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Welcome

to the Corporate INTL, 2010 Legal Awards Supplement.

Corporate INTL 2010 Legal Awards are a mark of practice excellence for the world's leading law firms and lawyers in an array of countries and continents across the globe. The 2010 Legal Awards are given in recognition to those who have been active over the past 12 months and who have shown excellence not only in expertise but in service during a difficult global economic downturn.

In order to choose our Legal Award winners we undertook detailed research in all practice areas through our editorial and research teams and created a shortlist of firms that are experts in their chosen specialisms.

The firms shortlisted were researched by our own independent team looking at their service range, business, where they operate and the support they can offer to companies that either trade or may want to trade in their jurisdiction.

We have broken down the winners by continent and practice area. Naturally many of the firms selected can offer a multitude of services to their clients, some have chosen to profile their expertise in the area of law that they have won the award for.

We hope you find this showcase of some of the world's leading advisers of interest and that winners receive all the plaudits they deserve for their success during 2010.

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Africa & the Middle East

Africa and the Middle East are both highly varied regions with countries at both extremes of the wealth spectrum.

Africa's economy is heavily reliant on agriculture, more so than any other continent, with around 60% of Africans working in the agricultural sector. The region's most valuable exports are minerals and petroleum; however these resources are concentrated in only a few countries. The vast majority of mineral and petroleum exports come from Nigeria and its neighbours, which have significant amounts of petroleum, and the southern nations which have large reserves of gold, diamonds and copper.

The Middle East is best known for producing and exporting oil, which has a significant impact on the entire region, both through the wealth that it generates and through the movement of labor. However, many countries in the region, such as Bahrain, are seeking to produce income streams geared away from oil in an effort to diversify their economies. In particular, Bahrain and other states are looking to strengthen their financial industries.

Besides oil, other industries that contribute to the Middle East's economy include agriculture, cotton, livestock, textiles, metals and defense equipment.

Both Africa and the Middle East are emerging from the recession, with economic growth boosted by demand for exports, increased public spending, greater availability of

cross-border credit, as well as improvements in commodity and oil prices and global trade.

Qatar is anticipated to have the fastest growth in the region this year due to its high economic growth and limited exposure to the recent financial crisis. Qatar was the fastest growing economy in 2009 with GDP growth reaching an estimated 9.6% year on year. It is expected to achieve the highest GDP growth rate for the second consecutive year in 2010 – estimated at 18.5% year on year. This growth is being driven by the expansion of LNG production and the non-hydrocarbon sectors of the economy.

South Africa, Kenya and Nigeria are playing a key role in Africa, as they are driving growth in their regions. South Africa in particular is maintaining a steady growth trajectory with GDP growth in the first quarter of 2010 accelerating to 4.6% on a quarter-on-quarter basis. The manufacturing and mining and quarrying sectors have been the main drivers behind this growth.

Also, hosting the 2010 World Cup gave South Africa's economy a boost of about R9 billion and created around 300,000 jobs. Further growth is anticipated in the next few years as South Africa reaps the rewards of the positive image of the country that was projected around the world.

AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST AWARD WINNERS

- 8 West Africa Energy Law Firm of the Year - Uche Nwokedi & Co.
 - 8 Bahrain - Dispute Resolution Advisory Firm of the Year - Hatim S Zu'bi
 - 9 Bahrain - Project Finance Law Firm of the Year - Hatim S Zu'bi
 - 10-11 Democratic Republic of Congo - Winner of 15 Awards
Emery Mukendi Wafwana & Associés
 - 12 Israel - Corporate Governance Law Firm of the Year -
JZaltzman, Gilat, Knoller, Graus, Salomon & Co
 - 12 Israel - Dispute Resolution Advisory Firm of the Year -
Raved Magriso Benkel & Co
 - 13 Israel - Full Service Law Firm of the Year - Yehuda Raveh & Co
 - 13 Jordan - Patents Law Firm of the Year - IB Law
 - 14-15 Nigeria - Aviation Law Firm of the Year - Bayo Ojo & Co
 - 16 Kuwait - Full Service Law Firm of the Year - SNR Denton & Co. Kuwait
 - 16 Lebanon - Maritime Law Firm of the Year - Baroudi & Associates
 - 17 Nigeria - Energy Law Firm of the Year - BLEX
 - 18 Nigeria - Trademark Law Firm of the Year - Johnson Bryant
 - 19 South Africa - IP Boutique Law Firm of the Year - Hahn & Hahn Inc
 - 20 South Africa - White Collar Law Firm of the Year - NORTONS INC.
 - 20 Syria - Winner of Several Awards - Oussi Law Firm
 - 21 Zimbabwe - Full Service Law Firm of the Year -
Donsa-Nkomo & Mutangi Legal Practice
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Asia & Oceania

Asia is the largest continent in the world, located entirely in the eastern hemisphere, east of Europe and northeast of Africa. Oceania includes Australia, New Zealand, and a host of island nations, stretching from Asia's east coast to parts of the South Pacific in the western hemisphere.

