

# TAGLaw Conference Attendee Profiles

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#### **FIRM PROFILE**

Founded in 1996 by Romain ADAM and Claude BLESER, ADAM & BLESER is registered with the Luxembourg Bar.

Since July 2007, Catherine TISSIER and Dominique FARYS are partners of the firm.

The activities of the firm cover all aspects of domestic and international commercial, corporate, labor, tax and banking law, including the incorporation and domiciliation of holding and financial companies, and the formation of investment funds.

The firm's lawyers represent clients before all Luxembourg Courts, the Court of Justice of the European Community and the Benelux Court of Justice and are admitted to appear before the Courts of the Member States of the European Community.

The firm's clients comprise both local and foreign companies, in particular in the following fields: banking, financial services, investment funds, insurance, audio-visual, computers and electronics, leasing, public works and construction. In addition to its local expertise, the firm works closely with foreign correspondents and this enables it to duly take into account any transnational aspects of legal problems encountered.

All of the firm's partners and associates are fluent in English, German and French.

"ADAM & BLESER has an excellent reputation for employment litigation, particularly in relation to acting for employees." Legal 500 (2007)



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Mergers and Acquisitions, business law and dispute resolution related to cross-border issues are the pillars of B. Cremades & Asociados' practice, without disregarding the impact of the new technologies in modern economies. B. Cremades & Asociados is recognized as one of the preeminent law firms in the country. Our policy is to provide legal services in a wide range of areas, primarily to domestic and foreign business clients from both mature and emerging markets. Multinational corporations, family businesses and individuals are counseled according to their specific needs and goals.

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"International" has become the keyword at B. Cremades & Asociados. All members of the firm have studied or gained practical experience abroad. Our attorneys qualified in Germany, England or Mexico give a refreshingly different perspective on legal issues. B. Cremades & Asociados' size enables us to take care of major matters. Yet we are small enough to ensure flexibility as well as build and maintain a close personal relationship with our clients. They can rely on us being accessible and prompt in responding. We do not limit our services to comprehensive legal advice, but explain any foreseeable conflicts between different business cultures and legal systems. A tight network of external specialists as well as an up-to-date communication system enable us to provide services all over Spain and Latin America.

General working languages of the firm are Spanish and English, which all partners and associates are able to use at a negotiating level. Full counsel is also available in French and German. Our attorneys are supported by a competent international staff of secretaries and translators.



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Since 1863, we have been helping clients do business throughout Indiana, across the country and around the world. From Fortune 500 corporations to regional businesses, local governments and individuals, clients look to Baker & Daniels for excellence in all areas of legal practice, for a creative and individualized approach to solving client problems, and for a deep understanding of business, law and government. Baker & Daniels' 350 professionals serve clients from the firm's seven offices in Indiana, Washington, D.C. and China (we are one of only 26 U.S. law firms licensed to practice in China). Our service to clients is enhanced by our Washington, D.C. government affairs consulting subsidiary.

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Baker & Daniels has provided leadership and counsel to national, state and local governments since the firm first opened its doors. One of our founders served as vice president of the United States, and other firm lawyers have represented Indiana in the U.S. Congress and the Indiana legislature. Three Baker & Daniels lawyers have served as governor of Indiana. Stephen Goldsmith, Indianapolis' immediate past Mayor, joined the Firm in 1999.

Firm Expertise - Our broad civil practice serves the full range of client legal needs in the following areas: Antitrust, Business Planning, Commercial, Financial and Bankruptcy, Corporate Finance, Employment Relations, Employee Benefits, Environment, Family Business, Federal, State and Local Tax, Food and Drug, Government Affairs, Health Care, Individual/Family, Estate and Probate, Insurance, Intellectual property, International, litigation, Medical Technology, Municipal Law/Tax-exempt Finance, Nonprofit, Product Liability, Real Estate/Land Use, Transportation, Utilities.



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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.

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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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Angie Castille serves as vice chair of the firm's international practice. She has counseled public and private companies, partnerships, joint ventures, offshore companies and other business entities on international transactions and general business matters, including share and asset acquisitions, establishment of joint ventures and foreign subsidiaries, contract manufacturing, licensing transactions, distribution and sales representative agreements. Angie also counsels clients on compliance with trade regulations, including import regulations and export controls. She also has in-house experience. From August 1999 through May 2000, Angie served as Associate General Counsel at Holy Cross Health System Corporation and was involved with the combination of Holy Cross Health System Corporation with Mercy Health Services to form Trinity Health Corporation.

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Jackie Simmons leads the firm's environmental law and international practice groups. In environmental law, she represents clients in administrative and civil enforcement actions, brownfield issues, regulatory and legislative matters, health and safety enforcement actions and other activities. Jackie has extensive experience in environmental matters from a variety of perspectives, including legal, private industry and manufacturer's association.

As leader of Baker & Daniels' international practice, Jackie is using her business experience as a decision maker in several international joint ventures in Europe, China and India to assist clients in their strategic decisions regarding growth opportunities in other parts of the world. Jackie also advises businesses on international environment laws that affect their manufacturing plants and products, including RoHS restrictions, WEEE laws and REACH regulations in the EU; waste laws and battery restrictions in Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rico and Columbia; and RoHS restrictions in China.

