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Australia

Holman Webb



Alison Choy Flannigan has been selected as a finalist in the **Lawyers Weekly Partner of the Year Awards 2017** in the Health category.

The Partner of the Year Awards recognize outstanding performance by partners across a broad range of practice areas, with the winners announced at a black-tie gala on the 28 April 2017



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Belgium

Ardent Advocaten

Further growth for Ardent Advocaten

Ardent Advocaten has strengthened its banking, commercial and M&A practise.

Following a merger, Eva Raepsaet has become a partner in our office.

She has joined Ardent Advocaten with two of her associates and a staff of two paralegals.

Eva is offering services to the major banks in Belgium and she advises her clients in M&A transactions.

Eva and her team have joined the Ardent branch in Herentals, presently managed by Steven Bivacco and Filip Duwaerts.



New offices for Ardent Advocaten, Herentals branch

Following the merger with Eva Raepsaet's office, Ardent Advocaten, Herentals Branch has moved to larger premises.

Very pleased to have found them only 200 meters from our previous office.

We are now housed in a state-of-the-art section of a new concept store: a very un-lawyers like environment, but one we are proud of!

The new address of our Herentals branch is Diamantstraat 8/239, B-2200 Herentals, Belgium.

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One year after establishing a branch in Copenhagen in March of 2016, KELLER Law firm is shifting its central focus from its prior headquarters in the nearby port city of Roskilde to the center of the capital itself.

From April 1st 2017, the Copenhagen branch, situated centrally in the inner city on the main shopping street, close to the Metro and a 15 minute drive by car from Copenhagen Airport, will be the firm's new base of operations. From there, the firm will continue and expand its cooperation with colleagues and associates at the Copenhagen office, encompassing advisers specialized in employment law, intellectual property law, dispute resolution, real estate and construction law as well as a variety of other legal disciplines in addition to our corporate/commercial and M&A work.

KELLER Law Firm looks forward to continue providing top class legal assistance and service from its new home, and to offer local as well as international clients ease of access and a brilliant view from the premises in central Copenhagen.

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MUNDAYS PROMOTES NEW HEAD OF FAMILY TEAM

Surrey-based law firm Mundays has appointed Miranda Green to head its family team.

Miranda, who joined the Cobham firm from London in 2008, specialises in all areas of relationship breakdown including divorce, complex financial matters, international jurisdictional cases and private children disputes.

A trained mediator and collaborative solicitor and a Resolution accredited specialist in European and International family law and complex finances, Miranda currently offers her expertise across Surrey and beyond, as well as advising on pre-nuptial and cohabitation agreements.

Commenting on her appointment, Miranda said: "I am very excited to be taking on this role as head of the department. The family team at Mundays is very strong and works on a whole range of complex and multi-jurisdictional cases. We are continuing to grow our expertise in all areas of family law with a particular focus on international cases and the modern family.

"I am looking forward to continuing the development of our family team's expertise to match our client base's evolving needs."

Valerie Toon, Managing Partner at Mundays, said: "We are delighted to have Miranda take the role as head of the family team. Clients' needs come first with Miranda and I have no doubt her expertise and direction will drive our team onto further successes."

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PRESS RELEASE – November 2016**Wealth & Finance Magazine Announces the 2016 Women in Wealth Awards Winners**

Cobham-based law firm Mundays can announce Partner and Head of Private Wealth, Julie Man has been named *Best Private Wealth Lawyer UK* in the '2016 Women in Wealth Awards' which showcases the very best women from across the financial environment.

Julie joined Mundays as a Solicitor in November 2006 and progressed to Associate, Partner and most recently Head of Private Wealth in 2013. The detailed knowledge and experience that Julie has acquired over the last ten years of continuous progression at Mundays has helped to establish her as a solid legal adviser in the private client arena, both internally within Mundays and externally. This has been complemented by an approachable and grounded style, which has earned her an enviable reputation for success amongst her loyal client base. Her ability to distil complex points of law and clearly explain them based on the nuances and practical objectives of each client has been highly praised.

