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At Abu-Ghazaleh Legal, we are strongly committed to providing professional advice, timely service and value to our clients. To maintain this commitment, our attorneys must be effective negotiators contributing to actualizing Abu-Ghazaleh Legal's goals and enthusiasm for the future.

Our attorneys regularly engage in training courses and seminars to maintain their high level of professional qualification, whilst remaining informed about the latest developments in the region. This ensures that any presentation they undertake at business and legal conferences is of the finest quality, reflecting Abu-Ghazaleh Legal's standard of excellence and quality services.

Founded in 1998, Abu-Ghazaleh Legal has built a reputation for providing quality legal services throughout the Arab region and leadership within the profession. This combines with our practical approach to understanding our client's business, with a central purpose to work together to help our clients grow and succeed. Their success is a measure of our own success.

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 our gratifying client relations.



Samer Pharaon
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Samer Pharaon was appointed as an Executive Director of Abu-Ghazaleh Legal (ABLE) in May, 2004. He has broad-ranging litigation and counseling experience involving the representation of clients as both plaintiffs and defendants in intellectual property and general commercial matters. Mr. Pharaon advised clients from North America, Europe and the Middle and Far East. A remarkable accomplishment by Mr. Pharaon was participating in the preparation of the Intellectual Property laws for the Kingdom of Bahrain. One of his most recent writings is the religious compatibility of trademarks and evolution of IP laws in Saudi Arabia, and copyright protection on the internet. Mr. Pharaon earned his LLB in January, 1992 from Mu'tah University in Jordan. Then he pursued his LLM, Masters of Comparative Law, in April, 1997 at the J. Reuben Clark Law School of the Brigham Young University (BYU) in Utah, where he was awarded the High-Grade Honor recognition in the fall semester of 1996. Mr. Pharaon passed the Jordan Bar Association exams at the top 5% in 1992. He is a member of the American Bar Association (Associate), 1998, Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP), 1997, Jordan Bar Association (JBA), 1992, and International Trademark Association (INTA), 2003.

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ADAM & BLESER is registered with the Luxembourg Bar. The activities of the firm cover all aspects of 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.

The firm is centrally located in Luxembourg city. It is fully computerized, equipped with electronic mail and word processing facilities and telecopiers.

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



Romain Adam

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Born in Luxembourg, January 3, 1963; admitted, 1989, Luxembourg; Avocat-Avoué, High Court of Justice.

Education: University of Aix-Marseille, France (Maîtrise en Droit Privé, 1988) , Advanced Course of Law, Luxembourg

Auxiliary Judge with the Luxembourg District Court (1993-); Director of the "Institut Européen des Juristes en Droit Social" (1991-);

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Born in Metz (France) in 1974; admitted to the Luxembourg Bar in 1999, avocat à la Cour, High Court of Justice; graduated at the University Robert Schuman of Strasbourg – France (Maîtrise en Droit Général, 1997), specialized in criminal law (D.E.A. Sciences Criminelles, 1998); Practice areas: commercial law, corporate law, employment and labour law.

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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.

"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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Born: Karlsruhe, Germany, 1962

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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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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, 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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Peter Barack is the senior partner of 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. 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.

Education: Harvard University Law School, J.D., magna cum laude, 1970

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(Co-chair of TAGLaw Specialty Group: Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions)

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. He regularly works with a diverse group of businesses including domestic, Pacific Rim and European entities involved in advanced technology, industrial and consumer products, manufacturing, financial services and entertainment industries.

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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.



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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. has considerable experience working with and representing owners, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and lenders in the area of mechanics' liens.



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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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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.

To achieve this goal, Bélanger Sauvé has consistently acquired the most up-to-date and sophisticated office and legal support systems. More importantly, it has expanded its team of experts and carefully developed their skills to keep pace with and even anticipate the needs of its clients. Bélanger Sauvé continues to do so and maintains close relationships with other firms and professionals.

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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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 its 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.

Firm Expertise

General Practice. Civil and Criminal Trials and Appeals, Taxation, Labor, Probate and Estate Planning, Banking, Bankruptcy, Corporation, Real Estate, Antitrust, Environmental, Legislative, School and Administrative Law



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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 Iowa 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.

Following law school, Mr. Mansfield completed a clerkship for the Hon. Patrick E. Higginbotham of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Before joining the Belin Law Firm, he previously practiced law at the Phoenix, Arizona-based law firm of Lewis & Roca from 1983 to 1996.

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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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James L. Berger is a shareholder residing in the Fort Lauderdale office of Berger Singerman. Mr. Berger is Co-Chief Executive Officer of the firm, and practices on the Transactional Team. Mr. Berger represents both buyers and sellers in multimillion-dollar complex loan transactions and refinancing. Mr. Berger received his undergraduate degree, cum laude, from Duke University in 1980, and his law degree from Duke in 1983. Mr. Berger was managing editor of the Legal Research Program at Duke for the 1982-1983 term, and was a member of Duke's Moot Court Board during that time. He currently serves on the Broward County Higher Education Facilities Authority, the Board of Directors of the Charter School of Excellence, the Capital Campaign Fund for the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County, and serves as a Co-Chair of the Leonardo Da Vinci Society – Museum of Discovery and Science. Mr. Berger was born in Brooklyn, New York, on November 28, 1958.



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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. The Business Law Section has over 4,000 business lawyers amongst its membership and is the third largest section in The Florida Bar.

