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In order to select the winners for our 2017 awards, we undertook research in all practice areas, creating a shortlist of individuals that are experts within their chosen field.

During the selection process stage, we received nominations from in-house counsel, legal and financial firms, LinkedIn members and subscribers and visitors to the International Advisory Experts website. The nominations are then researched and selected for a final shortlist.

The nominated firms are then judged by an individual panel, the panel takes into account testimonials, rankings and client performances.

The awards are broken down by region, country and practice area and many of the 2017 winners have provided a firm profile to announce their award win.

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European Award Winners



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Philippe Billiet is a commercial lawyer specialized in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and Distribution Law.

Philippe contributed to the creation and improvement of various distribution networks, be it in the form of exclusive sales concessions, franchising, commercial agency or other distributor relationships.

He participates to legal meetings within the Belgian Franchise Federation, is member of the Advisory Board to the Brussels Diplomatic Academy, lectures on arbitration and mediation at the Brussels VUB University and participates in various think tanks on ADR and commercial related topics.

As an arbitrator, Philippe is a registered arbitrator at several dispute resolution centers, such as e.g. CEDIRES (Belgium); The BANI Arbitration center (Indonesia); The Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (Egypt); The Chambre Régionale d'Arbitrage Aix-en-Provence (France); The Commercial Arbitration Centre in Harare (Zimbabwe); The Commission de Litiges Voyages (Belgium); The Cour Belge d'Arbitrage pour le Sport (Belgium); The Indian Institute of Arbitration & Mediation (India); The Institute of Arbitration (Belgium); The International Commercial Arbitration Court at the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Ukraine); The Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (Malaysia); The Lagos Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (Nigeria); The Vienna International Arbitral Centre (Austria); Etc.

As a facilitative mediator he specializes in cross border civil & commercial matters, a field in which he holds the EMTPJ cross border mediator certification.

He practices in Dutch, English and French and is conversational in German.

Billiet&Co was established in 1989 with main focus in the field of commercial law.

Throughout the years, the firm has developed a particularly strong reputation in areas of law such as arbitration, mediation, distribution and insolvency.

Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year in Belgium




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Olivier Vrins mainly deals with trademark, patent, design and copyright litigation. Described as a “highly skilled IP specialist” (Chambers and Partners) and as “one of the best in Europe in the Customs field” (Managing Intellectual Property), Olivier has extensive knowledge of the border measures system in the European Union and has gained expertise in a broad range of other IPR-related topics. He also specialises in the field of designations of origin and geographical indications, as well as in the protection of personality rights of public figures, including sportsmen.

Olivier is a member of: the ‘Legal & International’ Working Group of the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights; the European Communities Trade Mark Association (ECTA); and the International Trade Mark Association (INTA). He is a regular speaker at seminars on IPR enforcement and other IPR-related subjects.

“One impressed client describes him as ‘one of the smartest lawyers I’ve ever worked with’ - outstanding. He is a good listener and provides high-quality input.” – Chambers Europe, 2016

“Very talented and available lawyer.” – Chambers Europe, 2015

Winner of the Intellectual Property, Trademarks category for Belgium - ILO Client Choice Awards 2017

Leading individual (Intellectual Property) in Legal 500, 2016.

Education

LL.M. in Intellectual Property and Unfair Competition (Queen Mary & Westfield College)
LL.M. in European Law (University of Ghent)
Erasmus Exchange Programme (University of Paris II)
Lic. Juris (University of Louvain-la-Neuve)

Selection of publications

“The EU Policies and Actions in the Fight Against Piracy”, in Prof. P. Torremans and I. Stamatoudi, EU Copyright Law, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2014, 799-945.

“Enforcement of intellectual property rights through border measures: law and practice in the EU”, Oxford University Press, 2006 (with M. Schneider), second edition, 2012, 1286 p.

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We help our clients navigate through often-complex legislation and regulatory environments and provide clear solutions to a wide range of legal issues. In addition to our specialist legal knowledge, we focus on thinking creatively with our clients to offer tailor-made solutions. Our aim is to turn, through careful listening and awareness, strategic questions into clear, straightforward answers.

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Biography Dr. Christos Clerides got his LL.B (Hons) from Brunel University, Uxbridge having been awarded the First Prize for the best examination performance in 1976. In his foreword to his First Published Book in 1976 "Some Unsolved Problems in attempts to commit a crime", Professor George W. KEETON MA, LL.D, F.B.A wrote for Dr Clerides:

"His work is a notable achievement for a young lawyer at the outset of his professional career".

In 1977 he got his LL.M specializing in Maritime Law, Carriage of Goods by Sea, Marine Insurance and General Insurance at the University of London, University College. His performance made him eligible for scholarship. In 1981 he was awarded his Ph.D. at King's College, University of London, specializing in EEC Law. For his Ph.D at King's College he worked under the supervision of Professor A. Chloros later the Greek Judge of the European Court of Justice and Professor Francis Jacobs, later Advocate General of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

His thesis, "Conflicts" of "Social Security Laws in the European Committees" was approved by an External Board of examiners, Professors K. Lipstein of Cambridge and Hartley of The London School of Economics in 1981.

He worked in England as part of his LL.B (Hons) "sandwich" course with CITY Solicitors, Barlow, Lyde and Gilbert, under the supervision of the late President of the Law Society, Sir Denis Marshall. He was called to the Cyprus Bar in 1982 having passed relevant Bar Exams, First Grade. He is a practicing Advocate and head of the Nicosia Offices since 1982.

Dr. Christos Clerides has handled before the Supreme Court of Cyprus numerous cases. He also practises in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. He was a cofounder with Judge of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, L. Loucaides, of the International Association for the Protection of Human Rights in Cyprus in 1999.

He served as Honorary President and President of the Association. He was Deputy Chairman of the New Horizons Party and elected Member of House of Representatives of the Nicosia District 2001 – 2006 and Deputy elected in 2006 – 2011 with the European Party.

He was a member of the National Council, the highest authority advising the President of the Republic on the Cyprus problem up to December 2004

He served in the Human Rights Committee, the European Law Committee and the Legal Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives. He has tabled numerous laws and questions to Ministers in the House and has participated in numerous official delegations on behalf of the House of Representatives. He served in the Assembly of the Western European Union and its Committees in Paris as a member of the Cyprus team.

He also attended numerous meetings of the Mediterranean dialogue of the NATO Assembly. He has written numerous studies and articles in Legal affairs magazines and in the local press as per Appendix C by way of indication. He served as a member of the Family Law Reform Committee 1983 – 1986 the report of which was adopted in substance culminating in the amendment of the Cyprus Constitution and the introduction of the New Family Law in Cyprus, abolishing the exclusive jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Court, in matters of divorce.

He has participated and organized numerous Human Rights conferences and meetings in Cyprus. He is currently Head of the Law Department at the Frederick University where he also teaches.

Information about the Firm The Chambers have a history of some 50 years and more. The Law Practice goes back to the early 1950's. It was setup by Mr. Phoebus N. Clerides Barrister-at-law, of Lincoln's Inn. He unfortunately passed away on 30.11.2011. Phoebus Clerides came from a well known family of teachers, lawyers, politicians. His father was a well known author and teacher from Agros village. First cousin to Glafkos Clerides ex President of the Republic. Phoebus was the brother of Lefkos Clerides also a Barrister-at-Law and Senior Counsel, ex Minister of Justice and ex President of the Cyprus Bar. Phoebus was also a Minister of Justice 1983-1985 and a Member of the House of Representatives. He served in the Cyprus Regiment during the Second World War. Though he was retired he still was a valuable consultant to our firm until his death.

His son Dr. Christos Clerides joined the practice in 1982. The practice was carried out under Phoebus Clerides & Co. Years later, the firm started cooperating with Neophytos Pirilides law firm in Limassol and still does until today.

In 2009 the firm formed a Lawyers' Limited Company and was re-named Phoebus, Christos Clerides & Associates LLC. Many young and aspiring pupil advocates did their year of training with Phoebus, Christos Clerides and Associates and still do so.



Foreign Trade & Export Lawyer of the Year in Germany HAELLMIGK



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Philip is the founding partner of HAEMLMIGK and heads the firm. Philip has practised foreign trade and export control law for more than 10 years. He has exceptional expertise in export control, embargoes/sanctions, compliance, commercial matters and other regulatory aspects of trade. Philip is ranked among the leading lawyers in Germany and Europe for his expertise in these areas.

Philip is admitted both as a German lawyer and as a solicitor (England and Wales). Further, he holds a degree in French law (Licence en Droit). Besides his academic training in Germany and England, Philip first studied violin and the piano. He then studied law in Germany, France Switzerland, the United States, England and Scotland. After his postgraduate studies in Scotland, where he focused on comparative law, he was awarded a LL.M. degree. He also holds a PhD in comparative law.

Philip is a frequent contributor to legal journals, handbooks and newspapers. He regularly speaks at national and international conferences. Philip is also a lecturer at international business schools where he teaches international business and contract law.

Philip is fluent in English, French and German. He also speaks Spanish and Italian and has basic knowledge in Mandarin.

HAEMLMIGK is focused on providing legal services in the areas export control, embargos/sanctions, compliance, commercial matter and all other regulatory aspects of trade.

