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HOLMAN WEBB – Australia

Holman Webb is delighted to announce we have been named as finalists for the Australasian Law Awards 2018 for the following categories:

- Law Firm of the Year (1-100 lawyers)
- Insurance Specialist Firm of the Year
- Australasian Arbitrator of the Year - Chairman, John Wakefield, and
- Law Firm Leader of the Year (≤ 200 lawyers) - CEO, Greg Malakou.



These awards define excellence in the legal profession, recognising leading firms and in-house teams for their outstanding achievements over the past 12 months.

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MUNDAYS – England

Family partner Judith Fitton was published in the American in Britain magazine with an article on the rise of couples choosing to live together in the UK outside marriage. Whilst in some countries such unions are recognised as “common law marriages” that term has no meaning in the English legal system and this can come as a nasty shock to cohabittees at the end of their relationship as there is a widespread misunderstanding about the gap in legal protection. Judith is a specialist in the areas of law that do impinge on such relationships, particularly the trusts law relevant to jointly purchased property, inheritance law and survivorship rights on death. Judith is an accredited specialist in the fields of cohabitate disputes and complex financial remedies in high net worth asset cases by Resolution the National Organisation of Family Lawyers. Judith can be contacted at judith.fitton@mundays.co.uk.

Meanwhile Property Litigation Partner Nick Martyn was interviewed on the BBC to comment on a case where 110 squatters occupied a commercial building in central London and the injunction successfully obtained to remove them which obtained unusually high press interest due to the preceding cold spell experienced in much of Europe due to unseasonal easterly winds.

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CORLETT BOLTON & CO – Isle of Man



Corlett Bolton is happy to announce its appointment of advocate Nadine Roberts as a director.

Based in the Port St Mary office, Ms. Roberts specializes in a number of areas, including: commercial and residential conveyancing and leases; commercial, employment law, civil litigation and matrimonial law; and private client services like wills, estates and foreign probates.

She was commissioned as a Manx advocate in 2009, having completed an LLB (Hons) degree at the University of Wales in 2005 and a postgraduate diploma in legal practice in 2006.

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STUDIO LEGALE AFFERNI CRISPO & C. – Italy

Roche-Novartis (Avastin) case report – update

The much-awaited judgment of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) on the *Roche-Novartis (Avastin)* case (C-179/16) has been delivered on 23 January 2018 upon request of the Italian Consiglio di Stato (Italy's supreme administrative court).

According to the ECJ the agreement between the pharmaceutical groups Roche and Novartis designed to reduce the use of Avastin in ophthalmology and to increase the use of Lucentis might constitute a restriction of competition “by object”.

SLAC served as the advisor of the consumer organization Altroconsumo throughout the Italian proceedings as well as before the ECJ.

The full judgment can be read (in English) [here](#) whilst a press release (in English) of the ECJ is available [here](#).

Lorenzo Schiano di Pepe appointed to the board of the Italian Agency for Flight Safety

On 22 December 2017 Lorenzo Schiano di Pepe has been appointed, by Decree of the Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni following a proposal of the Italian Minister of Justice, to the board (“collegio”) of the Italian Agency for Flight Safety ([Agenzia Nazionale per la Sicurezza del Volo - ANSV](#)). The relevant press release of the Italian Government (in Italian) can be found [here](#). The appointment is for a five years term.

ANSV is the investigative authority for aviation safety of the Republic of Italy, established pursuant to European Community Directive 94/56/EC later replaced by [Regulation \(EU\) No. 996/2010](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010.

ANSV is entrusted with the task of carrying out, for preventative purposes, safety investigations whenever an accident or incident in civil aviation occurs. In that vein, if necessary, safety recommendations are issued by ANSV. Besides, activities of study are also performed in order to enhance flight safety.

Accolades: Global Law Experts for International Arbitration in Italy

Lorenzo Schiano di Pepe, on behalf of Studio Legale Afferni Crispo & C., has been once again listed, for 2018, as the only reference firm in Italy for international arbitration in the “Global Law Experts” directory.

The home page of the directory can be found [here](#) whilst Lorenzo’s profile is available [here](#)..



BONACCORD – Scotland

Bonaccord is very pleased to announce that Patricia Barclay has been invited to join the LexisPSL Life Sciences consulting editorial board. Life Sciences is a new area for Lexis Nexis having only been launched last October. Patricia had already been commissioned by them to work on certain contract templates for the sector.