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Black Helterline LLP is a Portland, Oregon law firm with nearly a 100-year tradition of providing quality legal services to Pacific Northwest business, governmental and nonprofit institutions. Our firm has recognized expertise in the areas of corporate law, financial institutions, mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliance/joint ventures, international business, real estate transactions and land use, environmental law, construction law, federal and state tax law, bankruptcy and reorganizations, employee benefit law, employment law, immigration and all types of litigation.

A number of Black Helterline's lawyers are licensed to practice in the state of Washington and regularly assist clients with business operations in both Oregon and Washington. The firm has an active Pacific Rim practice and has language capabilities in Korean, German, Spanish and French.

The firm is committed to providing the highest quality legal services to our clients. The firm's aim is to provide innovative solutions to business problems in a manner which meets the timing, needs, means and business objectives of our clients. Black Helterline's attorneys strive to maintain the highest standards of ethical practice. Our size allows us to offer clients personal attention, staffing continuity and cost efficiency that may not be available in a larger firm.



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Jim assists family owned and closely held businesses in organizational and formation issues, advice on day-to-day operations and long-term succession and strategic planning designed to achieve interrelated business, family and estate planning goals. He also leads Black Helterline's employment practice where he represents employers in all aspects of the employment relationship. His practice includes both employment counseling and litigation on a wide variety of issues, including hiring, discipline, termination, compliance with state and federal laws, advice on wage and hour issues and the development and enforcement of workplace policies and practices. In addition to these responsibilities, Jim serves as Managing Partner.

Practice Areas: Employment Law, Family Owned and Closely Held Businesses, Canadian Matters, Litigation

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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. BLL takes great pride in its national reputation for successfully combining legal skills with business experience and acumen. Through the years Blake Laphorn Linnell 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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Specialist Group Member: Company Commercial

Position: Partner

Main Areas of work: Company formation and organisation; mergers acquisitions and disposals; floatation and stock market work

Profile: Stephen qualified as a solicitor in 1996 and worked with Clifford Chance in London, New York and Singapore prior to joining Blake Laphorn Linnell in 1999. He specialises in advising on domestic and international company and business acquisitions, joint ventures and venture capital backed transactions and also has expertise in Takeover Code and Stock Exchange related work.

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Gillian joined Blake Laphorn 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. Her skills as an advocate, wealth of practical insight on employment law and accessible delivery makes her a popular and engaging speaker at conferences and training sessions. 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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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 Laphorn in 2003 to form Blake Laphorn 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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Profile: Mike is a senior solicitor who boasts a broad experience in all aspects of contentious insolvency from overseas asset recovery to technical advice on insolvency practice (both personal and corporate). He is also experienced in commercial litigation matters generally, from contract disputes to professional negligence, and has been heavily involved in specialist applications such as company restoration and directors' disqualification, as well as some construction and environmental matters. Having studied and worked in the Netherlands and in Brussels, Mike also boasts particular expertise in the European law and human rights aspects of insolvency and has had articles published in industry publications such as R3 Recovery magazine. He is a full member of the Insolvency Lawyers' Association.

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Date of Admission as Solicitor: 1972

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Position: Partner

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Position: Partner.

Main Areas of work: Corporate Transactions particularly business sales and mergers.

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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.

Practice Areas: Banking & Financial Services, Secured Transactions

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In addition, Jill has expertise in privacy law and the resolution of privacy complaints. She also assists employers in designing, negotiating and documenting their fully-insured and self-insured employee benefit platforms.

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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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Joe Gibbs practices primarily in the area of state and local taxation and litigation involving tax matters. His practice includes representation of clients in all aspects of state and local tax planning and controversy resolution. Joe has represented clients successfully before the Tennessee tax administrative bodies and before Tennessee courts, including the Tennessee Supreme Court. Joe represents a number of Fortune 500 companies with respect to their Tennessee tax matters.

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Michael joined Boult Cummings after graduating cum laude from Wake Forest University School of Law in 2002. While in law school, Michael was the Senior Notes and Comments Editor of the Wake Forest Law Review, a member of the Wake Forest Moot Court Board and President of the Wake Forest Chapter of the American Bar Association. Michael was the recipient of the CALI Excellence in the Future Award for Land Use Control and Planning, Real Estate Finance and Legal Research and Writing I & II, as well as the ABA Local Government Section Award. Prior to law school, he earned his undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University, graduating with a degree in Economics in 1999.

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David Rutter practices in the areas of commercial leasing, development of residential and industrial projects, real estate acquisitions and due diligence. Dave often represents large retail companies in lease negotiations throughout the United States. He also has experience in the area of immigration law, with a focus on obtaining non-immigrant visas for foreign nationals desiring to enter the United States for business or employment.

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In the area of employee benefits litigation, John handles all types of disputes, including class action and individual claims relating to denials of claims for benefits, severance plans, fiduciary duty and prohibited transaction provisions, ERISA Section 510 claims, plan investment losses, subrogation/reimbursement claims and claims brought against managed care organizations.



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Tom Trent has experience in all areas of real estate transactions, including industrial development and economic incentives, leasing, corporate, joint venture, partnership and limited liability company law, and tax-exempt finance. Representative clients include major regional and national manufacturing companies and corporate users of commercial real estate, institutional investors, developers and lenders, and a number of foreign corporations.

