and Manuel G. Montecillo became partners in 1948; both are two of the most senior practicing lawyers in the country today. Oscar R. Ongsiako passed away in 1995, and the third general partner, Romarie G. Villonco, assumed his place in 1996.

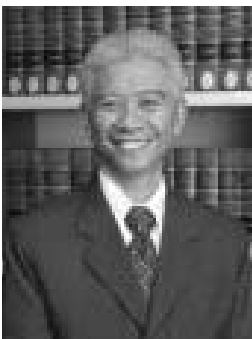
At present, the firm consists of 44 experienced lawyers (22 partners and 22 Associates) handling an extensive general practice in corporate and commercial law, labor and employment law, civil/corporate/labor/criminal litigation, banking, securities, insurance, intellectual property, tax, product liability, commercial real estate transactions, computer and internet law, aviation and maritime law.



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The Firm's original foundation dates back to 1948, while Japan was under occupation of the Allies after the World War II, when Mr. Tadao Ohno established Law Office of Tadao Ohno in Tokyo as a solo practice. A few years later, Mr. Kazuhide Harada, another founding father of the Firm, joined the law firm, which became known as Furnes, Sato, Harada & Matsui, one of the first international firms in Tokyo. (George Furnes was one of a handful of American attorneys admitted to the Japanese Bar in the early 1950's because of their earnest representation of war defendants during the Tokyo War Trial, demonstrating the genuineness of that legal process.) Over the years, several of the firm's members have served as Lecturers at the Legal Research & Training Institute, the mandatory institute to obtain a qualification to practice law in Japan, administered by Supreme Court of Japan in cooperation with the Bar Associations. In 1975, Mr. Harada left to found Harada & Hayakawa, with Professor Takeo Hayakawa, a law professor at Kobe University, but because of the close friendship and respect between Mr. Ohno and Mr. Harada, which were shared by many attorneys of the respective two firms, they often worked together and started sharing office space in 1989. In 1995, the two law firms merged into one firm, thereby adopted its current name of "South Toranomon". Since then, the Firm has grown and been providing its client with broad range of legal services, with its tradition of the un-compromised commitment to excellence. The firm has a particularly strong reputation in litigation and dispute resolution and has successfully represented clients in breakthrough copyright cases before the Supreme Court of Japan. The firm is also unusual in the business law community for its willingness to undertake White Collar Crime cases.



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Studio Legale Sutti was founded in 1953 by Dr. Angelo Sutti, Knight of the Italian Republic, as an Italian law firm with a strong focus on company-commercial law and intellectual property & competition law offering its services to businesses and entrepreneurs. In the late seventies the Firm began an uninterrupted growth cycle, eventually making it one of the largest Italian firms and in fact a multinational firm. In the mid-eighties, SLS's practice became increasingly involved in the international arena, and began interviewing foreign candidates in its recruitment operations. This also led the Firm to establish its two representation offices abroad in 1992, namely in London and Tokyo, offering the Firm's services to the local markets; and to participate actively to the life of a number of foreign chambers of commerce and trade associations in Italy.

New Italian offices were established in the same period, respectively in Rome; Monza; and Genoa, where SLS was honoured to be joined by the partners and associates of Studio Pennisi.

In the meantime, SLS had become both an interdisciplinary and multinational firm having welcomed patent attorneys and tax advisors (commercialisti) to its ranks, and established the single largest practice of South-Eastern Europe (in terms of human resources, territorial coverage and turnover). In particular, further to mergers with local leading players, the Firm is now active with its own offices in Bulgaria, Serbia & Montenegro, and Romania and represents a point of reference with respect to investment and trade involving that part of the world.



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The practice was founded in 1950 by Jean-Jacques Triplet and since then its outlook has always been European and International. Its members bring together legal, linguistic and inter-cultural skills aimed at serving the needs of an international clientele. The prevailing philosophy within the practice is that the client's objectives are paramount and that it is only by listening to his or her needs that proper legal means may be allied to sound business sense to achieve the desired result. Triplet & Associés is a French law practice acting principally not only for international corporations which carry out business on French territory, but also for non-French corporations which are established, or which seek to establish themselves, in France. It acts for a considerable number of American, Asian and British entities to which it gives advice and assistance (in English) in regard to French Law.

The practice advises on all aspects of French business life as well as undertaking commercial and employment law litigation on behalf of its clients. In addition to its advisory work, and if and when litigation is necessary, its members are entitled to appear in Court throughout metropolitan France, as well as in the French overseas territories and dependencies.

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Areas of practice: The firm has a substantial corporate and commercial practice and advises on all aspects of securities law, takeovers, mergers and acquisitions, flotations, international equity offerings, joint ventures, commercial contracts and corporate restructurings. The firm is also active in general banking and financial transactions.

The firm has a particular interest in China-related matters. It acts on behalf of clients undertaking banking, trading and investment activities in China as well as Chinese entities engaging in activities in Hong Kong and overseas. The firm's senior partner, Victor Chu, is a member of a panel of experts chosen by the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission to arbitrate over securities disputes in China. Mr Chu is also a China appointed Attesting Officer and the firm has a Chinese notarisation department.



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The firm has grown in the intervening years to twenty-six lawyers, and it is still small enough for personal attention from the partners to the needs of every client, and yet large enough to provide each client with resources sufficient to the engagement. Williams & Anderson is pleased to represent highly successful business organizations. The firm's business clients are large and small, public and private, and span the broad spectrum of commercial activities. The practice groups are Corporate & Securities, Public & Corporate Finance, Business Litigation, Estate & Tax Planning, Intellectual Property, Banking and Creditors' Rights, Real Estate, Media, Construction, and Employment Law.



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One of the firm's partners is a former member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, was a candidate for governor of the state, and is now part of a team representing businesses in legislative matters. Another partner is a noted lobbyist and former head of the Board of Governors for the University of North Carolina system. Our lawyers are involved in the arts, aviation, local sports promotion, economic development activities, and act as General Counsel to the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. The firm also has 34 lawyers with AV ratings in the Martindale Hubbell Law Directory and nine partners representing labor and employment, health care, real estate and environmental law listed in Best Lawyers in America.



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Founded in 1903, Wolf Block now has over 250 attorneys. The firm's practice is national and international and includes a diverse range of clients from individual proprietors to small and medium-sized entrepreneurial organizations to large publicly-held corporations and multi-billion dollar conglomerates. Wolf Block takes great pride in its national reputation for successfully combining legal skills with business experience and acumen. Through the years Wolf Block has established a tradition of innovation, decisive and intelligent lawyering and creative advocacy, combined with a commitment to timely responsiveness and the need to control the cost of services. Wolf Block lawyers are focused on and dedicated to achieving the client's goals.

Members of the firm have served in many prestigious government, bar association and academic positions, including Judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals, Commissioner of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Mayor of Philadelphia, Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Professorships at Harvard Law School and other prestigious law schools, President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, and most recently, President of the American Bar Association.

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