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Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & 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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Peter is the senior partner and a founder of Barack Ferrazzano. He practices in the area of corporate and securities law with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions and financial planning matters. He regularly represents clients in mergers and acquisitions, strategic business planning and other sorts of corporate restructuring. In addition, he counsels a variety of large public companies, including many foreign companies in their American business activities. As examples of the diverse nature of his practice activities, Peter has represented a large French public company in its \$3.2 billion acquisition of a 62.5 percent interest in an international retailer, another large French company in the merger of its business travel services subsidiary with an American business travel company to form an international company with over \$8 billion in annual turnover, the controlling family in a merger of its publicly held sporting goods company into a large privately held sporting goods company and its subsequent listing on the NASDAQ national market system, and a public company in its \$350 million acquisition by way of a tender offer and merger into a private equity fund. Peter began his career as an Assistant Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School and an Associate Professor of Law at Northwestern University Law School. He has continued his academic affiliations by serving as an Adjunct Professor of Corporate Law and the holder of the Edward Avery Harriman Lectureship at Northwestern Law School, where he teaches Business Planning, Corporate Finance, and Securities Regulation. He is also an Adjunct Professor in Finance at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management where he teaches Mergers and Acquisitions. He also teaches Mergers and Acquisitions in various mid-career Executive Programs at the Kellogg School of Management

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Bill concentrates his practice on bankruptcy and creditors' rights matters. He has been involved in the representation of debtors and creditors' committees in large Chapter 11 cases, including Comdisco, Inc., Kmart Corporation and Newstar Energy U.S.A., Inc. Bill has also represented secured creditors in bankruptcy cases and has litigated on their behalves stay relief, adequate protection, cash collateral and DIP financing issues. He has extensive experience in litigating in the bankruptcy court, having recently successfully represented the Illinois Gaming Board in In re Emerald Casino, Inc. (2003 U.S. Dist. Lexis 23216) and the prevailing party (a reference/fraudulent transfer defendant) in In re Computer Engineering Associates, Inc., 337 F.3d 38 (1st Cir. 2003). Bill also consults with borrowers and creditors in strategies for resolving debtor/creditor problems.Bill regularly serves as local counsel on matters in the Chicago bankruptcy court and has extensive experience in representing parties sued for the recovery of preferences. Bill has significant experience in single asset bankruptcy cases, having represented secured lenders and debtors. In these cases and in state court foreclosure actions, Bill and the other lawyers of the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights group work with the lawyers in the real estate and litigation groups.



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Ed concentrates his practice in the corporate finance and financial services areas and regularly represents financial institutions, investment banks and institutional lenders, and is co-chair of the Firm's corporate and securities group and one of our partners in charge of the Firm's financial institutions group. He regularly advises clients, including financial institutions, concerning strategic and transactional matters and corporate governance issues. Ed He has almost 20 years of experience in many aspects of financial services law, including mergers and acquisitions, capital planning and formation, tax planning, regulatory compliance and enforcement, secured lending, blanket bond and insurance claims and advising boards of directors on strategic, legal and legislative issues.



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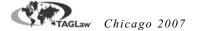
Dan concentrates his practice on general corporate, mergers and acquisitions, finance and business planning matters. His practice has provided him with a breadth of experience in a number of areas, including domestic and international mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance (as both borrower's and lender's counsel), securities offerings, general corporate counseling for small and medium-sized companies and commercial real estate transactions. He has extensive experience in structuring and negotiating corporate acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures and mergers, as well as advising clients regarding recapitalizing existing businesses and forming new businesses. Dan also counsels clients concerning the applicability of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 to potential transactions.



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Howard is one of the founders of Barack Ferrazzano and currently serves as the Firm's Managing Partner. He concentrates his practice on commercial real estate and related corporate, securities and business planning matters. Howard has extensive experience in the formation of joint ventures between institutional partners and developers and in the acquisition, development, leasing and disposition of office buildings, shopping centers and other retail locations, multi-family housing, industrial buildings and mixed used facilities, as well as real estate financings, restructurings and other work-outs.

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Sandy 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. He regularly works with a diverse group of businesses including domestic, Pacific Rim and European entities involved in advanced technologies, industrial and consumer products, nuclear and conventional power infrastructure, manufacturing and financial services.



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Julie's practice encompasses a broad range of commercial real estate matters, including development, joint ventures, financings, property sales and acquisitions, leasing and land use issues. She has substantial experience in real estate development, including build-to-suit transactions and construction-related contracts. Julie has also worked extensively in the area of real estate financing representing both lenders and borrowers in connection with commercial loan transactions, including secured financings, work-outs, restructurings and deed-in-lieu foreclosure transactions. She also has significant experience in negotiating and documenting commercial office, industrial and retail leases.



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Ray concentrates his practice on complex commercial litigation matters and heads the firm's litigation group. Ray's litigation practice spans a broad array of commercial disputes, including litigation concerning securities laws, intellectual property rights, director and officer liability and breach of commercial contract claims. He has a particular focus on litigation involving derivative securities. He has also frequently been retained prior to litigation to help resolve disputes before lawsuits are filed or structure an overall strategy for handling business disputes that are likely to result in litigation. Ray has acted as lead counsel in multi-district litigation and many state and federal class action suits. He has extensive jury trial experience in federal and state courts throughout the country. He also has experience in many forms of alternative dispute resolution. He has at times been retained to work solely on the trial phase of major commercial litigation. He has served as an arbitrator and expert witness, and is a frequent speaker and teacher at seminars.



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Jim concentrates his practice in the areas of franchise, product distribution and trade regulation. He is a member of the firm's litigation practice group and heads up the firm's franchise and product distribution practice group. Jim has litigated and counseled automotive and other franchisor clients on a broad range of legal issues, including dealer establishment, relocation and termination, market encroachment, warranty reimbursement disputes and policies, national product allocation systems, facility and site control regulation, minority dealer representation programs, advertising regulation, franchise transfers, Dealer-Day-in-Court Act claims, gray market trading, dealer and distributor licensing, company-owned dealerships, copyright and trademark infringement, product marketing, and consumer fraud regulation. He has also litigated cases involving land use planning, tax increment financing, zoning, commercial class actions, trade secrets, restrictive employment covenants, whistleblower employee termination, antitrust claims, lender liability, environmental regulation, condemnations, truth-in-lending claims, and claims under the federal Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act.