Its legal services include:

- Advice on EU and national export controls
- Advice on US export controls
- Support in the classification of goods, representation before the authorities in relation to information requests
- Advice on shipments within and outside of the European Union
- Advice on trade restrictions due to current embargos/sanctions
- Support in customs laws issues: customs simplifications, Authorised Economic Operator (AEO), customs audit
- Carrying out internal export control audits: analysis of sensitive shipments, assessment of classification lists, analysis of process instruction
- Support in the organisation and setup of internal export control compliance processes (Internal Compliance Programme): preparation of procedure instructions, implementation of working procedures, setup of an export control management
- Advice on the appointment of persons responsible for export and export control
- Support in the integration of export control compliance software, IT solutions for export control
- Preparation of voluntary disclosures of export control law infringements, representation before the authorities
- Foreign trade audits: preparation of companies, communication with the auditing authorities
- Representing companies and the management board in criminal and administrative proceedings
- Contractual advice: review of export and supply agreements, agreements with subcontractors and logistics companies, Incoterms, CISG
- German and English seminars for the management, senior staff, export and logistics departments





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Earlier in his career, Albi worked at a leading international consultancy focusing on improving government accountability and justice systems. He was involved in a wide range of projects in the Balkans, South-East Asia and Africa. Albi was also Director of EU Integration at the Albanian Government, where he oversaw a team of five experts about fulfilling the enlargement requirements. Before joining Alber & Geiger, Albi also worked at the Council of Europe, DG Democracy and Political Affairs where he dealt with the Caucasus and Central Asia countries. Prior, he was a staffer in the House of Commons.

Albi has a bachelor's from the University of Bath. He also holds master's degrees in Politics and Government in the EU from the London School of Economics, and in European Union Law from King's College London.

Alber & Geiger is a political lobbying powerhouse and the leading European government relations law firm, lobbying the EU institutions in Brussels. The firm has also a strong litigation practice at the European Court of Justice and has offices in Brussels, Berlin and London.[1]

Among the firm's partners are the former President of the European Parliament and member of the British House of Lords, Henry Plumb, Baron Plumb, the former Advocate General of the European Court of Justice and Vice President of the European Parliament, Prof. Siegbert Alber, the former Secretary General of the European Commission, Carlo Trojan, and the former Director of the European Commission's Legal Service, Prof. Dr. Rolf Wägenbaur.

The firm was founded in 2007 as a spin-off of leading US lobbying firm Cassidy & Associates by its former European CEO, Dr. Andreas Geiger. Before that, Geiger was Head of the EU Law Center of Ernst & Young in Brussels and attorney at the law firm Taylor Wessing. He wrote a handbook on EU lobbying.

Besides lobbying for corporate clients the firm is known for representing foreign governments. Alber & Geiger received much media attention for successfully representing the Bulgarian and the Moroccan governments against the EU Institutions. But Alber & Geiger have also represented cases against certain governments on the violation of EU standards, including Azerbaijan, Serbia and Moldova. Some of their corporate cases include winning against Microsoft before the EU Commission in the EU "browser war", the EU plastic bag ban or the state monopolies for lotteries and gambling in the EU. The latter comes basically from the fact that the firm's Chairman, Prof. Alber, represents large parts of the EU gambling industry due to his background as the Advocate General in the European Court of Justice's landmark "Gambelli" case.



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Expertise

German & international patent litigation
Complex licensing systems, patent monetization
Technology transactions
Patent strategy consulting
R&D agreements
Patent evaluation
Patent-based financing solutions
Employees' invention law
Chinese patent law

Noerr stands for excellence and entrepreneurial thinking. With well-versed teams of strong characters, Noerr devises and implements solutions for the most complex and sophisticated legal matters. United by a set of shared values, the firm's 500+ professionals are driven by one goal: the client's success.

Listed groups and multinational companies, large and medium-sized family businesses as well as financial institutions and international investors all rely on the firm.

Entrepreneurial Thinking

Noerr's advisors make their clients' challenges their own and are always thinking one step ahead. In doing so, they assume responsibility and are at liberty to make their own decisions. The firm is committed to always going the extra mile for its clients and to resolving complex matters with the perfect mix of experience, excellence and sound judgement.

Innovative Solutions

In complex and dynamic markets new approaches are regularly required – and delivered by experts who bring both the know-how and the necessary passion. This is precisely what Noerr excels at: implementing integrated and innovative solutions in the most efficient way.

Global Reach

As one of the top European law firms, Noerr is also well established internationally. With offices in eleven countries and a global network of top-ranked "best friends" law firms, Noerr is able to offer its clients truly cross-border advice. In addition, Noerr is the exclusive member firm in Germany for Lex Mundi, the world's leading network of independent law firms with in-depth experience in 100+ countries worldwide.

Real Estate Lawyer of the Year in Germany

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The EGSZ team of real estate experts is familiar with the specific features of tax and company law that need to be considered when advising on real estate matters. EGSZ advises its clients on complex financing issues and real estate transactions, particularly in relation to optimization potential for real estate transfer tax, income taxes and VAT, and conducts annual and special audits efficiently by applying specific knowledge of the industry. The interdisciplinary approach of EGSZ to giving advice guarantees that alternative structures are investigated thoroughly in light of various aspects, optimized and implemented. EGSZ provides regular information on the latest changes to commercial and tax law, so that the clients are able to take an informed decision.

The services of EGSZ cover all key and peripheral areas of real estate law. They include advising and assisting clients with real estate transactions, project developments, and in matters of commercial rental and lease law. EGSZ offers interdisciplinary legal and tax advice.

EGSZ has long-standing expertise both in the advising of construction of shopping centres, retail establishments, other commercial operations and housing construction projects, as well as in their utilization once the project development is complete. EGSZ conducts due diligences, drafts and negotiates contracts, and advises on complex financing matters, as well as initiating the transaction. By collaborating with experts in company and tax law, EGSZ ensures that even highly complex and labour-intensive transactions are conducted quickly and successfully.

EGSZ optimizes real estate transactions from a tax point of view for sellers and buyers by structuring them as asset deals or share deals. The fiscal structuring of such transactions forms one of the core competencies of EGSZ in the area of real estate law. The long-standing experience of EGSZ of dealing with project developers and institutional investors is a great benefit in contractual negotiations. By working closely together with local notaries, EGSZ is also able to ensure that the purchase agreements are concluded and executed promptly, and that all strict formal requirements are observed.

EGSZ accompanies its clients' project developments from the acquisition and planning stage through to construction of the building, and finally utilization and sale. The activities of EGSZ include drafting all agreements connected with the respective project, the financial structuring of the project, overseeing implementation, and conducting court and arbitration proceedings.

EGSZ consults several project developers since many years in legal and tax matters. In 2016, EGSZ has accompanied investment volumes of more than one billion Euro.



Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year in Italy




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Alfredo Berritto is an associate of E.Morace&Co. He graduated in Law at University "Federico II" of Naples and joined the Firm in 2008. Before joining the Firm, Alfredo had an internship with leading marine insurers in London.

He is a Member of the Italian BAR Association and speaks English fluently. Alfredo provides consultancy for every kind of litigation of the Firm's practice areas but he has a remarkable experience in advising clients about maritime accidents related to personal injuries. He routinely deals with many cases, in Italy and abroad, which require competences in forensic investigations, occupational diseases, sickness claims (including work-related claims), medical malpractice and hospital liability.

Over the years, Alfredo has consolidated business relationships with major marine insurers who trust in his skills for a quick understanding of strategy to adopt in every single case. He always assists the clients with diligence and professionalism, by combining a strong legal knowledge and experience with a technical approach to achieve high quality results according to E.Morace&Co. policy.

E.Morace&Co. is a Law Firm with a core business on shipping law. The Firm is the product of an old tradition based on the principles of passion, competence, hard work, and client satisfaction since 1938. What makes E.Morace&Co different is its advice, flexibility and transparency to achieve the best result for the Clients and build with them a strong business relationship.

E.Morace&Co. team works with passion and takes full care of all Clients' position, interests and targets suggesting the best solution to their needs and providing precise and continuous updates of their situation. The Firm has offices in the most important cities of Italy: Naples, Milan and Rome and is increasing its presence even in London, where an office at the Lloyd's building was opened in 2014, to better assist international clients (mainly insurers) as well as Italian clients with interests in London.

Working internationally, E.Morace&Co. team is composed by lawyers with foreign experiences and different specializations who speak Italian, English, French and German.

E.Morace&Co. Law Firm has always been operating mainly in Maritime, Insurance and Transport Law but over the years, the Firm has gradually expanded the business fields.

Nowadays the Firm is active in the major practice areas such as: Accident & Personal Injury, Administrative & Antitrust; Banking & Finance; Professional Liability; Collections & Asset Recovery; Yacht & Superyacht; Civil Law, Tax; Criminal Law & Defence; Employment & Labour; Commercial & Corporate; Family Law; Shipping & Off-shore; Real Estate; Intellectual Property; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; Insurance & Reinsurance.

Other recent Firm Awards:

- Finance Monthly - Deal Maker of the year 2016
- Finance Monthly - Business Crime Law Firm of the year 2017








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Attilio has developed a significant experience in strategic business arrangements within the following industries: technology and telematics, automotive and insurance.