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We work with the efficiency, responsiveness and flexibility that today's clients demand. We represent Fortune 500 corporations, midsize and smaller privately held companies, brokerage firms, banks, insurance companies, nonprofit institutions and individuals. We have grown in large measure by referrals from satisfied clients and from attorneys outside the firm who know of our reputation or have seen us in action. We have earned the respect of the judges we appear before. We strive to uphold the highest standards of our profession in the service of our clients as they confront the challenges and opportunities of the new millennium.



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Mr. Hirsch chairs the Bankruptcy practice at the Firm. He concentrates on litigated matters, primarily those involving corporate, commercial, intellectual property, franchise, real estate and insolvency issues. He has extensive trial experience in the New Jersey and New York State and Federal courts, including jury trials to verdict. Mr. Hirsch has successfully confirmed as debtors' counsel a number of complex Chapter 11 cases, and has participated in many large bankruptcy cases as counsel to secured creditors, trustees, committees and parties seeking to acquire estate assets. Because of his business and real estate expertise, Mr. Hirsch also serves in an advisory capacity to clients and other attorneys in non-litigation matters. Mr. Hirsch has been a panelist and moderator at several New Jersey State Bar Association Bankruptcy Law Section Bench Bar Conferences and is a Master with the Bankruptcy Inn of Court. He has numerous published articles and reported decisions to his credit.

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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:

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- Insurance
- Construction And Engineering

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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.

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Today, the firm offers complex law services to both businesses and individuals. It specialises in particular in general commercial law and industrial and intellectual property law.

Our services are in high demand among local and international clients, which is reflected in our ranking among the prestigious "European Legal 500". This is a guide to legal firms in Europe and the Middle East, which is respected for its independence and objectivity. Čermák Hořejš Myslil a spol. has repeatedly come out on top in the areas of intellectual property, dispute resolution and corporate and commercial law.



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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.

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The Firm's litigators concentrate on the top end of the market and in particular on High Court matters. Alan Gough has an undisputed reputation as the leading practitioner in matters involving the international tracing of assets, fraud and the provision of injunctive relief; in recent years the Firm has been instrumental in the recovery of hundreds of millions of dollars of clients' money which those clients had considered lost forever. The Firm also advises international financial institutions on the conduct of insolvency matters in the Island.

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Harper Grey, founded in 1907, is distinguished by our dedication to achieving results for our clients, and for our extensive experience in civil litigation. Harper Grey lawyers are in court every day, continuously drawing upon their knowledge and understanding of both the law, and the court system itself. Through this strong commitment and drive to succeed, we have grown into the largest litigation-focused firm in British Columbia, with a history of success in many of the province's highest profile cases. Because litigation is our specialty, we bring a high degree of expertise and specialized care to every case. Clients depend on our strategic skills to efficiently resolve disputes, minimize their exposure to risk, and help them move forward with their business or personal lives. Our focus is on civil litigation, and more particularly on complex litigation - in the areas of commercial litigation, insurance, aviation, and the law of negligence. We help businesses, governments, insurers and individuals resolve disputes on a range of issues, such as health law, professional negligence defense, multi-jurisdictional disputes, insolvency related commercial disputes, construction disputes, bad faith insurance claims, claims against directors, officers and investment advisors, product liability, sexual misconduct, class actions and catastrophic injury claims. Disputes can have a substantial long-term impact, which is why clients need a team specialized in litigation, arbitration, and mediation. Clients at Harper Grey depend on, and just as importantly, trust our lawyers for their substantial skill in these areas and for their commitment to a positive outcome. Some of the most successful businesses and professionals in BC, such as doctors, lawyers, corporate directors and officers, investment advisors, design professionals, accountants and insurers, choose us for their most challenging litigation issues.



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As litigators, our firm has a large number of trial-tested advocates who are well-known to the Bars of New York and New Jersey as vigorous champions of our clients' interests. We are also seasoned negotiators with vast experience in fashioning, where appropriate, creative, tax-saving dispute resolution agreements which avoid or settle drawn-out, costly and wasteful litigation for our clients.

Our firm characterizes the relationship we develop with our clients as partnering because we seek to understand not only the legal needs, but also our clients' financial capacities and business requirements so the legal parameters ideally to be achieved are placed in a proper economic context. Herrick, Feinstein prides itself on the fact that clients see our firm's lawyers as integral members of their business team, who add substantial value to transactions at all stages and who constantly strive to find ways to make the deal happen.

The firm's practice areas include: Corporate; Internet & Technology; Property Rights; Litigation; Real Estate; Labor and Employee Relations; Sports & Entertainment; Government Relations; International Art Recovery Law; Bankruptcy; Tax; Health Care/Senior Housing; Trusts & Estates.



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In running several trade associations in the food industry for many years the lawyers of the firm have excellent contacts to cantonal and Swiss authorities, parliamentarians and the executive power.

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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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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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Our legal practice covers all areas of business law, including related litigation. In each of these areas we can count on the expertise of experienced lawyers.

Our lawyers work with clients at a strategic and operational level and assist in the practical implementation of the advice. Languages fluently spoken by our lawyers include English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Czech and Turkish. The firm provides legal services both to multinationals and medium-sized companies.

Sound technical knowledge international experience and an interdisciplinary approach, analytical ability and industry and practical action are the distinguishing features of the firm. We are committed to providing clients with high quality, proactive legal advice in a practical and commercial context - advice that anticipates, challenges and provides complete solutions.