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Bélanger Sauvé was formed in 1967 by the merger of two Montreal law firms dating back to more than 50 years. The firm's clientele is well diversified and includes a large number of individuals, corporations and public institutions. Bélanger Sauvé offers to each the same quality of service and level of expertise.

At Bélanger Sauvé, high quality service is the primary objective. This objective underlies the selection of all team members and guides their every action. Bélanger Sauvé's organization is simple, well-structured and efficient and its clients are well acquainted with the attorneys who act on their behalf and enjoy the personalized service they are entitled to expect. Bélanger Sauvé regularly offers specialized professional training sessions, more particularly when major legislative changes are introduced. Moreover, the firm is constantly participating in activities that involve or are of concern to its clients.

Bélanger Sauvé has been involved in the field of business law since 1978. Public and private companies have retained its services for highly complex matters, with ramifications in Québec and Canadian law, as well as the laws of the United States, Latin America, Europe and Asia.



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Me Blouin holds a Bachelor's degree in civil and in common law from McGill University and a Master of Arts in International Affairs from the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of the Johns Hopkins University. Since he was called to the Bar in 1993, Me Blouin has acquired a broad expertise in the areas of corporate and commercial law as well as financing and, more particularly, in venture capital financing. Fields of expertise: Corporate financing, Mergers, acquisitions, sales of business concerns, Corporate structuring and partnerships Intellectual property, Technology transfer

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After obtaining a degree in French Literature and Modern Languages from McGill University, Me Dicaire worked in the travel industry for several years before pursuing a career in law. Me Dicaire obtained her law degree from the University of Montreal and was called to the Bar in 1994.

Subsequently, she oriented her practice to legal matters in the cinema and television industries, primarily dealing with copyright and clearance procedures for the Errors and Omissions insurance coverage required for distribution. She is Secretary of the board of Directors of Women in Film, Television and Video of Montreal. Me Dicaire speaks fluent French, English and Spanish.

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The firm's trial lawyers appear throughout lowa's state and federal courts. In addition, many of the firm's attorneys have been admitted to and have practiced extensively before a wide array of state and federal courts outside of lowa.

The firm's attorneys are ranked by a number of outside sources as among the state's leaders in their fields. Seventeen lawyers from the Belin firm are listed in The Best Lawyers in America. Fourteen attorneys are recognized by Chambers and Partners, and over two-thirds of the firm's lawyers are rated AV® by Martindale-Hubbell. The firm is committed to attracting the highest caliber of legal talent.

The firm counts among its ranks a 14-year justice of the lowa Supreme Court, attorneys who have clerked for the lowa Supreme Court or one of a number of U.S. Courts of Appeals, and attorneys who have practiced with prominent law firms in New York, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Phoenix.



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Quent Boyken is a shareholder of the Belin Law Firm whose practice emphasizes corporate and general business law, and business acquisitions and transactions. Mr. Boyken specializes in corporate acquisitions for closely held companies. He has been recognized by Chambers and Partners for his corporate practice.

Mr. Boyken is a Certified Public Accountant who brings a multidisciplinary approach to his corporate transactional practice. Prior to attending law school, he spent three years working as an auditor for Coopers & Lybrand in their Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota office. Mr. Boyken also taught undergraduate-level accounting courses at the University of Michigan while he was a law school student in 1980-82.

Mr. Boyken has served several terms as a member of the firm's Management Committee, including the current term, and has served as the firm's President in 1994, 2002 and 2003.



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Ed Mansfield is a shareholder of the firm whose practice emphasizes complex civil litigation. Mr. Mansfield has handled cases involving a wide variety of issues, including civil and criminal trials, antitrust, products liability, securities fraud, health care law, election law, deceptive trade or business practices, unfair competition, breach of contract, and various class actions. He has been recognized by Chambers and Partners for his litigation practice. Mr. Mansfield has substantial trial and courtroom experience. He has conducted numerous jury and non-jury trials and has argued numerous appellate matters, including arguments before most of the federal Courts of Appeals. In addition, Mr. Mansfield has been a frequent author and lecturer in his areas of expertise. He currently serves as the Chair of the Trade Regulation Section of the lowa Bar Association. He also is an Adjunct Professor at the Drake University Law School, teaching a popular course in Election Law. Mr. Mansfield also serves as the general counsel to the national federation of independent non-profit blood centers.

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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 American 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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#### **FIRM PROFILE**

Berger Singerman delivers creative and effective business solutions and counsel. Since its founding in 1985, Berger Singerman has distinguished itself by the quality of its lawyers and practice, and by its commitment to delivering value to its clients. Our firm is composed of approximately forty lawyers with diverse backgrounds and skills, providing a well-rounded, full service commercial law firm.

We have offices in Boca Raton, Fort Lauderdale, Miami, and Tallahassee in order to effectively meet the ever-expanding requirements of our clients. Our strong Florida presence and vast client base is not wholly indicative of our national and international experience and practice, for which we are proud to say is active and continually growing.

Our firm possesses substantial expertise in the areas of business law, including real estate, litigation, bankruptcy, tax, environmental, healthcare, banking and financial services, corporate and securities, as well as in the areas of estate planning and probate. The result is comprehensive client service.