So far in 2010, the regions' economies have performed better than most expected. There has been significant first quarter GDP growth, with resurgent exports and domestic demand supporting a broad recovery. Capital inflows have also rapidly returned to the region.

Australia escaped recession last year, helped by a strong government stimulus as well as robust trade linkages with Asia. The first quarter of 2010 saw 2.7% growth, supported by strong public sector investment.

New Zealand's growth improved to 1.9% in the first quarter, supported by government spending and exports. The Japanese economy had its first positive growth in the first quarter, after seven months of contraction. The 4.6% growth was led primarily by a surge in exports.

China saw GDP growth of 11.1% in the first half of the year, backed by high fiscal spending. While an exports revival boosted growth, domestic demand continued to be the key driver.

India's economy has improved significantly with GDP growth of 8.6% in the first quarter, underpinned by momentum in the manufacturing sector and a rise in investment.

An increase in domestic demand drove growth of 8.2% for Hong Kong in the first quarter.

Singapore posted an impressive 19.3% growth in the second quarter, with strong performance in all key sectors. Manufacturing led the way, aided by rapid growth in electronics and pharmaceuticals production.

Korea's GDP accelerated to 8.1% in the first quarter, aided by strong domestic demand drivers, including a jump in gross capital formation.

Growth in Taiwan climbed to 13.3% in the first quarter, a 30 year high, boosted by investment and exports.

Indonesia's economy grew by 5.7% in the first quarter, supported by improved consumption and investment.

A recovery in global demand for electronic products, rising commodity prices and expansionary fiscal and monetary policies led to Malaysia's GDP surging to 10.1% in the first quarter of 2010.

The Philippines' economy has been bolstered by increased government spending, strong remittance inflows and resurgent exports, leading to 7.3% growth in the first quarter.

Thailand's economic growth doubled to 12% in the first quarter; however the recent political unrest in the country will affect future growth and make sustaining momentum a challenge.

Vietnam navigated the global slowdown in 2009 better than any other country in the region, due to the government's stimulus measures. The country saw 6.4% growth in the second quarter, underpinned by robust industrial output and exports growth.