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Since Wesley Walker formed a partnership with Dennis Leatherwood in 1945, we've been building lasting relationships with our clients. In fact, many companies using our legal services have been with us for decades. Today, our clients range from multinational organizations to small businesses, including manufacturers, general contractors, banks and other financial organizations, high tech corporations and insurance companies. The reasons our clients stay with us for years are the keys to our success. While many firms may be able to service clients, we become partners with our clients. We pride ourselves on our responsiveness and ability to work effectively with every client to ensure that the partnership is a rewarding one for all involved, resulting in excellent, cost effective legal services. A half century ago, the firm built a solid reputation as a team of superb litigators, a reputation we still enjoy. Our ability to couple superior litigation with outstanding attorneys in all business areas enhances our value to clients.



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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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Todd specializes in transactional and regulatory law in both the traditional and renewable energy sectors, and is leading the group's efforts in the emerging biodiesel industry. Todd also counsels clients on wind and other renewable power projects. Since joining the firm three years ago, Todd has taken on the representation of a broad coalition of 15 electric utilities, including investor-owned, cooperative, and municipal, regarding a broad range of regulatory and legislative issues. He regularly advises electric utilities on a variety of economic and permitting matters before state public utilities commissions and other state and local permitting authorities.



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The number one priority at LK Shields Solicitors is to provide first-rate legal services to our clients. Our clients are Irish and international entities in the private and public sectors. Our firm provides legal advice on all aspects of commercial law. We have dedicated intellectual property, information technology and ecommerce and banking and financial services departments to complement the skills of the commercial litigation, commercial property and general corporate and commercial departments.

LK Shields Solicitors was founded in 1988 and within a very short time we were ranked among the leading law firms in Ireland. We are very proud of our achievements, but we are never complacent. We are constantly looking forward, anticipating change and striving to improve our standards and services. Our approach is client focused. A partner oversees and supervises each and every case. We work to attain an in depth knowledge of our clients' businesses. This knowledge enables us to supply practical, timely, cost-effective and innovative legal solutions. In order to ensure that our clients are aware of the latest legal developments we hold seminars and publish updates on important and topical subjects.

People are our most valuable resource. Our clients can rely on the fact that lawyers of the highest calibre are providing their legal advice, lawyers whose knowledge, capabilities and experience are second to none in Ireland. Moreover, our legal expertise is augmented by the excellent support provided by our secretarial staff, our library and information centre and our IT people. Our ongoing success is dependent upon satisfied clients - our greatest marketing asset.

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Ed is a founding partner of the firm and chairs the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department. Ed practices mainly in the areas of professional negligence defence, company law, labour law and partnership. For some years Ed has been a member of both the Law Society of Ireland and the Arbitration and Mediation Committee, and he is also a member of the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association.

Qualifications: BCL, University College Dublin; Admitted as a solicitor in 1984; Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Practice Areas: Commercial Litigation

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Eoin Cunneen is a partner in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department, and is head of the IP Unit. Eoin qualified as a solicitor in 1999. He has been involved in a significant number of high profile IP related disputes in recent years. Eoin is an Irish trade mark agent.

Qualifications: Admitted as a solicitor in 1999, Certificate from the Institute of Bankers in Ireland on Mutual Fund Services, 1998, University College Dublin, 1995.

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Practice areas: Corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, private equity, fundraisings, shareholders' agreements, project finance, public private partnerships (PPP)

Languages: Fluent in German.

Further information: Richard has extensive international experience. He recently spent five years working in London and Berlin for a leading UK firm where his work had a particular emphasis on cross border corporate transactions as well as project finance.



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Admitted as a solicitor in 1992. Hugh became managing partner in May 2005.

Hugh is a partner in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department. He has considerable experience in areas including complex commercial litigation; shareholder disputes (Hugh has acted in many high profile shareholder disputes), pensions litigation, insolvency, employment matters and disputes, representation of individuals and companies before various tribunals of inquiry established by the Irish Parliament, property litigation, defamation, mortgage enforcement, debt recovery, product liability claims and alternative dispute resolution.

Hugh is a regular contributor to various legal journals and publications, has tutored in the Law Society of Ireland and is a regular speaker at seminars on topics including employment and insolvency law.

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Qualifications: B.C.L., University College Dublin, 1989; Admitted as a solicitor in Ireland in 1993. Overview: Jim Gollogley is a partner in and chairs the firm's Property Department. He has a wealth of experience on major property development projects, and in the past has acted for organisations as diverse as major property developers, institutional investors, semi State agencies and financial institutions. Jim's practice has included advising on development and construction issues, site acquisition in the context of major projects and acting for and on the opposite side from funding institutions in large projects.

Jim specialises in commercial property investment and disposal, property development, landlord and tenant and property Finance. Jim tutors at the Law Society of Ireland on landlord and tenant law.

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Qualifications: LL.B., University College Dublin, 1978; Admitted as a Solicitor in Ireland in 1981 and in England and Wales in 1992. Overview: Gerry joined LK Shields Solicitors as a partner in 1998 as part of the firm's Business law Department. He specialises in corporate and commercial law. Particular areas of interest include mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, telecommunications, venture capital, joint ventures, public and private offerings, and stock exchange. In recent years Gerry has handled significant transactions including international transactions undertaken by Irish companies, in particular, he has acted in connection with a number of recent initial public offerings by Irish Companies and several other profile public offering transactions. Gerry has spent extended periods working with client companies guiding them through the IPO process and initial stages as publicly listed companies on the London Stock Exchange and Nasdaq. Memberships: Member of the Law Society of Ireland and the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association.