Valerie Toon, Managing Partner at Mundays comments on this fantastic achievement "Julie believes that there really is no 'typical' client. It is important to be flexible and adaptable to the needs of the client. Julie leads a hand-picked team that are chosen for their exceptional abilities. Julie deserves this award for the commitment she has shown to her career over the last 10 years at Mundays."

Commenting on the program Awards Coordinator Daisy Johnson stated: "Women's contribution to the finance industry cannot be underestimated, and as such this awards programme is showcasing the most committed, successful and professional women from across the market. I am truly proud to be able to highlight the hard work of every one of my winners and would like to wish them an even more prosperous future."

To learn more about our deserving award winners and to gain insight into the working practices of the "best of the best", please visit the Wealth & Finance [website](#) where you can access the winners supplement.

About Mundays

Mundays is a leading law firm which provides specialist legal advice to corporate and private clients. Established in 1960, headquartered in Surrey with an office in London. Mundays has a diverse client base that includes major international and national companies as well as smaller businesses, individuals and families. Mundays specialises in Corporate & Commercial, Dispute Resolution, Employment, Family, Private Wealth, Property, across a wide variety of industry sectors including retail, logistics, franchising, healthcare and technology. With a deep understanding of clients' businesses, Mundays is able to tailor its expertise and advice to meet clients' needs - providing City standards at competitive rates.

About Wealth & Finance International

Wealth & Finance International is a monthly publication dedicated to delivering high quality informative and up-to-the-minute global business content. It is published by AI Global Media Ltd, a publishing house that has reinvigorated corporate finance news and reporting.

Developed by a highly skilled team of writers, editors, business insiders and regional industry experts, Wealth & Finance International reports from every corner of the globe to give readers the inside track on the need-to-know news and issues affecting banking, finance, regulation, risk and wealth management in their region.

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France

Bernards Law Firm



Bernards law firm's news

Bernards welcome Chloe Bardet, a student in master 2 "Litigation – Arbitration – ADR" at the University of Paris II-Assas for a four month period. Chloe will have to set up a post-graduate report on the application of the public order laws in the arbitration context under Bernards supervision.

In its peripheral activities, Bernards will organize on March 24, 2017 at the Cercle de l'Union Interalliée, in Paris, a conference on "Justice and Insecurity", a significant issue in modern countries. Thierry Bernard will welcome Bertrand Soubelet, a lieutenant-general, former senior officer in the French Gendarmerie army. This meeting will be opened to a large public of qualified individuals, committed in the society.

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Germany

Graf Von Westphalen



Law firm of the year 2017 – The Lawyer again nominates GvW Graf von Westphalen

GvW Graf von Westphalen, just as in the previous year, and now for the third time in total, is among the commercial law firms in Germany which have been nominated for "The Lawyer European Award 2017". The corresponding [shortlist](#) in the category "Law firm of the year: Germany" was announced by the leading British industry publication The Lawyer.

The independent jury consisting of partners of well-known law firms and general counsels of large companies placed its focus this year on the growing importance of the international business and the cross-border capacity of law firms. Excellent performance in implementing the strategy of the law firm has also been recognized by legal advisors as well as the employers with the European Awards since eight years.

Deutsche Flugsicherung opens representative offices in Singapore and China with support from GvW Graf von Westphalen

The German air navigation service provider DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung GmbH (DFS) continues to expand its sales and consulting business for air navigation services. In January 2016, DFS opened a new office in Singapore, followed by a regional office in Beijing in late December.

Besides its core business of providing air navigation services in Germany, DFS has offered consulting and training services for more than 20 years and in addition has been selling its air traffic management systems around the globe. The sales and consulting business makes a valuable contribution to the development of DFS. Beyond Europe, the key regions for the commercial business of DFS are Southeast Asia, China and the Middle East. Air transport in these regions is experiencing above-average growth making it necessary for numerous countries to modernise the structures of their air navigation services. DFS is able to share its expertise in all aspects of modern air traffic control.