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Paul Singerman is a partner resident in the Miami office of Berger Singerman. Mr. Singerman is Co-Chief Executive Officer of the firm, and practices on the Business Reorganization Team. Mr. Singerman concentrates in troubled loan workouts, insolvency matters and commercial transactions. Mr. Singerman is active in the State and local bar associations. He has served on the Executive Council of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar for fourteen years and has held many offices of the Business Law Section; first as the Chairman of the Continuing Legal Education/Special Programs and Meetings Committee (1987-1990); next as Vice-Chairman (1990-1991) and Chairman of the Bankruptcy/UCC Committee (1991-1992); then as Chairman of the Legislation Committee (1992-1993). In June, 1995, Mr. Singerman was installed as Chair of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar. Prior to his becoming Chair, Mr. Singerman served as Secretary/Treasurer (1993-94) and Chair-Elect (1994-95) of the Business Law Section.

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"Geographical spread is matched by top ratings in an eclectic range of sectors. The charities, employment, IT, IP, litigation, construction and real estate teams are all leaders in their fields, yet the firm also exhibits proficiency in professional discipline, corporate finance, crime, trust and personal tax." - From Chambers UK 2007, A Client's Guide to the Legal Profession

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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(TAGLaw Advisory Board Member) 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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(Co-chair of the TAGLaw Specialty Group: Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution) Jonathan Lloyd Jones became Managing Partner of Linnells in 1997 and Senior Partner in 1999. During that time Linnells developed its specialized commercial and property practice and he led the negotiations which resulted in the merger of Linnells with Blake Lapthorn in 2003 to form Blake Lapthorn Linnell, a top 50 UK practice. His skills as a mediator have particular value in his role as a senior manager. His present practice consists of advising clients in relation to building contracts and related matters as well as dispute resolution. He has represented clients both in Court and at Arbitration. Chambers Guide to the Legal Profession has ranked Jonathan in the first tier of leaders in ADR for the past 4 years and, in its current edition, he is described as absolutely superb. He has mediated approximately 60 cases from all parts of the country and over 80% of them have settled on the day or shortly thereafter.

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Joan Garson is a member of the Corporate/Commercial Group at Blaney McMurtry LLP. She 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. 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. Practice Areas: Banking & Financial Services, Secured Transactions Called to the Bar of Ontario, 1980; LL.B., University of Toronto, 1978; B.A. (Political Science), Dalhousie University, 1973; Member, Business Law and Insolvency sections, Canadian Bar Association; Member, Law Society of Upper Canada



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Brett Tkatch is a partner in Blaney McMurtry LLP and heads the firm's Real Estate group.

The transactions in which Brett is involved are nation-wide, and he counts some of Canada's top retailers among his clients. Throughout his career, Brett has been involved in a number of significant commercial real estate transactions acting for purchasers, vendors, lenders, municipalities and builders in development projects. He has negotiated and drafted agreements of purchase and sale, encroachment agreements, joint venture agreements, co-ownership agreements, cost sharing agreements, easement agreements and interlender agreements.

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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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Karen is a property partner at Boodle Hatfield. She is experienced in commercial property, development and investment work. She also has experience of secured lending work. Karen acts for a number of developers and investors and has recently acted on high profile retail schemes for private investors. An Oxford University graduate, Karen qualified in 1986 and worked with Saunders Sobell Leigh & Dobin and Taylor Walton prior to joining Boodle Hatfield in 1994 where she became a partner in 1997.

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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.

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David Thompson graduated from Dalhousie Law School in 1994. He articled and was admitted to the British Columbia Bar in 1995. He practiced in British Columbia for two years before returning to his native Nova Scotia. Since then, he has been practising in the corporate/commercial law field with emphasis on tax (corporate, personal and estate planning), information technology, securities, buy/selling of businesses, incorporations, corporate reorganizations, financings, commercial and residential real estate. EDUCATION - 1990-94 LL.B. Dalhousie University Halifax, N.S. Law Foundation of Nova Scotia Scholarship; 1986-90 BBA (Finance Specialization) Acadia University, Wolfville, NS. Manning Entrance Scholarship University Scholar Dean's List

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Founded in 1959, we have earned a reputation for excellence forged by a tradition of integrity, experience and expertise. With over 45 lawyers, state-of-the-art technology and a full support staff, the firm offers a broad range of legal services. Our lawyers have achieved regional and national recognition in their practice areas. We take a disciplined approach to problem solving, aware of cost considerations, but focused on quality.

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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 & Commercial
- Commercial Dispute Resolution
- Insurance
- Construction & 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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Patrick graduated from Queensland University of Technology with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and holds a Masters of Law focusing on construction; dispute resolution and insurance. He was admitted in Queensland in 1992 and became a partner at Carter Newell in 1996. Patrick has practiced for most of the past decade in the specialist area of construction and engineering claims. In the construction field he now advises a large number of national contractors, engineers, suppliers, principals and insurers. He and his team have considerable experience in the field of building and construction law embracing all aspects of contract advice, contract drafting (including drafting of special conditions) and contract claims involving issues of defective work, negligence, trade practices, quantum meruit, programming, delay costs, extension of time, variations and liquidated damages. He has acted in a number of international disputes and arbitrations including ones governed by ICC guidelines and has recently been involved in international disputes in Greece, Africa and Korea. He is the co-chair of the Construction Speciality group.

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The firm's practice areas include: Business Recovery & Transformation, Commercial, Construction, Corporate, Data Protection, Dispute Resolution, Employment, Environment, Health & Safety, Inward Investment, IP, IT, Outsourcing, Planning, Real Estate, Renewable Energy, Residential Conveyancing, Waste Management.