Attilio obtained his law degree in 2000 from the University of Milan, and was admitted to the Italian Bar in 2003. Following his admission to the Italian Bar, he attended the University of Southern California School of Law, Los Angeles, (USA), where he earned his master's degree in 2007 as top ranked within the LL.M. students.

Prior to joining Orrick, he worked for the Italian Corporate Law Firm Cernelutti Studio Legale Associato.

Since opening our offices in Milan and Rome more than a decade ago, we have become one of the leading international legal teams in the Italian market.

Our team represents Italian and multinational companies, financial institutions and funds in their transactional, compliance and dispute resolution matters. Our team is ranked across nine practice areas in Chambers Europe 2016, including capital markets, compliance, corporate/M&A, energy and project finance.

Finance

We have pioneered in many areas of Italian finance, including securitization, debt capital markets, derivatives, nonperforming loans, real estate finance and general lending transactions. Our team is consistently recognized for our work in securitization and debt capital markets by Chambers Global and Chambers Europe. In 2016, our Finance team was named Non-Performing Loan Law Firm of the Year by Legalcommunity.

We're known for our innovative transactional work. According to a client report to Chambers: "The firm's best feature is that its lawyers are innovative thinkers. They always try and find new ideas and new angles for possible transactions." As an example, we have played an integral role in the establishment of the Italian mini-bond market, which is making it easier for small and midsize enterprises to tap into the debt capital markets. We collaborated with key market participants, including issuers, investors, regulators, banking industry groups and the Borsa Italiana, to create the market and its regulatory framework. We also advised on the first mini-bond listing and crafted the first mini-bond fund. To date, we have advised participants in more than half the mini-bonds issued since 2013.

We act for Italy's leading financial institutions as well as global banks active in Italy. We also act for Italy's largest companies in executing their finance strategies. For example, we represented SNAM S.p.A., one of Europe's largest gas companies, in a series of financings, including the first intermediated buy-back in Italy. We also advised SNAM in its strategic acquisition of the 20 percent interest held by Statoil in the Trans Adriatic Pipeline. And we represented leading electric power producer Tirreno Power in the €1 billion restructuring of its outstanding debt, one of Italy's most significant recent restructurings.

Corporate and Tech

Our Corporate team advises leading companies in Italy and around the world on cross-border and domestic M&A, corporate governance and other commercial activities in Italy. Our clients include Acer Europe, Crédit Agricole Vita, Coca-Cola, Eni, Rothschild, Comdata and China's Bright Food Group. Our Private Equity team acts for some of the most prominent funds and investment groups in Italy, and is described by Chambers Europe 2016 as "well equipped to deal with multi-jurisdictional issues." We also advise some of Italy's most innovative tech companies. We recently assisted fintech startup Tinaba in its launch, and continue to advise on important issues related to its international development.

Our lawyers also act for Italian and international clients in debt restructuring transactions, investments in distressed assets, bankruptcy-related litigation and business management.



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In 2011, in partnership with other lawyers and CPAs he founded Studio Tributario Internazionale.

After his first experience in a firm specialized in corporate restructuring where he had the chance to gain expertise in corporate acquisition finance, debt restructuring and turnaround, in 2005 he joined Studio Internazionale. In Studio Internazionale he specialized in tax and corporate assistance in aviation, real estate and energy industry, with a focus on renewable energy production.

He gained a robust experience in the tax area, and especially corporate tax, specializing in M&A operations and private equity. He can offer a many years' experience with international and Italian clients in the practices of business valuation, tax litigation and arbitration, with which he deals constantly in the exercise of his profession.

He has a sound experience in auditing and advice on the main European financial tools for supporting research and development activities in almost all scientific disciplines (Seventh Framework Program - FP7).

His ties with important business groups and corporations are the ground for his appointments as statutory board member or board of directors member in listed and non-listed companies operating in automotive, press, IT, commercial, production and pharmaceutical industries.

His fluency in the Spanish language and his knowledge of the Italian tax laws and regulations made it possible for many Spanish companies and corporations to choose him as the key contact person and counsellor in the complex area of tax laws and bilateral regulations, in which he is an expert.

Sitax - Studio Tributario Internazionale is a professional partnership of Certified Public Accountants, tax experts and Registered Auditors. Our strategic goal is to provide qualified assistance for companies and organizations operating on the national and international market. Thanks to the long-standing experience of our partners and professionals, our firm offers highly qualified professional advice in the tax, corporate and accounting fields and in cases of tax litigation.

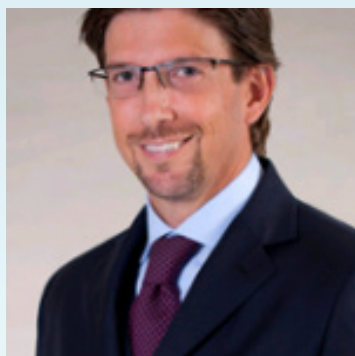
A close-knit team made up of experienced experts and young CPAs coming from first-tier firms and universities and supported by international partnerships is a guarantee of all-round professional advice and assistance for foreign clients interested in investing in Italy as well as for Italian clients aiming at the development of international business opportunities.

Sitax developed robust professional ties with top experts and independent firms (as of counsel or specialist) and is a long-term member of Russell Bedford International, a global network of independent firms and correspondents operating all over the world. Sitax can therefore offer tax, corporate and accounting advice and assistance through a widespread network of established firms, constantly expanding and strategically located in over 100 countries around the world.

The key to our success, and a guarantee of the high level of the advice we offer, is our clients' trust in us, based on our concern for loyal relationships, the constant pursuit of total satisfaction, and absolute transparency.

Commercial Litigation Lawyer of the Year in Italy

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Mariconda e Associati is a boutique law firm, established as a professional association in December 2013, specialising in the resolution of disputes before judicial courts and arbitral bodies. The association was established by Vincenzo Mariconda, who until the end of the 1980s was involved in the largest national disputes and arbitrations regarding corporate and contractual matters, and by his closest associates.

The Law Firm focuses on the resolution of civil, banking and corporate disputes, providing legal assistance before the courts of law and in arbitration proceedings. The association avails itself of the collaboration of 13 professionals.

Luciano Castelli, founding member of the Mariconda e Associati Law Firm, has more than a decade's experience in dispute resolution, acquired by assisting multinational and Italian companies, especially in the field of civil and commercial law. He has followed large national disputes and is often appointed arbitrator by both arbitration panels and institutional bodies (i.e. Court of Milan, Chamber of Arbitration of Milan and Association of Chartered Accountants of Milan).

Since September 2009 he has been a Private Law Expert at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan and he has been a PhD student in Civil Procedural Law at the Università degli Studi of Milan. Before starting to collaborate with Vincenzo Mariconda in 2009, he worked in the Gramellini e Leonelli Law Firm. Prior to this, he worked in the legal department and the asset management department, South American division, of the Geneva branch of the Safdié Bank (formerly Multi-Commercial Bank). Since 2012 he has worked regularly with the Ipsoa Group – Wolters Kluwer, in the journal "I Contratti Online" (articles 1719-1822) and has updated the Annotated Civil Code by Guido Alpa and Vincenzo Mariconda (articles 2643-2807).



Commercial Lawyer of the Year in Italy

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Francesco Ferrara, since 2006, has been cooperating with Studio Legale Pepe performing judicial and extrajudicial activity on the subjects of corporate and commercial law, contracts, tender contracts, bankruptcy law, bank law, food law, privacy law and civil liability.

Francesco Ferrara provides legal advice to domestic and multinational corporations in acquisition transactions and he also assists clients in day-to-day legal advice on corporate and commercial issues.

Studio Legale Pepe was founded in 1980 by lawyer Fernando Pepe and now has more than thirty years of experience in providing legal assistance and counselling, both judicial and extrajudicial, in all areas of civil law, with special regard to the legal problems of businesses and business groups.

Among his clients Studio Legale Pepe includes national and multinational corporations, holding companies, retail companies, insurance companies, manufacturing and construction companies, concessionaires of public services, local authorities and important welfare and social security institutions.

Studio Legale Pepe works closely and continuously with qualified law firms operating in the field of administrative law, criminal law and fiscal law and specialized in assisting companies in these sectors.

Studio Legale Pepe has developed specific expertness in the field of business legal problems: from procedures for acquisition and divestiture of businesses, to advice and assistance during pre-contractual, contractual and litigation phases.

Studio Legale Pepe is deeply rooted yet dynamic, and operates both nationally and internationally, working with an established network of relevant law firms to ensure assistance, with the utmost professionalism, both in Italy and abroad.






Litigation Lawyer of the Year in Italy

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Quick facts:

Number of lawyers: 90
Network memberships: TagLaw, IBA, INDICAM, LES
Languages: Italian, English, French, German, Serbian, Bulgarian, Romanian, Japanese
Firm overview

Presentation:

Studio Legale Sutti was founded in 1953 by Dr. Angelo Sutti as an Italian law firm with a strong focus on company-commercial law and intellectual property offering its services to businesses and entrepreneurs. SLS had become both an interdisciplinary and multi-professional practice having welcomed tax advisors to its ranks and established the single largest practice of South-Eastern Europe.

Key transactional practices:

Corporate and M&A
Restructuring and insolvency
Competition and Anti



International Trade Law Lawyer of the Year in Italy

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Stefania Chivino is an Italian lawyer based in Turin with over twenty years of experience in the field of civil and public law, that allows her to provide a wide quality advice for both Italian and foreign clients, individuals and companies as well as public administrations.