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Overview: Marco joined the firm as an associate in 2000, and became a partner in 2001 in the firm's Business Department, and he currently heads the Healthcare Unit, and the EU and Competition Law Unit at LK Shields Solicitors. Marco has established a high calibre client base and continues to work on high profile transactions. Marco has extensive experience in areas of corporate / commercial, competition and healthcare having practiced both in Brussels, London and Dublin. Marco speaks fluent Italian and has a good working knowledge of French.

Memberships: Marco is a member of the Law Society of Ireland and the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association, and the anti-trust committee of the IBA.



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Memberships: Member of the Law Society of Ireland's Litigation Committee and the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association.

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Member of the Society for Computers and Law

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Caroline has advised corporate and private clients on all areas of commercial and general contract law. She has extensive experience in the area of IP / music users rights and obligations and was very involved in the drafting of the Copyright & Related Rights Act, having made many presentations to Government Ministers and special committees appointed to deal with its finalisation implementation. She has represented many high profile organisations on IP issues in Arbitration and before the Competition Authority.



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In 1988 Laurence formed and became senior partner of LK Shields Solicitors. In May 2005, Hugh Garvey became managing partner and Laurence became chairman of the firm. Laurence is a partner within the Business Law Department and specialises in the acquisition and disposal of companies and businesses, employment law, building society law and computer software law. Laurence was a lecturer and examiner in company law and partnership for the Law Society of Ireland 1972 - 1978, a council member of the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association 1973 - 2005 (President 1983 - 1984), on the Judging Panel for the Leinster Society of Chartered Accountants Published Accounts Awards 1987 - 1990, a council member of Law Society of Ireland 1987 - 2004 (President 1997 - 1998). On the Disciplinary Scheme Appeal Board of the Society of Actuaries 1996 - 1998, a member of Court Services Transitional Board 1998 - 1999 and a council member of International Bar Association 1998 - 2003. Laurence is director of a number of companies and an alternate director of the Irish Take-over Panel.

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- Called to the Bar of England and Wales 1993.
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Memberships: Member of the Irish Environmental Law Association.

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Overview: David joined the firm as partner in the Business Law Department in 2000. David is part of the Banking and Financial Services Unit and specialises in banking and financial services law and regulation, company and commercial law. David's particular areas of interest are investment funds (Ireland, and other offshore locations), capital markets, mutual funds, and structured finance. David was former in-house counsel to Chase Manhattan Bank (now JP Morgan) from 1992 – 2000.

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Law firm Loze, Grunte & Cers is a full service business law firm, founded in May 2005 by merger of two of the leading law firms Loze & Partners and Grunte & Cers, thus forming the largest law firm in Latvia. Located in the central business district of Riga, the firm comprises 26 lawyers in all, of which there are 9 Partners + 1 Administrative Partner and 17 Associate Lawyers. The firm is active in the International Bar Association and our lawyers are members of AIJA and AIPPI, the Latvian Bar Association and Latvian Lawyers Association.

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.

LANGUAGES: English, Latvian, Russian and German.

Main International Areas of Practice: Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate, Banking & Finance, Intellectual Property, Litigation & Arbitration, Real Estate. The firm also has considerable experience in European Union Law issues and such specific areas as Energy, Telecommunications, Aviation and Maritime Law.



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Experience: 2000 – 2003, Chancellery of the President of State of Latvia - Assistant to the legal advisor to the President of the State.

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Richard Reiss worked in the New York and San Juan offices of Price Waterhouse & Co. (now Pricewaterhouse Coopers, LLP). In 1973, Mr. Reiss joined Bacardi Corporation as its Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer. In 1977 was promoted to Vice President and General Manager of Bacardi Corporation, as well as becoming a member of its Board of Directors. Mr. Reiss has been a Business Manager and Special Financial Advisor to Martínez Odell & Calabria Law firm since 1979.

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Milling Benson Woodward was founded in 1896 with the formation of the partnership of Sigur, Milling and Sanders in Franklin, Louisiana. The Firm has offices in New Orleans, Lafayette, and Baton Rouge. The Firm's Attorneys represent clients throughout the Gulf Coast, District of Columbia and other jurisdictions, as well as in Louisiana.

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. The Firm has represented clients in international business transactions, litigation, arbitration, and maritime matters involving clients' activities in Canada, Europe, Central and South America, Russia, Australia and the Pacific Rim, including Indonesia and Japan.

The Firm seeks to provide the highest quality of legal services through effective and creative representation. To that end, the Firm utilizes its principal resources: the talent and expertise of its lawyers, its collective experience and accumulated work product, the latest in technological support, and its tradition of rendering prompt, efficient and effective legal services.

The Firm is committed to rendering services in an economical manner. A number of billing arrangements are offered as alternatives to standard hourly rates. The Firm is a signatory to the Center for Public Resources, Inc., Statement of Alternatives to Litigation, and subscribes to its Policy Statement by pledging to use alternative dispute resolution procedures, where appropriate, to reduce its clients' costs and the burden of litigation.



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Legal Expertise - Mergers and acquisitions, public and private placements, corporate reorganizations, commercial lending/lenders, commercial lending/borrowers, franchising, tender offers, proxy contests and shareholder disputes, commercial law, general representation of corporations and other business organizations.
Industry Focus - Motion picture and television, financial institutions and financial advisers, security alarm companies, manufacturers of high technology products, hotel chains, retail music store chains, restaurants, and production companies.