GvW has been mandated to support DFS regarding both steps into the Asian markets.

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Studio Legale Afferni Crispo & C. and “A-I”.

Studio Legale Afferni Crispo & C. is a member of “A-I”, a national network of lawyers.

“A-I – Avvocati Associati in Italia” is a network of tens of law firms scattered throughout Italy. Since 2001 the network values the experience gained by the participating law firms in order to offer personalized legal assistance that is timely, effective and efficient in Italian and in the main languages used on the international marketplace.

The expertise of the law firms involved, thanks to the nature of the network, covers virtually all areas of the law and enables a potential client to locate the professional able to offer the best litigation or consultancy services, if appropriate in co-operation with other participating law firms, to individuals and businesses, not only in the realm of commercial law, corporate law and family law, but also in criminal law, environmental law, cyber law and European Union law.

“A-I” aims at establishing itself as a reference point for a growing number of clients and professionals and at building up with them a strong and lasting relationship based on trust. It also seeks to reinforce its presence in the Italian legal landscape so as to ensure the best service for any given individual need but also for businesses that require constant assistance across the country.

A new and upgraded website of “A-I” will be soon available at www.a-i.it!

Prof. Lorenzo Schiano di Pepe joins PIL Advisory Group

PIL Advisory Group is pleased to announce that Prof. Avv. [Lorenzo Schiano di Pepe](#), LL.M. D.R., has joined its team of experts. His main areas of expertise are public international law, with a focus on the law of the sea and international environmental law, European Union law, and conflicts of law and jurisdiction.

Lorenzo Schiano di Pepe is a Full Professor at the Department of Law of the University of Genoa where he teaches “European Union Law” (in Italian) and “International and European Law of the Sea” (in English), having previously taught “International Law”, “Conflicts of Law and Jurisdiction” and “Principles of European Community Environmental Law”. He is also a teacher of “Legal Aspects of Hydrography” at a master’s course program in “Marine Geomatics” held at the Italian Navy’s Institute of Hydrography.

He holds degrees from the University of Genoa (Bachelor in Law), University College London (LLM in International Business Law), the Georgetown University Law Centre (LLM in International Legal Studies), under a Fulbright Scholarship, and the State University of Milan (Ph.D. in International Law).

Lorenzo is also a practicing lawyer, qualified to plead before the Italian Supreme Court and partner of the law firm Studio Legale Afferni Crispo & C. (SLAC) based in Milan and Genoa, Italy. He has served for two terms as vice-president of Cicero – League of International Lawyers, to which his law firm belongs. He has pleaded, inter alia, before the European Court of Justice and has served as an expert witness on matters of Italian law and European Union law before foreign courts and arbitral tribunals.

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Latvia

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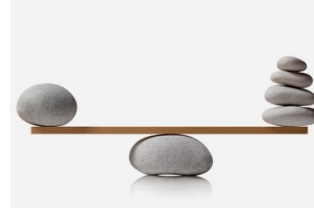
One week starting from 13 to 17 of March more than 150 attorneys in Latvia participate in Advocates days. All participants will provide legal advice throughout the Latvian cities free of charge. This is the seventh year of the Advocates days in Latvia and this year the particular attention will be given to family and children's rights. Law office of Tamberga & Partneri take participation of those days several years in a row and provide legal advice in the debt, real estate, labor and administrative law according to our lawyers' field of practice.

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Romania

Leaua & Asociatii



We are delighted to announce that two of the partner members of the arbitration team in Leaua and Asociatii Law firm, Mihaela Maravela and Andreea Simulescu, have been included as of December 2016 on the list of arbitrators by the Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania.