As business lawyer, Stefania Chivino is able to support enterprises step by step in the internationalization process, especially in United Arab Emirates, GCC Countries and Brazil, thanks to her long standing knowledge of these countries in addition to a top level network of local partners.

Stefania Chivino is Italian Representative of IICUAE – Italian Chamber of Commerce in UAE and of Italcam – Italian Chamber of Commerce in São Paulo.

All this allows her to find the best tailor made and “turn-key” solution, whether to find a reliable local partner, open a subsidiary or draw up a contract that meets the client’s expectations.

Although practising also litigation, Stefania Chivino tends to promote non contentious solutions, such as negotiations, mediations and contractual agreements, especially if dealing with international affairs.

Recently, she has been involved in the project of setting up and managing a Brazilian company specialized in food and beverage import.

Key practices

Contracts
Internationalization
Real estate
Liability
Public law



Corporate Law Lawyer of the Year in Luxembourg

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Raphael Collin was one of the founders of Baker & McKenzie Luxembourg office in 2010. Before Raphael worked notably several years in the Luxembourg office of Allen & Overy, was a partner of a top- ten Luxembourg law firm and created his own firm in 2014. He is practicing since 1997 in Luxembourg.

Raphaël Collin has significant experience in advising clients on issues on mergers and acquisitions and international corporate reorganizations. He works with private equity funds on structuring their investments and the setting up of the joint ventures in Luxembourg and abroad.

He routinely assists domestic and foreign clients (regulated or not) on their real estate investments and transactions (asset and share deals) and the related financing. He is regularly leading real estate deals from a transactional standpoint.

He is advising regulated entities for their compliance with Luxembourg professional rules, their day-to-day management or important transactions.

Ranking 2016:

- Legal 500 - Ranked Collin Maréchal in Commercial, corporate and M&A practice
- Chambers Global - Identifying Mr. Collin as one of the best lawyers in his jurisdiction.

Ranking 2015:

- Chambers Global – Identifying Mr. Collin as one of the best lawyers in his jurisdiction.
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Administrative Law Lawyer of the Year in the Netherlands




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Edward is engaged in private law and administrative environmental liability (Pursuant to unlawful act, enforcement, etc.) at Pels Rijcken. In addition, he grants support for disputes in the area of public liability law (unlawful decisions, insufficient supervision and inadequate enforcement). Edward is also involved in dossiers aimed at combating or limiting (of the effects) of climate change, such as the use of soil energy (WKO and geothermal), storage of CO2 in geological formations and the realization of watercourse areas. In the field of environmental law, Edward has extensive experience with dossiers in which soil contamination, asbestos and waste matter.

Edward studied Civil Law at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. He also graduated from this university. Earlier, Edward, also at the Erasmus University Rotterdam, was a university lecturer in private law.

Pels Rijcken ranks among the top ten law firms in the Netherlands. Based at the office in The Hague, about 300 professionals are committed to providing the very best in legal services. The firm's 34 partners also include the State Advocate.

Pels Rijcken offers high-quality, customised legal services for prominent clients, traditionally including the State and provincial and municipal authorities. In addition, Pels Rijcken acts on behalf of many supervisory authorities and large national and international companies.





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In addition to his responsibilities as managing partner, Derk is active in his areas of specialism including capital markets, securities, mergers & acquisitions and corporate governance.

As a former resident partner in both our New York and London offices, Derk's focus is global. He acts on behalf of leading domestic and international clients, both listed and privately held. Over the years he has advised many companies on their listings and securities offerings.

Derek is an officer of the Capital Markets Forum of the International Bar Association. He has lectured at programs sponsored by various organisations such as the International Bar Association, American Bar Association and several universities.

Derk has a law degree from Leiden University and an LL.M from Columbia University in New York. He is the co-author of books and articles on securities law.

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Admitted to the Amsterdam Bar: 1992

Partner since: 1999

From our main offices in Amsterdam, Brussels and Luxembourg, together with our branch offices in Dubai, Hong Kong, London and New York, we handle our clients' complex legal challenges both locally and cross-border.

As a specialist firm, our lawyers work in multidisciplinary teams with the aim to deliver pragmatic advice. We build close business relationships with our clients that range from local and multinational corporations to state organisations and public authorities. We realise that understanding their commercial objectives, their position in the market and their sector or industry, allows us to render suitable and effective advice.

In addition to our own international presence, we collaborate closely with other top-tier firms for cross-border matters outside our home jurisdictions. These relations are non-exclusive and enable us to offer a tailor-made, integrated team of lawyers with the best expertise and contacts for each specific matter. This guarantees efficient coordination on cross-border transactions throughout a multitude of legal areas, whatever their complexity and nature.



Information Technology Lawyer of the Year in the Netherlands

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Whitebridge Advocatuur BV is a leading boutique law firm in the Netherlands in the field of outsourcing and IT law. Furthermore we have profound experience and knowledge in the field of Data Protection and all aspects related to Data and Cloud. Our experience in the field of outsourcing law and TUPE, reaches out to large, complex and international deals. We represent leading companies, governments as well as IT companies in these fields. We usually join the team of our clients at an early stage of the IT or outsourcing decision making process, and help them through the negotiations to get the deal done.

Whitebridge Advocatuur BV was founded with the aim of providing a more accessible and dedicated hands on service offering to clients. Our firm's is focused on delivering high-end solutions to the challenges that leading firms are presented with when dealing with cutting edge technology. We advise. We negotiate. When needed we also litigate, although we take particular pride in finding non-contentious solutions. Our clients appreciate the frank manner in which we deliver thorough advice turning detailed legal complexities into actionable knowledge.

As a team, we are happy to see that our approach works. Ever since Whitebridge Advocatuur BV was founded our efforts have been rewarded both by the attention of the leading rankings but more importantly in the ongoing stream of challenging work. We have had the pleasure of serving not only leading corporate clients but also national and international governmental and non- governmental bodies.

As a result of our customer focus, as a team we also focus on ourselves. Our team members don't just publish on a regular basis, they can also be found in the field, lecturing both to students as well as to professionals and business leaders.

Clients continue to recognize our capacity in dealing with all the niceties and complexities of international assignments, valuing not just the language skills present in our team. Our clients trust us to help them understand and navigate all the cultural challenges of international dealmaking.



Commercial Law Lawyer of the Year in Switzerland




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Oliver Künzler is a partner in the Business Group Corporate and Commercial. He deals primarily with international and national M&A transactions, restructurings and reorganisations, private equity and venture capital transactions and financings. He also advises shareholders and companies on all aspects of contract, commercial and corporate law.

He further specialises in advising small and medium-sized enterprises, particularly with respect to business succession and structuring.

Oliver Künzler regularly publishes and speaks on topics of contract, commercial and corporate law. He is active in several national and international professional organisations and serves as an expert on business succession.

Practice Areas:

Corporate and Commercial
Banking and Finance
Insolvency and Restructuring
Life Sciences and Health Law
Tax

Functions:

Board Member and Expert at the Foundation KMU Next
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For over 30 years, Wenger Plattner has been advising and representing clients in all aspects of business law. Wenger Plattner has offices in Basel, Zurich and Bern as well as a representative office in Geneva.

We identify practical, workable solutions and help clients implement these to achieve the best possible commercial outcomes. We rely on teams of experts, many of whom are involved in decision-making as members of public authorities and other bodies, giving them an in-depth understanding of client needs.

As a fully integrated partnership, we place a strong emphasis on teamwork and cooperation. You will have access to dedicated, highly experienced specialists who will help you meet your specific objectives efficiently and effectively, delivering the highest standards of quality.



Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year in Switzerland

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Matthew Parish is an international lawyer specialising in cross-border arbitration, litigation and enforcement, international trade, foreign investment, resource extraction and export, emerging markets and public international law. He is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and accepts appointments to sit as an arbitrator across Europe.

He has broad experience before a variety of international courts and tribunals, including arbitration before the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), United Nations Commission On International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) tribunals, the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), the Grain and Free Trade Association (GAFTA), the Federation of Oils, Seeds and Fats Associations (FOSFA), the London Maritime Arbitrators' Association (LMAA), the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and the European Union (EU) courts in Luxembourg. Dr Parish is an experienced advocate and holds a solicitors' higher rights of audience (all courts) qualification in England and Wales. He frequently advises on contentious issues of English law before English courts and tribunals.

Dr Parish has represented clients across a wide variety of industries, including shipping, international trade, energy and infrastructure sectors, banking, insurance and financial services, governments and international organizations. He has a particular focus on issues of international law affecting emerging markets, with experience most recently covering Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa, and has dealt with expropriation claims arising out of alleged government confiscations. He also has extensive experience of arbitrating shipping and international trade disputes under trade associations' arbitral rules and of claims under international investment treaties.

Dr Parish has authored publications on a variety of topics, including investment treaty law, English insurance law, European Commission competition law, international project finance, EU litigation, regulation of international trade, rule of law in transition economies and the legal role of international organizations in post-conflict countries. His doctoral thesis, on public international law arbitration, was supervised by the Honorable Richard Posner of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, IL.