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Labor & Employment Legal Expertise - Representation of employers in labor and employment litigation including wrongful termination and related cases, NLRB proceedings, collective bargaining negotiations, arbitrations, mediations, and administrative proceedings before various federal and state agencies concerning discrimination, sexual harassment, federal and state labor laws, wage and hour, and occupational safety and health issues.
Industry Focus - Motion picture and entertainment, healthcare, manufacturing, social services, legal services, property management, computer and related new technology development, computer products, retail sales, automobile, furniture, and insurance.
Court Admissions - California, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, and USDC, Northern and Southern Districts of California, 1981.

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In 1985, six young attorneys left one of the largest law firms in Dallas to form Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. Their idea was to create a new type of law firm, one that did not operate like the old guard firms. They envisioned a firm that was more energetic, agile and responsive and that focused on the practice areas that really mattered to a new generation of business leaders. Building on the philosophy of our founders, we have thrived and established ourselves as one of the dominant players in Texas.

To supplement our technology-related practice areas, we opened an Austin office in 1986. Our Austin operation has been a great success and we continue to expand our capabilities there. In keeping with our commitment to providing the services that clients demand in this economy, we opened a Houston office August 2, 2004. With the addition of the Houston office, the combined firm provides transactional and litigation services and fields one of the largest commercial bankruptcy practices in Texas.

Firm Expertise

General Civil Practice. Corporate, Securities, Tax, International, Real Estate, Leasing, Hospitality, Intellectual Property, Intellectual Property Litigation Financial Institutions, Bankruptcy, Reorganization, Creditors' Rights, Litigation/Arbitration/Dispute Resolution, Products Liability, Retailing, Labor, Employment, Telecommunications and Technology.



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Steve received his Bachelor of Science in Education degree with Honors from Texas Tech University and his Juris Doctor degree, cum laude, from the same institution. He is admitted to the Texas Bar and is a member of the Dallas and American Bar Associations. He is the Past Co-Chairman of the Banking Litigation Committee of the Texas Association of Bank Counsel ("TABC"), a past Director of the TABC and is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education seminars. Steve is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Texas, all United States District Courts in Texas and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Aside from the preparation and presentation of jury and non-jury trials, Steve's work includes arbitration, mediation and receiverships. He has mediated over 90 cases and is on the approved list of arbitrators maintained by the American Arbitration Association. He has worked extensively in Federal and State receiverships and has served several Federal District Courts as a court appointed Examiner in large securities fraud cases. While maintaining a full time litigation practice, Steve served as the Chief Executive Officer of the firm from August 1991 until December 1995. Steve was honored by the Dallas Business Journal both as a member of "Who's Who" in litigation in Dallas and 1994 class of Dallas' Top "40 under 40."

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The partners have appointed Jesper Rasmussen, former CEO of Carl Broe A/S and the Danish Railway Board as its chairman. The chairman will assist the partners in the development of the firm.

We have moved into newly renovated premises at the address Landemaerket 10, DK-1119 Copenhagen. Our offices are on the sixth end top floor with a view directly to the medieval centre of Copenhagen and bordering the King's Gardens.

As of 1 January, 2006, the firm consists of 8 lawyers and a total staff of 15. The firm aims at a sustained growth. We wish to attain the most highly skilled young lawyers and we aim at bringing the number of lawyers up to 12 by 2007.

The firm aims at providing highly qualified legal assistance to its clients. Clients will refer directly to a partner who will be overall responsible for the client. The responsible partner will have the full expertise of the firm available to him. The firm is a true partnership ensuring that the most qualified legal expertise is available to the client at all times.

The firm has as its objective to combine the highly experienced and qualified legal expertise of its lawyers with the first-rate management skills of its chairman. In doing so, we aim at combining the force of our history going back to 1901 with ability to comply with today's re-quirements in respect to the commercial needs of the legal profession to the benefit of our clients, cooperation partners and the firm.



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1959. PartnerCand. jur. (Master of Law) 1985, admitted to the Danish Bar 1991, right of audience before the High Court 1994. The areas of practice of Anders Aagaard include corporate law, financial contracts and insurance law. Anders Aagaard works internationally concerning development of natural resources, mergers and acquisitions, telecommunication and information technology law. Languages: Scandinavian, English and German.

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Cees T. Dekker entered private practice in 1989. In 1998 he joined the Netherlands Competition Authority (NCA) where he headed the Legal Department. In 2004 Cees joined Nysingh after having worked with Loyens & Loeff in Rotterdam. Cees has advised and represented a wide variety of multinational and national companies and trade associations in diverse issues of competition law. He has acted in a great many cases before the NCA and European Commission, as well as the European Court of First Instance. In 2002 and 2003 he advised the Slovakian Competition Authority on procedural aspects with regard to Slovakia's accession to the European Union. This work has resulted in recognition by Chambers Global as a leader in the fields of EU and National Competition Law. He also advises companies as well as governmental organizations in the field of European State Aid Law and import barriers. He is one of the two lawyers in charge of the highly regarded postdoctoral course in European and National Competition Law of the Grotius Academy.



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Specialties: Insurance Law, Tort Law and Litigation (arbitration). He is frequently asked to be an arbitrator in (insurance) disputes.

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The firm, however, retains a substantial private client practice and is proud of its traditional reputation for personal legal services in preserving and advancing the skills of understanding and counsel.