Mihaela Maravela - partner with Leaua and Asociatii - is acting since 2008 as domain name panelist with the Arbitration and Mediation Center of the World Intellectual Property Organization. She is coordinating arbitration teams in many ICSID or ICC Arbitrations and has extensive experience in international commercial transactions.

Andreea Simulescu - partner with Leaua and Asociatii –is acting as arbitrator under ICC Rules and she is Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb). Andreea is also coordinating numerous commercial arbitration proceedings governed by different rules of arbitration and she is experienced in investment arbitration under ICSID Rules.

Both Andreea and Mihaela are invited as members of the trainers' team in international arbitration workshops and LLM courses in this field. They are published authors in a recent launched Arbitration in Romania Practitioners Guide, coordinated by Crenguta Leaua and Flavius A. Baias and edited by Wolters Kluwer 2016 as well as in many articles and scientific works in the field.

Leaua & Asociatii Law firm in Romania has a large team acting in international arbitration. The team is coordinated by Dr. Crenguta Leaua, listed as arbitrator by many international arbitration courts in various countries and acting as vice-president of ICC Paris. Stefan Deaconu that was recently promoted in the managing team of Leaua and Asociatii, is president of the Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania since 2015.

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Scotland

Bonaccord



Intellectual Property case

Bonaccord often provides intellectual property support to other law firms. In this case their client, a small electronics company, was faced as they were about to launch their first product with infringement of their community trademark by various companies within a multinational group. I was able to advise that an EEA injunction could be obtained in these circumstances against all of the infringing companies preventing the sale of the competitors' products throughout Europe. Working with Iain Mitchell QC we obtained the first such order issued by a Scottish court .

Invitation to join the North East Space and Satellite Applications Hub

Bonaccord specialises in supporting the scientific sector and so was delighted to be invited to join the North East Space and Satellite Applications Hub. The three year programme will use tangible opportunities to build collaboration between all actors in the innovation ecosystem: larger firms and their supply chains, SMEs, Higher Education institutions, public sector institutions and research centres, Catapults, other networks and associations, customers, and end users. Each thematic area, e.g., foodchain, logistics, etc., will run for six months directed towards an identified opportunity. We are looking forward to working with some of the region's most exciting companies to accelerate the development of these fascinating technologies.

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More about Bonaccord:

Bonaccord is an award winning law firm established to support the scientific community. We help innovative businesses maximise the commercial value of their technologies and have particular expertise in the life sciences.

The life sciences sector is highly specialised with unique challenges. Our insightful support and understanding of the industry, based on many years' experience, aims both to protect your interests and support you in seeing your idea to market. This applies whatever stage your business has reached – whether you're a one-man consultancy needing advice on setting up, or a huge multinational searching for experts to deliver specialist legal advice.

Our clients include companies in the following sectors:

Pharmaceuticals - Genetics - Biochemistry - Biotechnology - Bioengineering - Medical Devices - Specialty chemicals -
Cosmetics - Infomatics - Engineering - Innovative foods - Heritage and traditional foods

Bonaccord works with clients all over the UK as well as internationally. We are very proud that most of our work comes from referrals and that our reputation and client support has led to us winning many awards including as UK Life Science Law Firm of the Year.



South Africa

**Bernadt, Vukic , Potash and Getz
Attorneys**



**BERNADT ■ VUKIC
POTASH ■ & ■ GETZ**
A T T O R N E Y S

2017 Awards

- Keith Getz received the same Private Equity award for 2017 as in 2016
- Bernadt, Vukic , Potash and Getz Attorneys received the same Boutique Law firm award for 2017 as in 2016.

Keith Getz has been practicing as an attorney since 1980 and is a senior partner at the firm Bernadt Vukic Potash & Getz.

He practices principally in the areas of takeovers and mergers, private equity, corporate structuring, black economic empowerment transactions, licensing, franchising, exchange control regulations, derivative transactions, commercial law contracts, schemes of arrangement, associated restructurings stock exchange transactions and generally advising corporate clients nationally and internationally on corporate and commercial matters.