Dr Parish formerly served as a legal intern (stagiaire) to Advocate-General Francis Jacobs at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. He has a particular experience in the European law of state aids, having given evidence on reform of state aid law to the European Parliament. Dr Parish has also provided numerous media commentaries and interviews on topics relating to international organizations as well as to the law and politics of the Western Balkans.



In addition to his work at international law firms, Dr Parish has worked as the head of a legal department in the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, a UN specialist agency, where he was the chief legal adviser to an international civil servant. He managed proceedings before an international public law arbitration tribunal and oversaw several legal reform programmes.

Formerly, he worked in the legal department of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development in Washington, D.C., on a project finance portfolio focusing upon the Middle East and taught a course to World Bank staff on project finance dispute resolution. He has also practiced with leading international law firms in London, England, and Cairo, Egypt. In Cairo, he worked on a range of banking, aviation, project finance and international law matters before the Egyptian courts and other tribunals in the Middle East.

Dr Parish is a member of the Association Suisse de L'Arbitrage and the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and was formerly a visiting fellow of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. He teaches two postgraduate degree courses on commodities trading at the University of Geneva, where he lectures on international litigation, arbitration and enforcement of judgments, and he is a frequent guest lecturer on international relations at a number of universities across Europe. He also speaks on the subject of commodities trading and international investment at a range of conferences. He is a Senior Fellow of the Institute for Comparative Law in Belgrade.

Dr Parish is the Co-Chair of an International Law Association policy committee based in New York. He was formerly a committee member with the British Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Vice President of the Oxford and Cambridge Society in Geneva, and provides pro bono legal advice to two Geneva nongovernmental organisations. He is recognised by the Journal of Export Controls as one of the world's leading experts on international sanctions. His status as a Young Global Leader with the World Economic Forum and participation at its annual conference in Davos gives him unparalleled access to some of the world's most senior political and business leaders.

Global Arbitration Review says this: "Matthew Parish is very well organised, dedicated to his job, responsible, honest, good at creative thinking with a solution to all problems, and client-orientated ... Matthew and his team are excellent professionals and committed hard workers, who effectively and promptly respond to clients on all requests ... and who are practically available on a 24-hour basis."

Gentium Law Group is an arbitration boutique that prides itself on intellectual excellence and uncompromising combat on behalf of its clients. It helps them fight their way out of the most difficult and perplexing of confrontations. The firm accepts both commercial and political disputes, and problems in which the two fields are mixed.

Gentium also undertakes a substantial quantity of English commercial litigation, and contentious and non-contentious Swiss legal work in both French and German. The firm was founded in the autumn of 2014 by Dr Matthew Parish, formerly a partner at Holman Fenwick Willan in Geneva. His team followed him from that firm, and it has since developed to include attorneys with educations from the world's very best universities and with training in some of the globe's very best law firms.

Dr Parish also has significant international political and scholarly interests, having authored three books and over 100 articles. In 2013 he was named by Bilan Magazine as one of the 300 most influential people in Switzerland, and was elected as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.



Payroll Services Firm of the Year in Switzerland




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Payroll Services AG provides a range of payroll and employee management services for foreign companies operating in Switzerland.

Mainly working with organisations from the UK and the US, the company provides HR and payroll services for businesses from 1 to 700+ employees.

Since 2003, Payroll Services has been supporting large, international clients by managing their outsourced payroll accounting, payroll administration and Swiss Professional Employer Organisation (PEO) services. The managed payroll and HR services allow client companies to concentrate on their core businesses, knowing that their human resources function is fully managed, eliminating an often time-consuming and costly administrative burden. And for clients that use PEO services, staff are employed by Payroll Services on behalf of the client company, so that the company does not need to set up a legal trading entity in Switzerland.

For individual freelancers, the company provides the freedom and flexibility to freelance, backed up with the security of being an employee. Freelancers become “employees” of Payroll Services, and all taxes and social security contributions are taken care of, with minimal administrative input on the part of the hiring client company.

Payroll Services is a dynamic company that delivers its services with integrity and flexibility. Clients get direct access to the team, guaranteeing a swift turnaround and an efficient response to queries.

With a large local and international network, the Swiss payroll professionals deliver a total service and can provide a solution for international and global projects.



Criminal Law Lawyer of the Year in the United Kingdom

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Rob is a nationally and internationally recognized specialist criminal defence solicitor. An acknowledged specialist fraud (white collar) and regulatory defence solicitor, he is described in one of the leading guides to the profession as "like a terrier that never stops digging". Rob is a supervisor on the Specialist Fraud Panel set up by the Legal Aid Agency. He is a Higher Court Advocate.

He represents individuals and companies in the UK and abroad facing investigation/prosecution under the Bribery Act or multijurisdictional legislation including FCPA. He has experience of dealing with prosecution authorities across a number of jurisdictions.

Rob undertakes fraud defence, regulatory defence, white collar defence involving cross-jurisdictional issues, defence of tax/VAT fraud, motoring and general criminal matters with (again, according to a leading independent guide) "a certain panache".

He has acted as defence solicitor successfully in numerous cases defending historic and present day sexual offence allegations. Cases of this nature may also involve allegations of neglect and he has acted for both individuals and organizations.

He also has a particular interest in defending allegations of serious violence and murder acting successfully as defence solicitor in multiple cases over his years of practice.

He is tactically astute and will ensure that when appropriate a pro-active defence is pursued in all cases.

Rob trained at Irwin Mitchell and joined ABR Solicitors in 1998 becoming a partner in 2002 and senior/managing partner in 2013. He was Chairman of the Serious Fraud Association, and a member of SAHCA, CLSA the International Criminal Bar, the American Bar Association and a member of the Leeds criminal duty solicitor defence scheme.

He is ranked a leading figure by the legal 500 and Chambers and has national and international recognition and awards in relation to his and the firm's work.

They state that Rob Rode is called "a tour de force – an ambitious, energetic and thorough lawyer." He is known for his work in the defence of business crime allegations. "He is a national figure, a leader in the field in Leeds and nationally. A power broker who is held in extremely high regard," reports the Bar. "He is remarkably hands on. He has a great presence in this area (crime and financial crime) according to sources who add that he thinks outside the box and always provides good service to his clients. He is extremely proactive." "He is very talented and hardworking and always keeps his client's best interests at heart" "He is an extremely impressive and dynamic team leader who combines fearless tenacity with an exceptionally personable attitude"

The firm is ranked number one in Yorkshire and the Humber and number two nationally by the Legal 500 and Chambers. The team is described as "excellent".



Sources regard the criminal law team here as a “key player” Although the team handles a large amount of regulatory and fraud work, it also continues to handle general criminal cases on a regular basis. “This is a very ambitious firm with a bright future ahead of it,” according to observers.

Acting on fraud, regulatory and general crime cases we are ranked highly in leading independent research publications and our discerning clientele reflect our reputation.

Prosecutions and investigations of all kinds are defended at all stages of their progress by our experienced team of criminal defence and fraud defence lawyers.

ABR Solicitors are a progressive practice ensuring independent representation for all our clients. We maintain excellent professional relationships with others barristers, solicitors and expert witnesses seeking justice for our clients.



Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year in the United Kingdom

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Giles is the Managing Partner of the 'Creators, Makers and Innovators' division at Lewis Silkin, specialising in intellectual property, advertising & marketing, privacy & data protection, consumer & regulatory and reputation management work.

He is primarily a dispute resolution lawyer, but also provides clearance and risk management advice to his clients, which range from famous brands to major marcoms agencies, media, telecoms & tech companies to sports clubs and high net worth individuals. He has higher courts rights of audience and is an accredited CEDR mediator. He is also a Committee Member of the Branded Content Marketing Association and is on the British Brands Group's legal section. Giles is also a member of the Creative Industries Council's Marcoms Group and is joint author and editor of the leading textbook 'Advertising Law & Regulation' (2nd Ed.).

Giles is recognised as an industry expert and his accolades include being ranked as a Leading Practitioner by Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 legal directories; as a World Intellectual Property Review Leader, as an 'IP Star' by Managing Intellectual Property; and is listed in the World Trademark Review 'Top 1000', Who's Who Legal: TMT 2017 and Super Lawyers.

Lewis Silkin is a firm of legal and business advisors with a distinctive focus on meeting the needs of the creative industries and innovation-driven businesses large and small, as well as helping clients to address the full spectrum of employment and immigration issues.

The depth and breadth of the firm's legal insight and commercial experience in six core sectors is unmatched, including renowned expertise across the fields of Advertising & Marketing; Media & Entertainment; Retail, Fashion & Hospitality; Sports Business; Technology; and Professional Services. Its 11 different legal practice groups and array of non-legal business service offerings deliver practical advice and real commercial insight in a refreshing and straight-forward manner, from trademarks to tax, disputes to data protection, contracts to corporate deals, and partnerships to property.

With a team of 59 partners and more than 300 staff in London, Oxford, Cardiff and Hong Kong, the firm's reach also extends worldwide through its membership in two leading global legal networks, Ius Laboris (employment law) and the Global Advertising Lawyers Alliance (GALA).



International Tax Firm of the Year in the United Kingdom

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Leonardo Braune is a respected and highly experienced consultant in the areas of international tax, real estate planning, wealth preservation, fiduciary advice, implementation and management of international structures and projects. With a vast experience in tax, an extremely diversified client base and a very strong global network of top specialists in many different business related areas, Braune has led a large number of successful projects in several industries including oil and gas, telecommunications, real estate, international services, investment funds and asset management.