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Cline Williams' practice emphasizes all aspects of corporate law and litigation, but encompasses substantially all types of legal matters. The firm's practice areas include: Administrative Law; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Bankruptcy; Banks and Banking; Business Law; Commercial Law; Communications and Media; Corporate Law; Criminal Law; Education Law; Employee Benefits; Environmental Law; Finance; Government Relations; Health Care; Housing Law; Insurance; Intellectual Property; Labor and Employment; Litigation; Media Law; Mergers, Acquisitions and Divestitures; Military Law; Natural Resources; Nonprofit and Charitable Organizations; Real Estate; Securities; Taxation; Trusts and Estates; Wills; Workers' Compensation; and Zoning, Planning and Land Use.



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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 of Real Estate, Litigation, Corporate and Transactional, Estate Planning and Administration, Copyright & Trademark, Labor & Employment, Nonprofit and Charitable Organizations, and Taxation.

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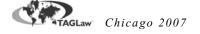


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The firm has lawyers licensed to practice in approximately 20 states (principally Southern and Western). Although the firm's practice is departmentalized into specialty groups, most of its lawyers have expertise in several areas.

The firm's clients include large and small, domestic and international businesses. It counsels sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited liability companies and corporations, including start-up businesses, emerging companies and well-established firms. Additionally, the firm represents estates and trusts, municipalities and other public sector organizations, and charitable foundations and institutions.



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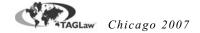
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Davis & Co. attorneys practice in all Courts of the Commonwealth and has perhaps more Privy Council experience than any firm in the Commonwealth. Their lawyers are dedicated to the provision of first class legal advice to the client whatever their needs. Davis & Co. services a wide range of institutional and individual clients both locally and worldwide.



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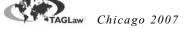
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A law firm entering into the twenty-first century has to be modern, creative and efficient. To meet that challenge, we place emphasis in quality rather than quantity. We believe that we are large enough to provide our clients with sophisticated legal advice, yet flexible enough to focus personal attention on each client's specific needs.

Our client base is diversified, including national and multinational clients alike, engaged in a wide array of businesses, such as banking, credit cards, financial products, computers and printers, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, water treatment, electronic appliances and insurance.

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Hirst & Applegate, P.C. was incorporated in 1971. Over the years Hirst & Applegate has built a strong reputation for effective trial work and the successful representation of a broad range of clients in Wyoming. Today, the firm provides experienced legal service in its principal areas of practice: Litigation, Estate Planning & Estate Administration and Business & Real Estate Law.

Hirst & Applegate handles litigation and appeals in all state and federal courts in Wyoming and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Colorado. The firm has been actively involved in class action and multidistrict litigation throughout the country. Hirst & Applegate also represents clients in administrative matters before local, state and federal agencies in Wyoming.

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Our "Big firm talent, small firm appeal" approach allows us to deliver the top legal talent and resources of a large law firm in the personalized, cost-effective package of a smaller firm, in five convenient suburban locations throughout the state. Our clients come from both the public and private sector, and range from individuals of high-net worth to Fortune 500 companies.

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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'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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Lang & Rahmann was founded in 1980 and offers its clients legal advice and assistance in all matters relating to business activities in Germany. In addition to the German clientele, Lang & Rahmann serve numerous clients based in France, The Netherlands, United Kingdom and the United States. The firm can communicate fluently in German, English and French.

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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Dr. Rahmann's publications encompass "Exclusion of National Jurisdiction" 1984, "Arbitrability of Antitrust Issues under EC, US and German Law", 12 Comparative Law Yearbook of International Business 1990, and "Investing in Eastern Germany", 18 International Business Lawyer 1990.

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We have extensive experience across a wide range of disciplines from corporate and securities, to intellectual property, through real estate. We attract and retain the highest caliber legal talent who share our values of integrity, respect, teamwork, accountability and leadership. The foundation of our success is, and will continue to be, the dedication of exceptional attorneys and professional staff.

For over 50 years, the standard we set for our firm is to maintain professional excellence in an open environment that is hospitable and welcoming to all people. How do we do this? By recognizing that our core purpose is all about relationships. Being outstanding attorneys helps us attract clients. Being good people helps us build long-standing client relationships.

And while grounded in a rich tradition, we challenge the dated view of what a law firm is and how it operates. By going far beyond just an understanding of legal principles, we redefine the role of attorneys in business. We see the world from our clients' point of view and empower them with the legal foundation and business foresight to succeed and flourish in an ever-changing corporate climate. This is the essence of quality representation.



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Nationally, Lindquist & Vennum is recognized for its depth of experience in agribusiness and renewable energy, commercial litigation, financial institutions, insurance recovery, life sciences, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, and private equity.

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; distribution; 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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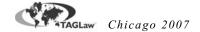


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Our client base is made up of a multitude of successful and enterprising businesses, both in Ireland and internationally. To keep our clients aware of the latest legal developments we hold regular seminars and publish current legal information on important 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. LANGUAGES: English, French, Italian, German.



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During more than 13 years of work, the lawyers of the firm have established permanent, long-term cooperation with leading foreign law firms in Great Britain, USA, Scandinavia and other countries worldwide, thus the position of an independent law firm allows clients of Loze, Grunte & Cers to receive the most professional legal counseling from the leaders of the relevant sector. The specialization of the professionals and the joint capacity of the firm allow offering the highest quality legal assistance, as well as implementing large-scale international projects.

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Martin Pringle engages in general civil, trial and appellate practice in a wide range of areas, including aviation law, business and commercial law, employment law, including workers compensation defense, medical malpractice defense, environmental law, insurance defense law, insurance coverage disputes, oil and gas law, products liability, construction law and personal injury, including automobile defense. Lawyers in the firm also have experience in the areas of bond failure and condemnation. The firm's practice includes a considerable amount of litigation in federal and state courts, including many proceedings outside the state of Kansas.



