

Legalink network review

Legalink is an invitation-only international network of top-tier independent law firms practicing in the world's financial and commercial centres.



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Legalink's membership includes:

- 62 top-ranked law firms
- Over 2500 lawyers throughout the World
- 46 countries
- 53 cities

Legalink members are recognized among the world's leading law firms by Chambers & Partners Global, Europe, USA and Asia editions, Legal 500, IFLR and other respected legal rankings.

Legalink members are independent law firms that remain solely responsible for the quality of the legal services rendered to clients.

The global economy requires law firms everywhere to have close working relationships with other firms around the world to provide clients with excellent and personalized legal service. Those clients demand to know – and are entitled to know – that they are engaging the right lawyer from a reputable, successful firm.

Legalink's purpose is to enable its members to develop those close working relationships. Through those relationships, member-firms enhance their own client relationships – and develop new ones – by extending the reach of their client service capabilities.

Legalink is a close-knit association of actively participating member law firms in 43 countries. It is not a typical name-on-a-list referral network.

Twice-a-year membership meetings create and reinforce strong relationships among individual lawyers. Membership at these meetings is mandatory.

Personal connections enable members to recommend foreign law firms with confidence and make effective individualized judgments about what firms will best serve their clients' interests internationally.

Legalink provides members with:

Global opportunities

- to receive business from and to refer business to leading firms around the world
- to enhance your firm's profile internationally

Professional Development, Information, and Knowledge

- special Interest Groups in various legal specialties enhance member knowledge and understanding of legal issues and client needs worldwide
- an e-newsletter and print publications co-authored by Legalink firms enable members to stay current about cross-border legal developments

Networking

- developing close professional and personal bonds with leading lawyers from around the world
 - participating in informative legal discourse among members
 - broaden and strengthen member relationships
- These meetings create and maintain the close professional bonds between members that make Legalink successful.

Upcoming Member Meetings will be in:

- Tel Aviv, Israel, May 2010
- Hong Kong, China, October 2010

Selected Member Profiles

Bevilacqua Doria Lener & Partners – Italy

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Bevilacqua Doria Lener & Partners is a member of Legalink, a Global Network of Independent Law Firms, with more than 2500 lawyers from over 43 countries.

Bevilacqua Doria Lener & Partners law firm, Founded in 1980 by Carmine Bevilacqua, offers its clients professional expertise in the diverse practice areas of business law, with specific regard to market dynamics, innovative contractual instruments and the challenges posed by emerging sectors of the new economy.

Our firm's staff is able to effectively manage any legal challenge thanks to the professional resources of our lawyers and consultants, who are typically organized into teams with ongoing partner coordination. This allows us to provide legal advice and services in the diverse practice areas of business law while, at the same time, preserving our tradition of personalized assistance to our clients.

Most of our clients are mid to large size corporations, publicly held companies, credit institutions and insurance companies, whom we also assist in the capacity of general contractor, organizing, managing and providing legal services for all phases of operation.

Pierre J.P Fortin has worked extensively in the various branches of international business law with a special focus on corporate and trade law and international taxation. Mr Fortin has sat on the Boards of numerous international corporations

and is counsellor to important multinational groups and institutions. In recent years, Pierre Fortin has worked with a number of religious orders and congregations, advising them principally on property and tax matters.

Furthermore, Mr Fortin is an active member of the Italian Arbitration Association where he acts as an arbitrator and a regular collaborator of the "Rivista dell'Arbitrato". He is a member of the International Bar Association and a founder member and past chair of Legalink a network of over fifty international law firms from Europe, North and South America and Asia.

In October 1999, Mr Fortin was invited to join, as a legal expert, the French Ministry of Culture and Communications' "Commission for the preservation and enrichment of the cultural patrimony".

Fluxmans – South Africa

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Fluxmans Inc is a member of Legalink, a unique network of independent law firms. What makes Legalink unique is the close relationship of partners in the law firms which constitute it.

The philosophy of Legalink is friends do business with friends. Therefore, when Fluxmans refers a client to a Legalink member, both Fluxmans and the client will know that the person they are working with has been "pre-screened" through a comprehensive quality control process and that Fluxmans is confident that the referral to the relevant Legalink member will be dealt with in the same manner as Fluxmans would look after the client themselves.

As a leading mid-size law firm, Fluxmans is small enough to remain agile and dynamic, capable of adapting to every client's needs while large enough to compete with much larger firms. Our concept of growth is rooted firmly in the belief that it is our expertise in law and speed of delivery that makes us better than the

rest, not our size. We are smaller than the 'big boys' but play in the same league.