The Intercorp Group was established under the supervision of Braune with the objective of becoming one of the few truly international tax consulting boutiques, fully capable of providing high quality tax, estate planning and fiduciary structuring services, delivering to its clients only the most efficient and practical solutions.

INTERCORP GROUP is a privately owned high-level consulting firm, which provides tax, estate planning and fiduciary structure solutions to high net worth families. Intercorp Group provides advice with responsibility, liability and execution. It functions as an accessible interface, streamlining intelligence from an elite global network of professionals and specialists; ultimately bestowing on clients knowledge, confidence and solutions to handle their matters in the best possible way.



Media Law Firm of the Year in the United Kingdom

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Taylor Hampton has achieved a remarkable rise to prominence since its inception in 2007. The firm's lawyers are recognised as leading privacy and media lawyers who are at the very forefront of the phone hacking litigation. In a reported case, senior media judge Sir Michael Tugendhat stating the following about the firm:

'Taylor Hampton Solicitors. ...are among the small number well known to the courts as practitioners in the field of media law.'

As a result of their experience of over 30 years of handling high-profile cases, solicitors at Taylor Hampton are experts in acting on behalf of corporate and individual clients to prevent the unlawful acquisition and publication of their private and confidential information, as well as managing and defending any threats to their reputation.

The firm achieved worldwide media exposure when it represented the family of the murdered schoolgirl Milly Downer in their claim for "phone hacking" against News Group Newspapers Limited. The family received what they reported to be the largest amount of agreed damages ever obtained in a privacy claim, together with a personal apology from Rupert Murdoch. The ensuring public outcry culminated in the closure of the 168-year-old News Corporation's bid to take over BskyB, and the establishment of the Leveson Inquiry.

Solicitors at the firm continue to be amongst the major players in phone hacking proceedings against both News Group and Mirror Group Newspaper Limited. The firm acted for three of the eight representative's claimants in the landmark case of *Gulati & Ors v MGN Ltd* {2015}, which signalled a milestone in the development of privacy law in the UK with historic awards of damages of between £72,500 and £260,250 far exceeding the prior highest award of £60,000 ordered by the Court.

In a further recent and successful high-profile privacy action, the firm also successfully represented the butler to Princess Diana, Paul Burrell, in his claim for misuse of private information against disgraced former PR guru Max Clifford (*Burrell v Clifford* {2015}). The case concerned a private letter written by Mr Burrell and contained confidential information relating to the Royal family which faxed by Mr Clifford to the News of the World. The judge found that Mr Clifford had breached Mr Burrell's privacy in faxing the letter and ordered him to pay Mr Burrell damages and his costs. The judge rejected Mr Clifford's argument that he had been authorised by Mr Burrell to send the letter and accepted Mr Burrell's evidence that he did not intend for it to be marketed to the media.

In addition to their status within privacy and media law, solicitors at Taylor Hampton have over 30 years' experience in dealing with a range of heavyweight commercial and civil disputes. These include contract and tort claims, and tortious claims, partnership disputes, and advising on director's duties.



Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year in Albania

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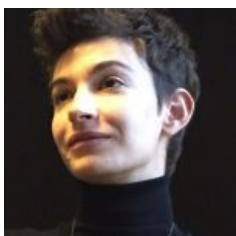
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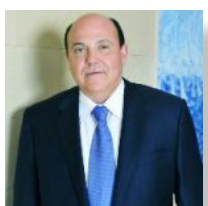
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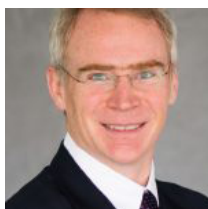
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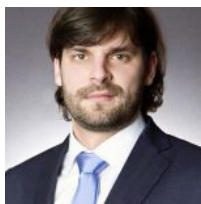
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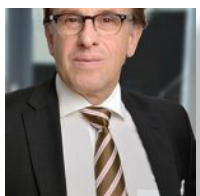
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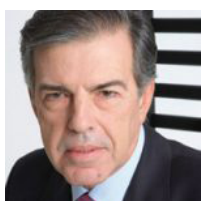
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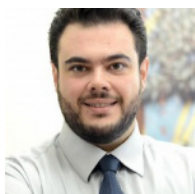
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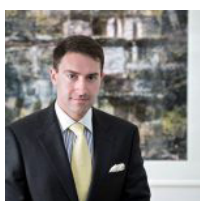
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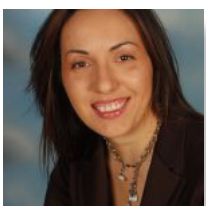
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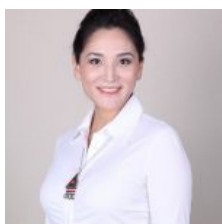
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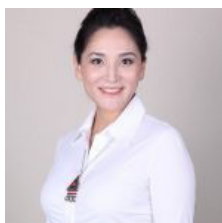
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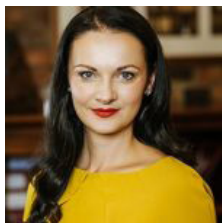
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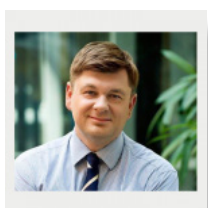
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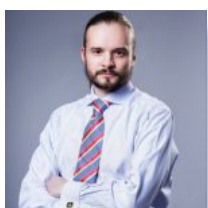
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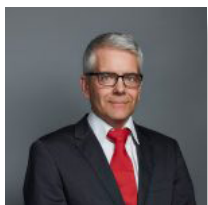
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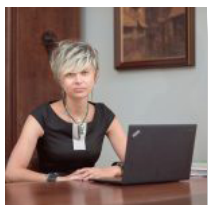
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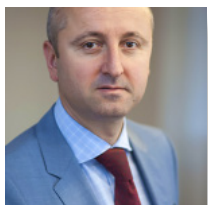
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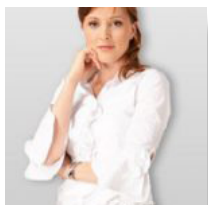
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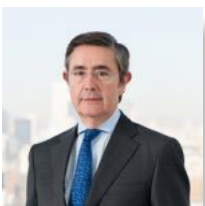
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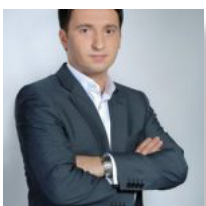
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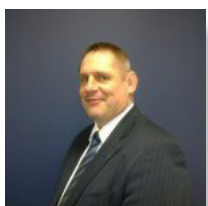
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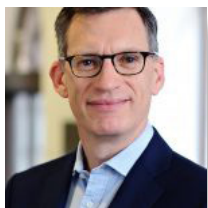
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[Brett Hickey](#) has been investing in the U.S. lower middle-market since 2004. Prior to being a principal investor, Mr. Hickey was an Investment Banker at Salomon Smith Barney / Citigroup Global Markets in New York City where he covered global Asset Managers and Financial Institutions. In that role, he analyzed asset managers and asset classes, ultimately working on over \$20 billion in completed strategic acquisitions and capital raises for leading assets managers and other financial institutions.

Mr. Hickey attended Mount Royal College in Calgary, Canada, where he studied business and entrepreneurship while training on the national speed skating team. Mr. Hickey is a former Canadian national gold medalist, national record setter and North American medalist in speed skating. He graduated with Distinction from McGill University in Montreal, Canada with a Bachelor of Commerce degree (finance major and accounting concentration). He also graduated from Harvard Business School's three year, on-campus Owner/President Management program for distinguished business owners with a proven track record of successfully building and managing companies.

Valuing ongoing learning and education, Mr. Hickey has been an active member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) and former NYC board member, since 2008. He has completed numerous other business programs including Building Your Business Through Transformational Leadership & Innovation at the Innovatrium on the University of Michigan's campus in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mr. Hickey is known as an innovator and thought leader within the less efficient lower middle-market asset management space where he believes superior absolute and risk-adjusted returns can be achieved. He is a frequent guest lecturer on industry panels and at academic institutions including the [Milken Institute](#) and Institutional Investor (II). A selection of interviews can be found on [The Lead Left](#), [KITE Invest](#) and PE Hub.

As an active philanthropist focused primarily on economic development and cancer research, Mr. Hickey founded the [Star Mountain Charitable Foundation](#), through which he has received multiple recognitions for his efforts including the [Pathfinders to Peace Award](#) alongside Morgan Freeman. Board memberships include Board of Governors for the [Small Business Investor Alliance \(SBIA\)](#); Member and former Chairman of Networks for the NYC Chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO); Board of Harvard University Entrepreneurs Alumni Association of NY; and Board of McGill University Alumni Association of NY (recipient of the President of the Year Award).

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In March 2017, Star Mountain was named a [New York Future 50 Award Winner](#) by SmartCEO and in December 2016 Star Mountain was a recipient of the [Best SME Private Equity & Mezzanine Fund Manager](#) by AI Global Media.



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- Personal Data Protection.
- Corporate Law.
- M&A.
- Business Transactions.
- Intellectual Property (emphasis on Trademark Law).

Some of his clients are national and/or international leaders in their respective industries.