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We represent both Belgian and international clients in international and local law transactions.

Our clients range from start-ups, medium-sized companies to large multinational organisations.

With our extensive international experience, we place great importance on our ability to offer thorough professional competence in foreign languages combined with sensitivity to different legal and commercial cultures. All our lawyers are fluent in English, French and Dutch and the firm also works in German, Spanish and Italian.

To extend its capability and to ensure the highest level of service, MVVP retains strong professional contacts with law firms all over the world and is a member of several international networks, each specialised in specific practice areas.

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Milling Benson Woodward has a diversified client base representing business entities of all kinds, as well as individuals, foundations and other non-profit institutions. The Firm's attorneys have experience in many industries, including banking and finance, oil and gas, railroads and other transportation companies, liquid terminal and bulk warehousing companies, shipping companies, real estate and landowner interests, public utilities, health care providers, professional licensure boards, insurance, commodity importers and exporters, hotels, retailers, wholesalers, food processors, business and personal service companies and manufacturers. These clients are engaged in the full range of commerce indicated in the description of the Firm's practice.

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Preslmayr Rechtsanwälte, one of Austria's leading commercial law firms, is engaged in a broadly-based national and international practice concentrating on a full range of civil legal services. The firm concentrates on Austrian commercial and corporate law, national and international, mergers and acquisitions, due diligences, corporate finance, project finance, insolvency law including challenging/rescission in insolvency cases, bankruptcy, corporate reorganization, EEC law, general civil law and advises multinational corporations in European and Austrian activities. Further areas of particular expertise include the laws of industrial property, including copyright, unfair competition and antitrust, banking and finance, computer and software, food and drug, oil and gas, telecommunication, pharmaceuticals, labour and commercial litigation and arbitration.

Firm Expertise: Administrative Law, Advertising Law, Antitrust Law, Arbitration, Banking and Finance, Bankruptcy, Company Law, Commercial Law, Contracts, Competition Law, Corporate Law, Corporate Finance, Corporate Takeovers, Corporate Reorganization, Consumer Protection Law, Conveyancing, Distributorship Franchising, Due Diligences, EC Law, Employee Benefits, Energy, Entertainment, Environmental Law, Food and Drug Law, Foreign Investment, Foundations, Health and Hospital Law, Industrial Relations and Labour Law, Intellectual Property (including food and drug, pharmaceuticals, patents, industrial models, transfer of technology, copyright), International Contracts, International Private Law, Insolvency Law, Investments, Litigation, Mergers and Acquisitions, Personal Injury, Pharmaceuticals, Public Procurement Law, Product Liability Law, Property and Real Estate Law, Rent and Lease, Securities and Finance, Tort Law, Trade Marks, Trade Regulations, Trusts and Estate, Unfair Competition.



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RACINE has been growing constantly for the last 20 years: furthering its skills, setting up facilities in the main regions of France, and integration into European and international networks. Known for its skills in legal matters, RACINE is also available for services in the areas of consulting and auditing, particularly in the domain of mergers & acquisitions. RACINE's clients include companies and professional organisations that are leaders in their economic sectors. Racine is often viewed by its clients as an atypical firm, one which strives to familiarise itself with the line of business and culture of each of the companies which turn to the firm.

Racine has a clearly judicial vocation. Its experience in legal battles also helps it to provide expert consulting services. Its proven efficiency is backed up with in-depth knowledge in many economic sectors: Agriculture, Insurance, Wholesale Commerce, Distribution, Customs, Real Estate, Aeronautics, The Food Industry, The Luxury Industry, Information Services, The Media, Advertising, Professional Trade Shows, Sports and Transportation. For these companies, Racine offers Transversal Services, which provide complete coverage of all types of dossiers. The teams at Racine are particularly well-versed in the following domains: Real Estate / Insurance, Employment and Labor law, Administrative Law, Transportation / Customs, Distribution / Competition, Mergers and Acquisitions, White Collar Crime, Organisations and Structures involved in the agricultural economy and food industry.



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Jean-Yves MARTIN graduated from the University of Paris 1 (Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures, 1975, Docteur en droit 1981, awarded the Levy-Ullman Prize 1982) and the University of Chicago Law School MCL 1977) He has a long experience advising clients on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and capital markets. As a previous partner of an American law firm (Shearman & Sterling) and an English law firm (Allen & Overy), before joining Racine, Jean-Yves MARTIN has become very familiar with the various issues arising on cross border transactions.

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Danielle, born in 1971, graduated from the Erasmus University of Rotterdam in 1995. Admitted to the Dutch Bar in 1995. In 2000 she joined Rassers Advocaten & Notarissen, where she is a partner since 2005. Danielle is specialized in employment law, which includes a.o. contracts, (unfair) dismissal, re-organizations, working councils, both advising and litigating.



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Reid and Riege, P.C. was founded in 1950 by John Reid and John H. Riege. The philosophy of the firm is to provide quality, imaginative legal services to privately held and publicly held businesses and financial institutions, and to individuals throughout the State of Connecticut. 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.

The firm encourages its attorneys to participate actively in a wide variety of civic and professional organizations and activities. Some of the organizations in which the firm's attorneys have actively served include the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys, Council on Foundations, Hartford Downtown Corporation, Connecticut Bar Foundation, and National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.



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Riemer & Braunstein is a law firm that specializes in meeting the needs of financial institutions, individuals, and corporations and businesses of all sizes. They pride themselves on providing each client with efficient, responsive and cost-effective service of the highest quality. The firm's history and the long-time commitment of their many institutional and business clients are a testament to their success.