Fluxmans has a rich history and has facilitated some of the larger deals in South Africa. We put stock in our passion for law; our dedication to every single client, no matter how big or small, and our commitment to ensuring that we deliver timeously on our promises. At Fluxmans everything is personal – the client's needs are seen as personal challenges; the client's business is treated as though it were our own. That is the Fluxmans Difference and the origin from which the Fluxmans Culture has evolved.

We know that South Africa, and the legal sector in particular, still has far to go in the transformation stakes. However, at Fluxmans we won't practice tokenism for the sake of political expediency. Our approach has always been to build and develop ourselves from within. Equal opportunity is foremost in the way in which we operate, but we take an evolutionary approach to change; transferring knowledge and expertise through mentoring and skills development. In this way, we are able to retain and reward talent without abandoning our principles and fundamental values.

Lindborg & Drill – US



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Lindborg & Drill LLP is a full service law firm with our most significant practice area encompassing an array of construction industry-related matters in California and world-wide.

Our construction matters include both transactional work and litigation and involve the handling of issues on private, federal, state and municipal projects. Our firm has worked with public and private owners, contractors and subcontractors, construction managers and design professionals, lenders, sureties and insurers and many others.

The lawyers at Lindborg & Drill LLP pride themselves on working in a cost-effective

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manner and attending to our clients' needs with energy and creativity. As part of each engagement, we identify the client's goals and objectives as early as possible and, with our client's input, chart the most appropriate course of action for attaining such goals. Through implementation of these ideals and methodology, we continue to provide our clients with large-firm depth of legal experience, yet small-firm attention, responsiveness and economy.

There is not a place in the world unaffected by progress and progress necessarily involves construction. Lindborg & Drill LLP clients come from all over the world and even those who are local often have cross-border issues requiring legal attention. Our membership in Legalink provides us with the resources our clients need to address issues locally and worldwide.

Legalink affords us the opportunity to boast the ability to put a lawyer on a case within 24 hours' notice almost anywhere in the world - and, most importantly, that lawyer will be personally known to the lawyers at Lindborg & Drill LLP. Such incredible resources allow our small firm to compete successfully with the largest international law firms, yet continue to offer our clients the small firm attention, responsiveness and economy that they have come to expect from Lindborg & Drill LLP.

Mishcon de Reya – UK



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Founded in 1937, Mishcon de Reya, is a London law firm offering a wide range of legal services to companies and individuals. We are committed to achieving our clients' objectives in the most practical and cost effective way and always provide our clients with a clear return on their investment.

Our clients are dynamic and sophisticated and we reflect that in our belief in challenging the conventional or accepted ways of working. We like to solve problems quickly. To achieve this consistently, we employ a diverse collection of talented people, from varied backgrounds with differing perspectives, who are capable of addressing issues in a collaborative, non-hierarchical environment. By looking at a problem from every angle, we can then apply our expertise confidently and decisively.

In every area of the law that we operate, Mishcon de Reya prides itself in providing a best in class service to its clients. Specifically,

our expertise covers five areas: analysing risk, protection of assets, managing wealth, resolving disputes and building businesses.

An entrepreneurial spirit - where candour and involvement are key - characterises our ability to develop and execute the strategies required to achieve our clients' goals in all these areas.

Mishcon de Reya has extensive international links and has established practices advising businesses and high net worth individuals based in several jurisdictions, including India, Russia, South Africa and Israel.

Mishcon de Reya is proactive in the area of corporate responsibility. The firm was one of the first in the UK to become carbon neutral and has been dedicated to pro bono work for many years.

Patton Boggs – US

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For more than 40 years, Patton Boggs has maintained a reputation for cutting-edge advocacy by working closely with Congress and regulatory agencies in Washington, litigating in courts across the country, and negotiating business transactions around the world. Our partners include women and men with extensive backgrounds in government service with strong ties to both major political parties, as well as top-flight litigators and individuals with a keen understanding of business and finance.

Patton Boggs began as an international law firm concentrating in global business and trade in 1962. While we have maintained our strong concentration in international and trade law, long ago we evolved into a full-service firm with a national presence in every major area of legal representation. We were among the first law firms to recognise that all three branches of government could serve as forums in which to achieve client goals, enabling us to emerge as the nation's leading public policy law firm, and we have developed our extensive business law capabilities into the firm's largest practice area.

At Patton Boggs, there is respect for and appreciation of the contributions of a diverse group of team members. Leadership roles are shared among offices, and there is trust and mutual support as people with equal voices work together to achieve firm goals.