Since 1989 (with an interval for studies in the United States), he has been Professor of Law at the Universidad Iberoamericana; holds the highest rank for a partial time professor; founded the course of Data Protection Law; and was a member of the Board of the Master in International Business Law during two consecutive terms.

Among other studies, he has the following ones:

- Post-Doctoral Scholar in Law.- Washington University in St. Louis.
- Doctor of Juridical Science (Ph. D. equivalent).- Washington University in St. Louis.
- Master of Laws (LL.M).- Washington University in St. Louis.
- Program of Instruction for Lawyers.- Harvard University.
- Master of Laws.- Universidad Iberoamericana.
- Juris Doctor (Licenciatura en Derecho).- Universidad Iberoamericana.

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- Recognized as Privacy and Data Protection Lawyer of the Year, among other entities, by Global Law Experts (2016); International Advisory Experts (2016, 2017); Corporate Intl Global Magazine (2017); Professional Sector Network (2017).

Dr. Narváez-Hasfura is also engaged in pro bono activities.



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The Trade Practice of SMPS Legal includes development and implementation of strategies to optimize all tools available, dispute resolution tactics and litigations.

The Practice has sound experience in the selection, coordination and implementation of the best optimized corporate, tax and customs strategies in Mexico, tailored to the client's needs, the performance of audits to examine the correctness of import/export operations, the implementation of preventive measures and the representation of clients before tax and customs authorities during audits, administrative procedures and to defend tax contingencies.

Alexis Michel, Head of the practice, has focused not only in the compliance of customs and foreign trade obligations, but in aiding, through the enforcement of administrative instruments that Mexican authorities have implemented to develop areas with opportunities of expansion for his clients.

Likewise, he has extensive experience in antidumping, safeguards and subsidies investigations, optimizing customs structures, the practice of internal audits, negotiations and in challenging rulings from tax and customs authorities.



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Manuel Giménez has been a member of the firm since 1998, where he was a practitioner in the civil and commercial litigation areas up until 2005, when he was appointed as Director for the Corporate Law, Intellectual Property, Foreign Investment, and Contractual Law departments of the firm. In 2005 he was appointed as member of the firm's executive board, and in 2015 he was made a partner of the firm. Since his incorporation to the firm, Manuel has counselled national and international clients on the establishment and operation of their businesses in Mexico. Currently he also supervises the following areas: Migration Law; Commercial Law; Personal Data Protection; Money Laundering Prevention; and Fiscal Law. Manuel has participated as a speaker in several national forums regarding intellectual property and contract law.

Spoken Languages: English and Spanish.

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Currently the Firm provides its national and international clients services in diverse law specialties, among which can be counted:

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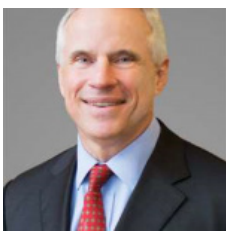
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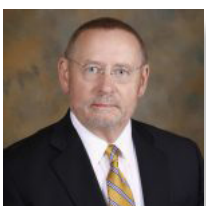
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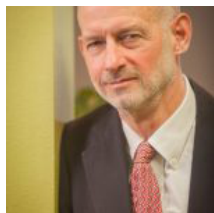
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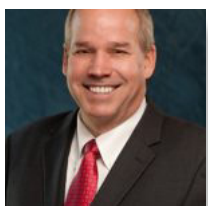
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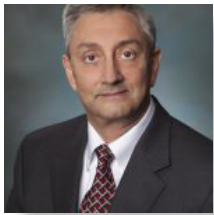
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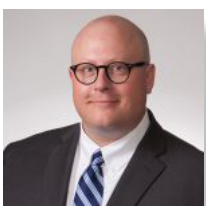
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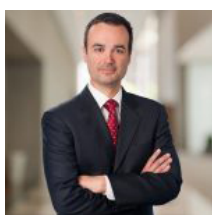
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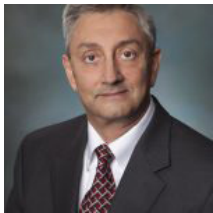
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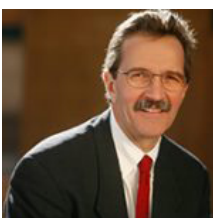
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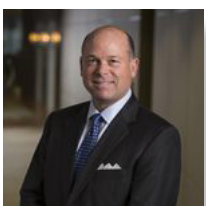
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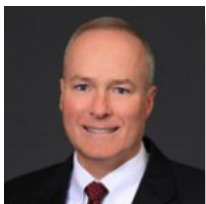
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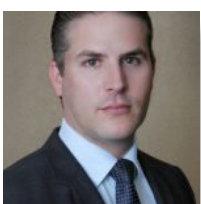
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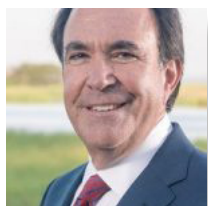
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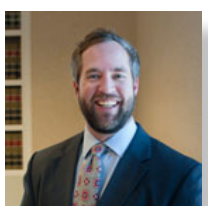
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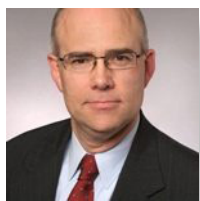
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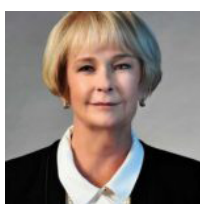


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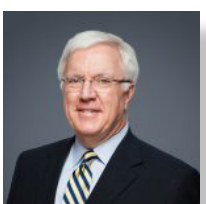
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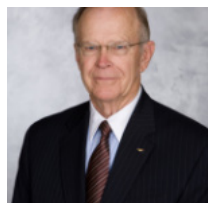
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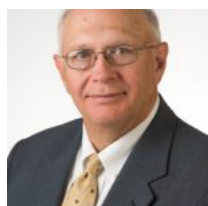
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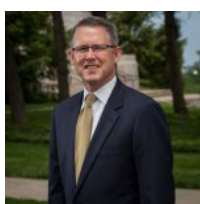
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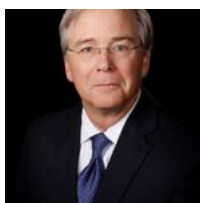
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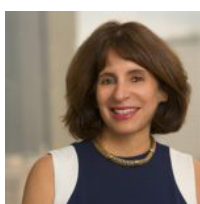
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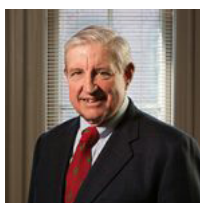
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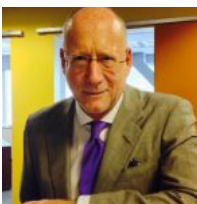
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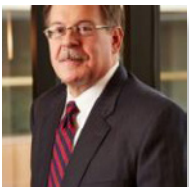
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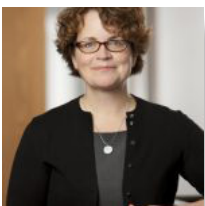
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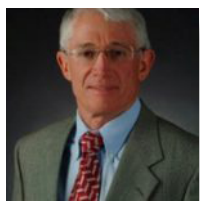
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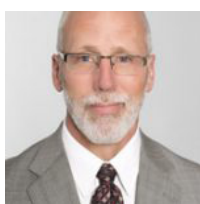
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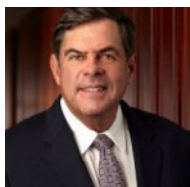
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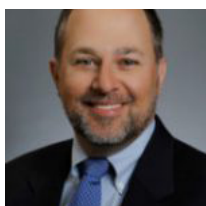
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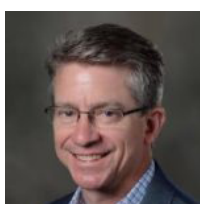
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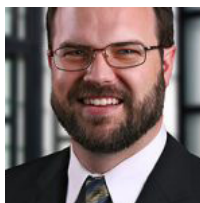
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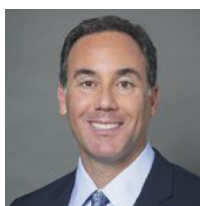
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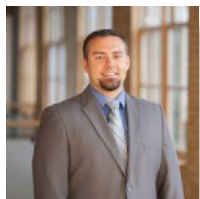