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Richard has been a partner with the firm since 1998. Richard is a partner in our Commercial Property Department. He deals with all aspects of commercial property work including: acquisitions for developers, lettings and sale of investments; acquisitions for housebuilders both national and local; leasing; acquisitions and sales of licensed premises; secured lending; corporate support; acquisitions and disposals of all types of commercial property.



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The Legal 500 particularly recommends Piper Alderman for the following areas: Capital markets; Corporate and commercial; Dispute resolution; Environment; Insolvency; Trade practices
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Simon is Managing Partner of Piper Alderman.

He has had extensive experience in civil litigation, common law, insurance law, professional indemnity, product liability, media law and defamation over 24 years of practice.

He has acted for corporate clients and a number of insurers, including SGIC SA CTP and the Western Australian and Tasmanian CTP insurers with respect to issues of claims liability. He acts as both Counsel and Solicitor. Additionally, Simon has advised a number of National and South Australian newspapers and has been involved in the defence of claims brought against them.

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Admitted to the Bar in 1994 after a Postgraduate diploma in Commercial Law, Stéphanie Chaulet became specialized in French Employment Law and Social Security law's issues through her professional skills within three Law firms (Magellan, SCP Faure and EY Law – Ernst & Young network) before joining the RACINE Law firm in 2004.

She is specialised on advising companies regarding the French Employment law and Social Security law's aspects of their operations, especially concerning the individual and collective employment relationships (Works Councils issues) as well as assistance with restructuring (business transfers, pre and post-merger integration, collective redundancies) and litigations.

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Admitted to the Paris Bar in 1983 after Postgraduate diplomas in Commercial and Civil Law, Carla Di Fazio Perrin became specialized in issues dealing with French Employment Law. Her professional skills, not only within several law firms but also within two international companies (Henkel France and DDB), have immensely widened her knowledge in this sector of law. Since 2004, she has been a partner at Racine.

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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.



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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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Robert van 't Zelfde earned his law degree from the University of Rotterdam in 1996 and has been working for Rassers since the beginning of 2003. He specialises in administrative law and planning and zoning law. In addition, he works in the general civil law practice. He is a member of the Society of Construction Law Lawyers (Vereniging voor Bouwrecht- Advocaten, VBR-A) and the Association for Administrative Law (Vereniging voor Bestuursrecht).



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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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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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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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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. He has been active in a wide variety of charitable and civic activities. Among his current positions, he is a board member of the Missouri Athletic Club, LAMP--U.S.(Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots), Grace Place Retreat Ministries, Inc., and Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation. He also serves as an Ambassador, and Chairman of the Planned Giving Advisory Committee, for Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri. He was formerly Chairman of the Board of Lutheran Senior Services, and has served as a board member of the SSM Rehabilitation Institute, the St. Louis Bar Foundation, and the Missouri Bar Board of Governors.



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Mike Saunders is a partner with Spencer Fane practicing with the litigation and dispute resolution group. He also serves as chair of the firm. He received his undergraduate degree, cum laude, in 1972 from St. Louis University and his law degree, cum laude, in 1980 from Boston College Law School, where he served as executive editor of the Boston College Law Review.

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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.

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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Mr Sutti joined the Law Firm Studio Legale Sutti in 1980 as a paralegal. He became a Partner in 1989, then Managing Partner in 1992, and promoted the establishment of the firm's offices in London, Tokyo, Sofia, Belgrade, Bucharest, Zagreb.

While his speciality is complex corporate cases and international disputes, during recent years Mr Sutti has been requested to assist and to plead, in Italian, English and French in all kinds of litigation, arbitration and mediation. This work has been before civil, commercial and criminal courts; tax, antitrust and trade authorities; administrative and disciplinary tribunals; appeals; and demonstrative mock trials. Mr Sutti and his dispute resolution team are the official Italian contributors to the 'International Law Office Arbitration Newsletter'. A number of the high-profile matters dealt with by Stefano Sutti having obtained vast media coverage and have involved the hi-tech sector.

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What subsequently became Studio Legale Sutti's office in Sofia was originally established as a purely Bulgarian firm at the beginning of the nineties, and has been one of the country's leading practices for more than ten years with a growing emphasis on international clients and in particular Italian clients. This naturally led to the establishment of an even closer relationship with SLS. In 2000, Studio Legale Sutti, thanks to the newly-established presence on site further to the agreement reached with its new Bulgarian partners, became for all purposes an Italo-Bulgarian law firm, and started extending this business model to the entire region, ending up as the main independent law practice in South-Eastern Europe.

Therefore, not only is Studio Legale Sutti the sole Italian full-service business law firm represented in the country, but it is also the only Bulgarian law firm with offices in Milan, Genoa, Rome, London, Belgrade, Bucharest and Tokyo. This international vocation was also recognised by the appointment of Studio Legale Sutti as the firm responsible for the Bulgarian sections of International Recognition and Enforcement of Money Judgments and of International Attachments of Assets, two collective works published and periodically updated by Juris Publishing, Inc., the leading publisher in the field of comprehensive international legal guides. Another turning point was the appointment of three new partners and the transfer from the original office of our Bulgarian colleagues to new, larger premises at the current address in 2004.