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Riemer & Braunstein's six core practice areas cover a range of issues that face their clients:

- The banking and finance group is well known in Massachusetts and has gained nationwide recognition for the work representing key institutional lenders in real estate lending, business and corporate lending, and workouts.
- The real estate group, working from offices in Boston and Burlington, counsels developers, financial institutions, managers and investors in all aspects of commercial real estate development.
- The firm's diversified litigation practice has expertise in contract law, complex commercial litigation and other areas, and handles cases involving finance issues, lender liability, contractual disputes, land use, environmental law and many other issues.
- The bankruptcy group has been well known since the inception of the firm for its expertise in representing creditors' committees, trustees, purchasers, landlords, individual unsecured and secured creditors, debtors and other parties in bankruptcy courts in Massachusetts, New England, Delaware and across the country.
- The firm's corporate department represents businesses, business owners, and real estate investors, from startups to more established entities.
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Jonathan specializes in representing closely held corporations. He regularly advises clients in a broad range of activities, including entity formation, negotiation and documentation of relationships between entity owners, negotiation of employment relationships, and the purchase and sale of entitles. Jonathan also works with clients and their financial advisors in structuring business relationships and in negotiating and documenting relationships with mezzanine and senior lenders.

In representing closely held clients, Jonathan frequently works with other members of the firm, including the real estate, litigation and estate planning groups. He often draws on his training as an accountant and his work as a public accountant before he began practicing law.

Jonathan spends a substantial amount of time donating his services for various nonprofit organizations, including the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston and the Jewish Big Brother and Big Sister Association Endowment Fund, Inc. He has received numerous awards for his community work.

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With over 100 years of experience, the Seattle, Washington, law firm of Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland, PLLC ("RSC") is positioned exceptionally well for service to our clients in the Pacific Northwest region. From our modest beginnings in 1897 to the present, we have established ourselves as a full-service law firm known for superior service. We blend creative, sound legal advice in an ever-growing arena of legal matters and are committed to exceptional representation and unparalleled client service.

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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Although Roger does commercial litigation, much of his practice focuses on construction law. He represents property owners, contractors, architects, engineers, municipalities and others in the construction industry. Among other things, Roger prepares owner-architect and owner-contractor agreements and bid documents for clients. He also helps clients anticipate and avoid problems during the construction process and resolve disputes. When it becomes necessary to use a dispute-resolution device, Roger prefers mediation and neutral evaluation, although he has the experience to arbitrate a dispute or take it to court.

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SBGK Patent and Law Offices were founded in 1969 as a result of a union of Patent Attorneys and Lawyers.

The firm has been dealing with international affairs since the merging of the two areas. Due to this special co-operation, industrial property law has always been very significant in the firm's profile including trademark law and anti-piracy activity, as well as the related area of competition law.

The other major area is the representation of multinational companies in Hungary. Our experience shows that foreign investors like to have their problems solved "under one roof". Investors need help from the beginning of a project to the very end, such as: establishing a company or at acquisition receiving full and complete legal overview, management of daily company duties, establishing subsidiaries, handling tax issues, collecting outstanding debts etc.

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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#### **FIRM PROFILE**

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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Mr. Villonco spearheads the Labor Department of the firm. Under his careful watch, the firm's solid reputation in labor practice has flourished. He has, through the years, successfully steered many of the biggest companies in the Philippines - such as PLDT, San Miguel Corporation, Philippine Airlines, RCBC, Atlas Consolidated Mining Corporation – in successfully negotiating and concluding Collective Bargaining Agreements with their employees. His counsel is much sought-after in dealing with, and satisfactorily resolving, myriad employer-employee issues, including strikes and union-related problems, and other controversies constituting the aftermath of local and international mergers and acquisitions, spin-off projects, outsourcing arrangements, redundancy, streamlining initiatives and other major personnel actions undertaken by management with actual and potentially serious implications in corporate operations and finances. Mr. Villonco's other practice areas are in corporate law, and in corporate and civil litigation; one of his earlier cases concerned the successful conversion of shares in one of the oldest clubs in the country, Manila Polo Club, from non-proprietary to proprietary.

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The Firm's original foundation dates back to 1948, while Japan was under occupation of the Allies after 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.)

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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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Spencer Fane Britt & Browne LLP, headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, traces its history and its tradition of excellence to a firm founded in the 1800s. The firm's practice includes all areas of trial and appellate work in state and federal courts throughout the country, as well as corporate transactions, employee benefits, environmental, patents and trademarks, labor and employment, real estate, trust and estate and international matters. The firm's clients conduct their business in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and throughout the world.

Our lawyers specialize in handling complex and challenging issues, yet bring a common-sense, results-oriented approach both to business and litigation matters. We have the expertise, and will invest the time and effort necessary, to achieve each client's business objectives. Our primary goal is to help our clients succeed through creative problem solving and imaginative planning. We think outside the box and take pride in being both practical and responsive.

The firm's practice areas include: Banks and Banking, Bankruptcy, Business, Business Litigation, Communications and Media, Computers and Software, Corporate Law, Creditors' and Debtors' Remedies, Employee Benefits, Environmental Law, Finance, Health Care, Intellectual Property, Labor and Employment, Patents, Real Estate, Taxation, Technology and Science, Trusts and Estates.



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Jim graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law in 1977. While in law school, he received the American Jurisprudence Award in Trial Practice and taught Business Law at the University. Upon graduation from law school, he served two years in the tax department of an international accounting firm and became licensed as a certified public accountant in 1978.