He also writes articles for local and international publications on company, stock exchange and franchising matters and travels extensively internationally in advising clients. He is the contact partner for the firm's international law links with highly regarded international firms in more than 35 countries.

He has obtained business experience by, inter alia, serving as a director of a number of companies, including companies listed on the JSE and companies incorporated in international jurisdictions and has lectured on law to various interest groups, including in Advanced Company Law on the Masters of Law course at the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

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Introduction to Susan Rothwell

Susan Rothwell is a new Partner at Dunnington, Bartholow & Miller LLP

Susan Rothwell advises international and domestic clients on estate and tax planning for wealth preservation. She also assists small business owners with their specialized estate and succession planning issues. She prepares will, trusts and other vehicles to help clients protect their assets, minimize taxes and transfer wealth to future generations. For charitably inclined individuals, she structures gifts which benefit the charitable organization while maximizing tax benefits to the client.

Ms. Rothwell also counsels Trustees, Executors and Administrators on their fiduciary duties.

For foreign estates owning property in New York, she conducts ancillary probate proceedings and prepares the required releases and forms for the state and federal taxing authorities.

Ms. Rothwell is a frequent lecturer and writer on estate planning topics.



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Art Law Update

Dunnington represents the heirs of a famous Austrian cabaret performer, Fritz Grunbaum, who was imprisoned and murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust. Grunbaum had an extensive art collection of over 400 artworks, including 81 by Austrian artist Egon Schiele. After Grunbaum's imprisonment in the Dachau Concentration Camp where he was murdered, the Schieles disappeared. Dunnington represents the heirs in recovering them.

In November 2015, Dunnington persuaded a judge to seized two Schiele works, "Woman in a Black Pinafore" (1911) and "Woman Hiding Her Face" (1912), from a London art dealer's booth at the Park Avenue Armory.

Last year, the trial judge permitted Dunnington's case to proceed, denying motions to dismiss. The trial judge also denied a motion to intervene filed by ARIS insurance company, an art title insurer. This March, Dunnington partners argued back-to-back appeals of challenges to the trial judge's rulings. In the meantime, the U.S. Congress passed the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act ("HEAR Act") by President Obama on December 16, 2016. The HEAR Act extends the statute of limitations for lost European World War II-era artworks to six years after the time the artworks are actually discovered.

If the Heirs prevail, and the trial court's decision is affirmed, the case will return to the trial court so that the Heirs can have a full and fair opportunity to litigate the matter on its merits. The case, which is of international interest, was recently featured in the [New York Times](#).

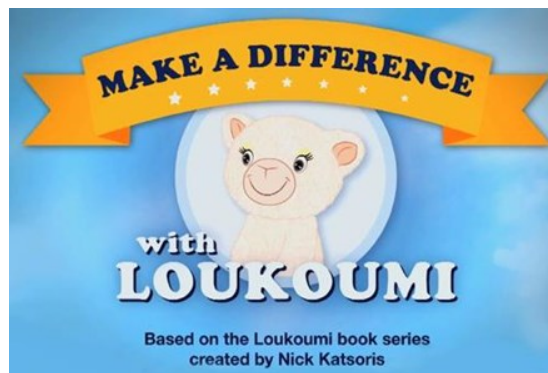


Copyright Litigation & Arbitration Update

Dunnington's litigation team recently succeeded in compelling arbitration of a copyright and trademark dispute on behalf of an author of children's books who alleged that his Hollywood agents took his television pilot for a children's television show, sold it to a network without his permission and cut him out of the credit.

Author Nick Katsoris is the creator of "Loukoumi," a children's character featured in successful children's books described as "a fluffy little lamb that just wants to make the world a better place." Katsoris approached WME IMG Productions ("IMG") about creating a children's television show.