Our Bulgarian office, which retains wide autonomy with respect to its day-to-day management, is fully and seamlessly integrated with the central resources of the Firm, and offers the full range of Studio Legale Sutti's services with respect to the Bulgarian market, law and jurisdiction, including representation before all local courts and authorities and assistance in privatisation issues - besides of course offering to local and international clients on-site access to Italian and trans-Balkan legal services, in Bulgarian, Italian, English, German, French and Russian.

Conversely, members of our office in Sofia have cooperated with those in our Milan office in the preparation, for the Centro Estero Camere di Commercio Lombarde, of the only comprehensive introduction to Bulgarian law for foreign investors that is available in Italian.



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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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Apart from the full range of legal services, the firm has a specialized Corporate, Commercial Shipping, Trade Marks-Patents and Offshore Company Department which is capable of catering to all the needs of the corporate client and business person. Many of the staff are holders of more than one degree and are fluent in foreign languages.

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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.

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More than 5,000 corporate and business clients from 109 countries are currently sending a wide variety of work to the firm. Tilleke & Gibbins has long been recognized as one of Thailand's top intellectual property firms – a hallmark practice supplemented by solid corporate/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.



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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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As of 1 January 2006 we have established a new law firm, TRUST Advokat HB, together with two other partners. The firm will engage in commercial legal matters with a focus on corporate law, M&A, transport and logistics law, IT law, real estate law, labour law and litigation/dispute resolution matters.

Initially, TRUST will engage 5 lawyers, all with substantial experience of commercial legal matters and specialised in important legal areas. The ambition is that TRUST will engage 10-15 lawyers within the near future.

Significant to TRUST is high quality, availability, efficiency and entrepreneurship. By means of a modern corporate structure and efficient working methods we will offer the best legal service at a cost level lower than the established law firms.

During spring 2006 TRUST will move into newly renovated premises in the first of the five skyscrapers in the city of Stockholm. Until then we will occupy other premises made available to us in the same office building.

Very welcome to TRUST!



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One of Jersey's best known and longest established law firms, Voisin & Co. is a progressive and innovative practice offering quality of service and pragmatic advice in a wide range of commercial and legal matters. In recent years, the activities of the firm have diversified enormously and our clients today include a number of leading banks and fund managers as well as a significant private client base. The practice has regular dealings with major overseas law firms and good connections within both the City of London and the legal community in Paris. The firm has a strong international focus and, being based in the Channel Islands, is well placed to service private and/or corporate clients (whether based in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) wishing to transact business through Jersey.

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They believe that the professional and personal relationships that they have built over the years, their experience gained in a wide range of projects, the technical excellence of the team members as well as their enthusiasm will allow them to bring a new quality to the Polish legal services market.

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Magdalena Kobosko, a qualified legal adviser, a member of the Polish Association of Legal Advisers since 1999. A graduate of the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Warsaw University from 1990 and of the Postgraduate Studies on European law at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw in 2002. Magdalena participated in the Postgraduate Studies on European Law at the University of Warsaw in 2002/2003. She completed numerous courses in the area of laws of England and Wales, including primarily commercial law (for example, in King's College of London, and London School of Economics and Political Science). She is a co-founding partner of Wierciński, Kwieciński, Baehr Sp.k. who formally joined the partnership in April 2004 and from 1994 - 2004 she worked for the law firm Wardynski & Partners in Warsaw. She was an intern in reputable law firms in London (including Herbert Smith, arbitration section of the litigation department, and mini-pupillage in the barrister's chambers in the Middle Temple Inn). Magdalena's main specialty is commercial and civil law. She has gained extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, take-overs and privatization transactions.



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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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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.

The Firm's practice groups are as follows: Business, Corporate/Securities, Real Estate, Intellectual Property and Information Technology, Communications, Financial Services, Health Law, Government Assisted and Affordable Housing, Securitization, Mortgage Conduit Lending, Tax, Litigation, Business Litigation, Complex Liability/Surety/Fidelity, Family Law, Utility Regulation, Environmental Law, Personal Planning, Estates and Trusts, Employment, Employment Services, Employee Benefits



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David Gitlin joined the firm in 1981 and became a partner in 1989. He is Chairman of the Corporate/Securities Practice Group and Chairman of the Life Sciences Practice Group. His areas of specialty are corporate acquisitions and divestitures, joint ventures, corporate finance, venture capital and technology development, licensing and distribution agreements. Mr. Gitlin handles a large and diversified number of corporate and commercial transactions every year, both domestic and international. He has handled over 150 corporate acquisitions and divestitures, including transactions in more than 15 different countries. Mr. Gitlin has written and lectured on a variety of legal topics, including corporate acquisitions, exit strategies, venture capital and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. An honors graduate of the Tel Aviv University Law School, and earned his LL.M. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. In June 2004, he was named by Philadelphia magazine as a "Pennsylvania Super Lawyer - 2004" in the category of Mergers & Acquisitions.



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With offices in São 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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Young Conaway attorneys have delivered successful outcomes in Delaware's state and federal courts, as well as courts across the country. Appearing frequently before state and federal agencies, Young Conaway attorneys actively participate in vital issues pending before the Delaware legislature.

Firm clients range from national and international corporations to local and regional businesses and individuals throughout the Delaware Valley. State and local governments, school districts, banks, developers and professional practices utilize the depth of resources and litigation experience for employment, real estate, tax planning and business matters.

Colleagues at major firms throughout the country and abroad consistently request that Young Conaway serve as co-counsel in some of the most significant bankruptcy and corporate law matters being decided in the courts today.



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