Patricia is also working with staff at Kings College London to develop a life science module for their executive LLM. She continues to teach on the entrepreneurship section of Edinburgh University’s MSc in Biotechnology and Entrepreneurship and will again be on the judging panel for the Jagiellonian University’s student entrepreneurship competition in Krakow this Spring

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DUNNINGTON, BARTHOLOW & MILLER – United States



Egon Schiele
Woman Hiding Her Face
(1912)

On April 6, 2018, Raymond J. Dowd and Samuel A. Blaustein, partners at Dunnington, Bartholow and Miller LLP, won an important victory for Holocaust victims and their heirs against a London art dealer. Following a court-ordered seizure of the works at a Park Avenue Armory show, the heirs obtained a summary judgment ruling that two valuable artworks by the artist Egon Schiele are the property of the heirs of an Austrian Jewish entertainer who was forced to sign a power of attorney in the Dachau Concentration Camp. *Reif v. Nagy*, 2018 WL 1638805 (N.Y. Sup.). Schiele's "Woman in a Black Pinafore" (1911) and "Woman Hiding her Face" (1912) were part of a 449-piece art collection in the Viennese apartment of Fritz Grünbaum when Grünbaum was arrested by the Gestapo following Anschluss. Grünbaum, a popular cabaret, film and radio performer was an outspoken critic of Hitler. This victory brings the heirs one step closer to recovering this important collection.

The court wrote, "A signature at gunpoint cannot lead to a valid conveyance." This ruling is one of the first successful applications of the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016 which extended the the statute of limitations for claims to recover artwork stolen during World War II to six years from the date of "actual discovery" of the "identity and location of the artwork." In rejecting a London art dealer's arguments the Court wrote: "Although defendants argue that the HEAR Act is inapplicable, this argument is absurd, as the act is intended to apply to cases precisely like this one, where Nazi-looted art is at issue."



Dunnington welcomes Olivera Medenica as a partner in its intellectual property and art law, international, and litigation and arbitration practice areas with almost two decades of experience advising domestic and foreign businesses in fashion, retail, media and entertainment on transactional, litigation and arbitration matters. Before joining Dunnington, Ms. Medenica practiced for fifteen years at boutique intellectual property firms in New York City. Prior to beginning her practice, she was a law clerk to the Honorable Evan J. Wallach at the U.S. Court of International Trade.

Ms. Medenica regularly counsels on trademark, copyright, intellectual property licensing and online/social media matters. In her litigation counseling, she advises on copyright and trademark infringement, trade secrets, unfair competition, breach of contract, fraud, right of publicity and privacy, defamation, and shareholder and business owner disputes in closely held businesses. Her trademark practice includes counseling on risk evaluation for trademark use and registration, registering, prosecuting, policing, enforcing and maintaining a national and international trademark portfolio, together with representing clients before the U.S. Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. Ms. Medenica represents the National Endowment for the Arts on intellectual property matters.

Ms. Medenica frequently lectures and writes articles on issues dealing with intellectual property, business ownership and disputes, social media, and law firm management. She serves on various boards and committees, and is the founder of an annual national Fashion Law Conference hosted by the Federal Bar Association, in both New York and Paris featured in the Huffington Post, Forbes and Intellectual Property Watch.

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L. Elizabeth Dale has also recently joined Dunnington as an associate working in the corporate and intellectual property practice areas. Prior to joining Dunnington, Ms. Dale was the Staff Attorney at Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts in New York.

Ms. Dale received her Juris Doctorate from Stetson University College of Law and her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Florida State University.

Ms. Dale is admitted to practice in New York State. She is a member of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A. and the New York City Bar Association's Art Law Committee.

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KIMURA LONDON – United States

Kimura London LLP has grown, by both adding talented personnel and by expanding its presence to Beverly Hills and New York City, allowing the firm to broaden its reach of service.

Frederick W. London, Esq. joins as “Of Counsel” to the firm. Frederick is a Partner at the Cicero member firm Dunnington Bartholow & Miller LLP, serves on the Board of Directors of Cicero, and also is the father of William London, a founding partner of Kimura London LLP.

Moreover, Kimura London LLP continues to fortify its ability to serve international clients with the addition of Ms. Christine Chen. Ms. Chen is bilingual in Mandarin Chinese and English, graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and has lived and worked in Taiwan. She brings valuable legal and real estate experience to the law firm.

Kimura London LLP maintains its full-service platform, which includes business transactions and litigation, trusts and estates, personal injury, and employment law matters, among others.



For further information, we invite you to visit our website and contact us at kimuralondon.com