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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

The domestic operation of SLS, which had already included two regional offices serving Northern Italy, respectively situated in the area of Bergamo and Brescia (in Trescore Balneario) and in the area of Pavia and the southern Milanese province (in Abbiategrasso), was significantly reinforced in 1993, when the Firm merged with Monti & Partners - another well-known Milan-based law firm active since 1927 in international investments and trade matters, as well as banking and financial law -, and moved its Head Office to the current prestigious premises in Milan, via Montenapoleone 8. 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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#### **FIRM PROFILE**

Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, LLP is a firm of over sixty lawyers located in Atlanta, Georgia, with a diverse and growing practice. Founded in 1949 as Currie and McGhee, the firm has evolved into a full-service litigation firm. Our practice includes the representation of parties in products liability, professional malpractice, construction, legislative practice, employment discrimination, first- and third-party property insurance defense, workers' compensation, employment law, commercial disputes, international claims, appellate issues and other areas of litigation. Over the last half century, the firm has developed a well deserved reputation for high-quality legal services and dedicated attorneys. Finding creative solutions to complex problems — that is our commitment to our clients.

Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers focuses its practice in many areas, enabling them to offer to clients a depth of expertise and experience. By carefully understanding the needs of each client, they integrate their services to deliver the best value and desired results.

While offering a full range of services, they are particularly strong in litigation. Practice areas include: Business Law; Business Litigation; Liability and Commercial Litigation; Products Liability; Professional Liability Litigation; Employment Law / Employment Discrimination; Arson and Fraud; Construction; Legislative; Insurance Coverage; Workers' Compensation; Subrogation; Aviation Litigation.



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The firm's practice is enhanced by a comprehensive law library, facilitating the performance of much needed research in the most efficient manner. The office is further equipped with modern data processing equipment to enhance efficiency and to assist in the accounting and management controls necessary for the operation of a full service law firm. It also has adequate e-mail, telephone and telefax equipment to facilitate excellent communication with domestic and international clients. All these facilities enable the firm to respond quickly and offer resourceful and practical advice.

The firm has memberships in: The International Bar Association; International Trademark Association – U.S.A; Pharmaceutical Trademark Group – England; The Institute Of Trademark Attorneys – England; The Chartered Institute Of Arbitrators – England; Licensing Executives Society - Britain



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Founded in 1890, Tilleke & Gibbins is one of the largest independent multi-service law firms in Thailand. Based in Bangkok, the firm has offices also in Phuket in southwestern Thailand, as well as in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. The firm and its affiliates presently employ close to 300 persons, including 60 lawyers with expertise in many areas of legal practice focusing on the needs of the firm's more than 5,000 business and private clients from in excess of 100 countries.

Well known for its award-winning intellectual property practice, the firm is also recognized for its solid corporate and commercial expertise and extensive abilities in litigation and alternative dispute resolution. Because of the firm's established reputation in the legal community, it was designated by Martindale-Hubbell as revisers of the Thailand and Vietnam Law Digests since 1995 and 1997 respectively, a distinct honor which continues to the present day.

Tilleke & Gibbins is unique when compared with other international law firms in Thailand because it has the expertise and legal sophistication to handle complex legal matters, yet it is local and possesses the cultural understanding and community base necessary to deliver practical and cost-effective results.



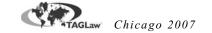
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The practice was founded in 1950 by Jean-Jacques Triplet and since then its outlook has always been European and International. Its members bring together legal, linguistic and inter-cultural skills aimed at serving the needs of an international clientele. 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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Williams & Anderson was established in 1988 by four partners who had practiced together from 16 to 28 years at one of Arkansas's largest law firms. One purpose in their forming the firm was to limit their practice to business-related matters and to permit the allocation of adequate resources to their engagements. Another purpose was to permit them to practice law in the manner they found most congenial to their interests and temperaments, and in so doing to provide their clients with superior legal services. 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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Mr. Menz has worked on every type of public financing done in Arkansas, including financings for school districts, state agencies, institutions of higher learning, airports, general obligation and sales and use tax bonds, all municipal utilities, including water, sewer, electric and solid waste disposal, healthcare, including hospitals and retirement facilities, municipal, suburban and property owners' improvement districts, industrial development revenue bonds, and bonds for single and multi-family housing, computer systems, energy conservation systems, and 9-1-1 emergency response systems.

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Representative clients are in the following industries: automotive, banking, biotechnology, alcoholic beverages, communications, computers, construction, chemicals, distribution, e-commerce, electronics, environmental finance, food service, government contracts, hospitals and health care, insurance, manufacturing, meat processing, pharmaceuticals, railroad, retail, real estate development, technology, telecommunications, textiles and transportation.



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WolfBlock is a multipractice law firm with offices in Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC. The firm has more than 300 attorneys and government relations professionals who offer the full complement of legal services to corporate, government, nonprofit and individual clients locally, nationally and internationally.

Many WolfBlock lawyers have in-depth experience in the industries we serve. They call upon that previous professional experience – as in-house counsel to Fortune 500 companies, accountants, research scientists and technical analysts, news producers and directors, government attorneys and directors of civic and municipal divisions and more – to provide effective and efficient representation to clients in those industries today. Many of our attorneys are also fluent in foreign language and have spent significant time abroad both before and during their tenure at WolfBlock and offer an international perspective to client matters as well.

The Firm's practice groups are as follows: Corporate/Securities, Real Estate, Intellectual Property and Information Technology, Communications, Financial Services, Health Law, Government Assisted and Affordable Housing, Tax, Business Litigation, Complex Liability/Surety/Fidelity, Family Law, Utility Regulation, Environmental and Land Use Law, Private Client Services, Employment Services and Employee Benefits.



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With offices in Sâo Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Joinville, Lisbon and Funchal (Maderia), Xavier, Bernardes, Bragança is an association of highly qualified and experienced lawyers, able to advise clients on a wide range of activities.

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