Shortly thereafter, IMG stopped returning Katsoris' calls. Viacom's Nickelodeon then announced a deal with IMG for a "brand new show" featuring a celebrity National Football League quarterback called *All In With Cam Newton* with a theme and structure similar to Katsoris' show.



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The television show follows children living their Dream Days by following a different career choice in each episode starting with a user-created video describing the child's career vision. The child then works with a celebrity who gives them a "real life" job experience, like singing on Broadway. Katsoris hired IMG, pursuant to a "work-for-hire" agreement to produce a television special. The agreement contemplated using the special as a pitch for a full series. The special aired on Fox broadcast stations. IMG worked with Katsoris to produce a "sizzle reel" to pitch the show to television networks.

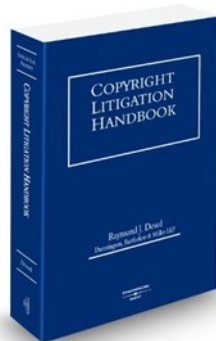
As covered by *The Hollywood Reporter*, the court ruled that Katsoris and his foundation were entitled to arbitrate the dispute pursuant to the terms of his work-for-hire agreement with IMG. *Katsoris v. WME IMG, LLC*, No. 16-CV-0135 (RA), 2017 WL 775849 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 27, 2017).

Dunnington's lead trial counsel Raymond Dowd is the author of *Copyright Litigation Handbook* (10th Ed. 2016-2017).

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CONFERENCES



Croatia

May 11-13, 2017: Zagreb, Croatia



M&S

It will be a unique occasion for sharing experiences, knowledge, and for promoting business relationships among our firms.

This event has been arranged with great enthusiasm and excitement and will include premium restaurants, culture, leisure, amazing sites and an interesting professional content.

It will be an opportunity to discover Zagreb as well as time for reuniting with old and meeting new colleagues.

Our meeting will begin on Thursday evening with a reception at House of architecture – Oris, a gallery near our office. There will be a chance for the tour of our offices during the reception. Evening will end with interactive theatrical tour of the Upper Town Secrets of Grič, followed by informal dinner at Mano restaurant.

On Friday the official senior meeting will be held in the Esplanade hotel. Juniors specific program will start as well on Friday morning and they will join seniors for lunch at Esplanade hotel. We would like to get the best out of the working session, addressing practical issues that might be interesting to all of us and that will make us think in order to apply the contents to our daily working routines.

In the meanwhile the partners and spouses program will take place during the same morning in the center of the city, leaving the afternoon free to explore interesting museums (or shop!).

Friday evening will conclude with a gala dinner at Croatian State Archives.

On Saturday we will go on an exciting trip to National park Plitvice Lakes, place of intact nature and breathtaking scenery.

All the scheduled activities have been conceived so that juniors, seniors and partners make the most of their stay in our city.

From all of us at M&S Partners, we look forward to welcoming you in Zagreb!

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India

November 16-18, 2017: New Delhi, India

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CHI NEWS

CH International (CHI) is a world-wide association of accountants, auditors, tax specialists and business advisors.

Cicero Network

- Cicero Poland recommended a Polish firm to CHI
- Cicero Austria recommended an Austrian firm to CHI
- Cicero Russia have approached a Russian accountant on our behalf



Steven Bivacco from Arden Advocaten and Howard White from Munday's Solicitors joined a Clarkson Hyde social event on March 3rd, 2017.



A few of our CH International members will be attending Cicero's conference in Zagreb: Hans Carl Andersen from Norway, Kristina Alekniene from Lithuania, Graham Speck and Claire Berg from the UK.

CHI Annual conference

CH International's conference will be in Dubai from Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th October 2017. If any Cicero members are interested in attending please contact Carly Haines.

Peter Munday has already confirmed he will be attending.



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Cicero Editorial Board

We are pleased to announce that our Newsletter has a new Editorial Board composed of:

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