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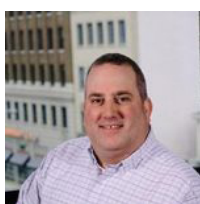
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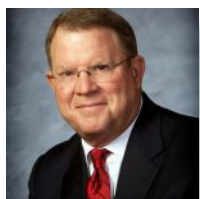
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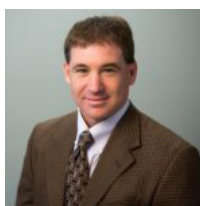
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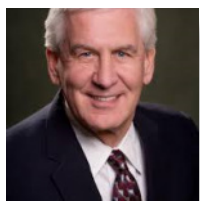
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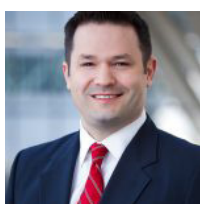
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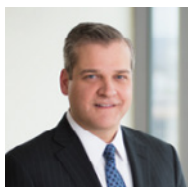
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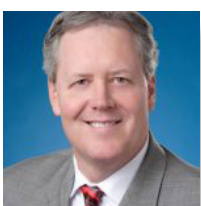
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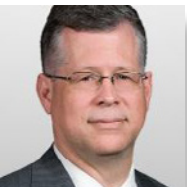
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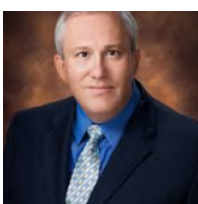
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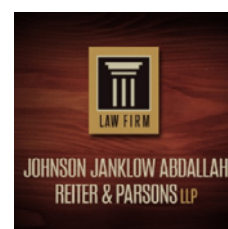
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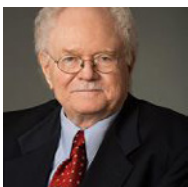
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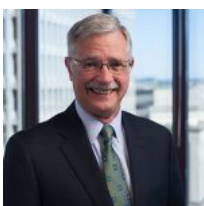
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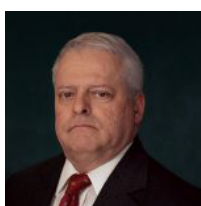
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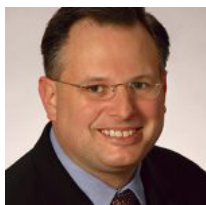
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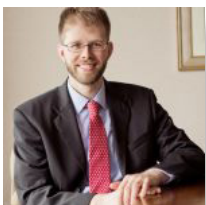
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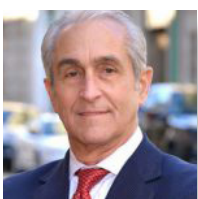
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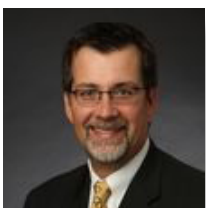
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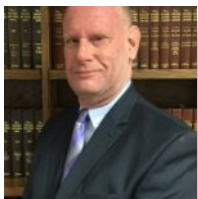
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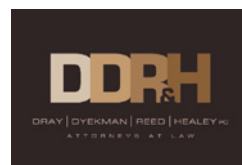
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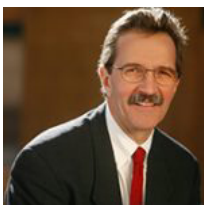
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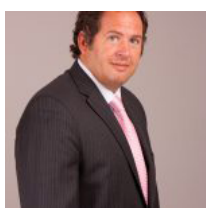
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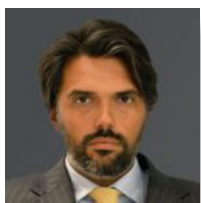
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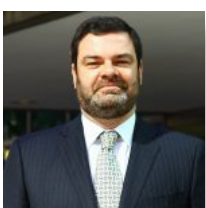
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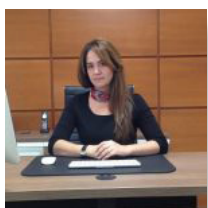
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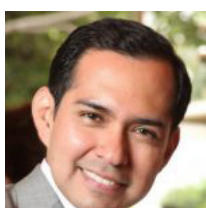
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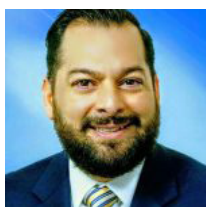
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About WN Legal Family Law Team

The WN legal family law team is led by our Kyran Nunes with the collaboration and guidance of Khew Wong. Together, the team tackles all family law related matters, ranging from simple drafting to complex litigation involving the senior echelons within the legal fraternity.

Our Khew Wong brings a touch of his acumen, fostered from his criminal law experience to shine a different light on the legal arguments WN Legal put forth. Together, the co-founders of WN Legal strike a formidable combination. Thus, WN Legal is capable of achieving consistent and favorable results without expending unnecessary and excessive legal costs.

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Dieb specialises in Debt Collection both nationally in Australia and Internationally and has done so for over 40 years. As Principal Solicitor he primarily works in Litigation providing his expertise and advice to his clients. He leads Committees, including both financial and community projects.

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James Ryan founded Speirs Ryan in 2014, together with highly regarded property practitioner Robert Speirs.

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He primarily acts for corporates and sophisticated investors in the acquisition and disposal of commercial, retail and industrial property, and advises national landlords and tenants on retail and commercial leasing and licensing.

Uniquely, James acts for a number of medical and health sector clients on commercial agreements, funding programs and leasing of purpose-built medical facilities and clinics.

He regularly handles infrastructure and telecommunications assets sales and telecommunication facility leases for national landlords, Owners Corporations and infrastructure intermediaries.

James also acts for a number of leading Australian financial institutions in property related finance transactions; acquisition and construction funding, refinances and mortgagee-in-possession sales.

James is passionate about the property sector. He is actively involved with the Property Council of Australia and was formerly a sitting member of the Law Society of NSW Property Law Division. He is a director in various property-related enterprises.



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Quang Trinh has more than 20 years practice experience in different roles of law practitioner in Vietnam. He is now focusing on the international business law and business practices as senior partner of ATIM Law Firm. Quang has facilitated commercial and corporate transactions of international clients seeking to expand operation in Vietnam and/or having the transaction with local business. When representing international clients, he always promotes the professional conduct practice and fair dealing with adaptation to the local context and culture. Quang gained an intensive experience in business service in the role of General In-house counsel for the world largest food company, Nestle Vietnam during a decade. His business in-sight view has been strongly enhanced upon graduating of the MBA in international business with excellent achievement. Working with him, client will benefit from the best practical solution. Quang has led ATIM Law Firm from 2007 through 2015. He is actively engaged in the continuing legal education training in Ho Chi Minh City Bar Association and Legal Committee of AMCHAM Ho Chi Minh City Chapter. He is a strong supporter to the legal internship program applicable in ATIM Law Firm extended to the 3rd and last year law students.

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Nowadays, many companies or businesses have international dimensions like foreign suppliers (or customers), overseas branches or employees with a foreign background. Some of these companies join the international networks in their industry because it helps them to reach out and expand their business portfolio. We can see that there are many Singapore-based regional networks (or small networks) or non-locally-based international networks in Singapore, but there is only one (which is definitely the first) home-grown global accounting network – 3E Accounting International Network.

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Lawrence is a farsighted accountant that could foresee opportunities and advantages of world's markets. And Singapore is an international financial hub that welcomes investors from all over the world, the opportunities are huge and promising. "We are ready to support anyone who wanted to setup their business in the World. Currently, our international network covers all 6 continents in the world, including the countries like China, Hong Kong, Australia, Latin America, UK, Germany, Ireland, and much more."

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Networking That Connects Everyone

Yet, life is not always a bed of roses. Both founders, Lawrence and Stephanie, did encounter difficulties of finding a network of similar business [that focus on helping clients to start their business easily in a country]. Nevertheless, they managed to get through the hardship with the help of IE Singapore, who provides supports of grant assistance through Market Readiness Assistance (MRA) Grant. As such, they managed to setup the whole structure easily with their affiliated lawyer.

It is 3E Accounting's vision to become the world's leading corporate service provider that offers services beyond excellence. They have a big agenda for the future. They aim to expand their global networks into 50 countries in 2018. Simply put: they strive to do more for people with the missions: efficiency, effectiveness and economy. "As an international firm alliance, we are seeing much more cross-border work between our member firms," Lawrence said.

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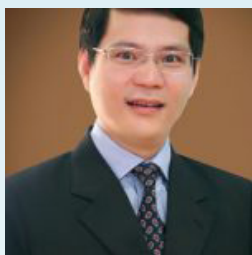
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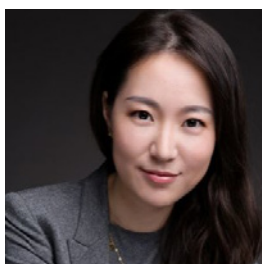
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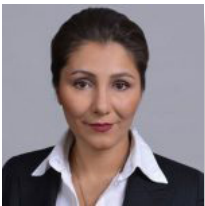
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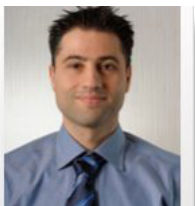
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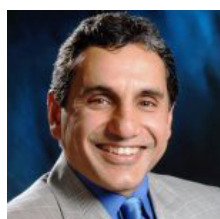
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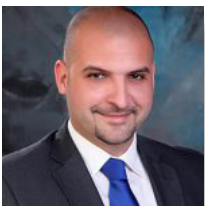
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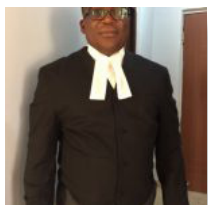
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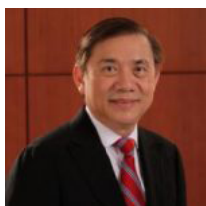
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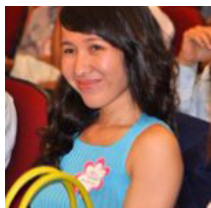


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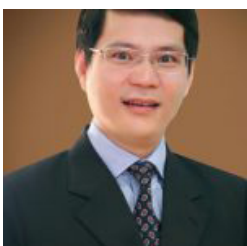
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