ASIA & OCEANIA AWARD WINNERS

24	Australia - Boutique Employment Law Firm of the Year - FCB Workplace Law	38	Japan - IT Law Firm of the Year - Uchida & Samejima Law Firm
24	Australia - Competition/Antitrust Law Firm of the Year - DLA Phillips Fox	38	Malaysia - Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year - Albar & Partners
25	Australia - Mergers & Acquisitions Law Firm of the Year - DLA Phillips Fox	39	Malaysia - Employment/Labour Law Firm of the Year - Shearn Delamore & Co.
25	Australia - Patents Law Firm of the Year - Phillips Ormonde Fitzpatrick	39	Malaysia - Oil & Gas Law Firm of the Year - Mohamed Ridza & Co
26	China - Cross Border Competition/Antitrust Law Firm of the Year - King & Wood	40	Pakistan - Corporate Law Firm of the Year - Rizvi, Isa, Afridi & Angell
26	China - Domestic Competition/Antitrust Law Firm of the Year - Grandall Legal Group (Beijing)	40	Pakistan - Islamic Finance Law Firm of the Year - Mohsin Tayebaly & Co
27	China - Trademark Law Firm of the Year - Peksung Intellectual Property Ltd.	41	Philippines - Arbitration Advisory Firm of the Year - SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan
28-29	Hong Kong - Business Formation Law Firm of the Year - Deacons	42	Philippines - Aviation Law Firm of the Year - Siguión Reyna Montecillo & Ongsiako
30	Hong Kong - Conveyancing Law Firm of the Year - Woo Kwan Lee & Lo	43	Singapore - Tax Law Firm of the Year - Khattar Wong
31	Hong Kong - Corporate Law Firm of the Year - Stephenson Harwood	44	Singapore - Trademark Law Firm of the Year - Amica Law LLC
31	Hong Kong - Immigration Law Firm of the Year - Stevenson, Wong & Co.	44	South Korea - Litigation Advisory Firm of the Year - Cho & Partners
32	Hong Kong - Patents Law Firm of the Year - Eagle IP Limited	45	South Korea - Trademark Law Firm of the Year - DW Partners
32	Hong Kong - Regulatory Law Firm of the Year - Timothy Loh, Solicitors	45	Sri Lanka - Winner of Six Awards - Julius & Creasy
33	India - Boutique Employment Law Firm of the Year - TLA	46	Taiwan - Intellectual Property Law Firm of the Year - Deep & Far
33	India - Boutique Tax Firm of the Year - Bansil S. Mehta & Co.	47	Thailand - Dispute Resolution Advisory Firm of the Year - HNP Counsellors Limited
34	India - Business Formation Law Firm of the Year - Dave & Glirish & Co	48	Turkey - Advertising Law Firm of the Year - Tekil
34	India - Entertainment Law Firm of the Year - D. H. Law Associates	48	Turkey - Arbitration Advisory Firm of the Year - Balkaya & Balkaya
35	India - High End Transactional Law Firm of the Year - P&A Law Offices	49	Turkey - Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year - Paksoy
35	India - International/Cross Border Law Firm of the Year - M.S Mishra	49	Turkey - Communications Law Firm of the Year - Akinci Law Office
36	Indonesia - Competition/Antitrust Law Firm of the Year - Lubis Ganle Surowidjojo	50	Turkey - Competition/Antitrust Law Firm of the Year - ELIG
36	Indonesia - Construction Law Firm of the Year - Makes & Partners Law Firm	50	Turkey - Insurance & Re-Insurance Law Firm of the Year - Oakur & Yilmaz Law Firm
37	Indonesia - Litigation Advisory Firm of the Year - Lubis Ganle Surowidjojo	51	Vietnam - Corporate Law Firm of the Year - bizconsult law LLC
37	Indonesia - Sports Law Firm of the Year - Lubis Ganle Surowidjojo		



Central & South America

Central America is the central geographic region of the Americas. It is the southernmost, Isthmian portion of the North American continent.

Historically, Central American trade has been very dependent on two products: coffee and bananas. Most of these exports went to the United States, which created a strong trade link between the United States and Central America. In recent decades, Central America has had success in diversifying its exports and diversifying its trading partners.

South America is the southern continent of America situated in the Western Hemisphere and mostly in the Southern Hemisphere, with a relatively small portion in the Northern Hemisphere.

South America's economy is heavily reliant on the exporting of goods. On an exchange rate basis Brazil, the seventh largest economy in the world and the second largest in the Americas, leads the way in total amount of exports at \$137.8 billion followed by Chile at \$58.12 billion and Argentina with \$46.46 billion.

Industries are important to South America's economy. Factories in the region produce food items, consumer goods, and building materials as well as cars, trucks, and airplanes. Mining is also a major industry, with large stores of petroleum and other mineral wealth being produced for export, including gold, silver, copper, iron ore, and tin. Venezuela is highly dependent on the oil industry, making up for half the total exports of the country.

Although Central and South America have not escaped the economic crisis of 2008-2009, the region has been fairly resilient compared to other regions.

The rate of economic recovery in 2010 is expected to be significant, particularly due to increasing trade with China

and the US. Other countries such as South Korea, Vietnam, Russia and India are also targeting the region as a viable investment and development proposition.

Renewable energy sectors in particular are giving South America new opportunities for foreign investors seeking to boost their respective nation's energy resources.

Other factors have influenced the region's recovery, including the rebound of commodity prices and the fiscal stimulus measures supporting domestic demand.

Public-private partnership initiatives are also moving at a more rapid pace in South America than in the US, where investments can meet the growing demands of infrastructure development.

Takeovers in Latin America are off to the best start in at least a decade, bucking a global slump, as economic recoveries in Brazil and Mexico spur consolidation in the telecommunications, food and commodities industries.

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CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA AWARD WINNERS

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| 54 | Argentina - Consumer Law Firm of the Year - Quevedo Abogados | 65 | Chile - Entertainment Law Firm of the Year - García Magliona y Cía Abogados |
| 54 | Argentina - Insurance & Re-Insurance Law Firm of the Year - Allende & Brea | 65 | Chile - Full Service Law Firm of the Year - Estudio Jurídico Otero |
| 55 | Argentina - Mergers & Acquisitions Law Firm of the Year - Estudio Garrido Abogados | 66-67 | Colombia - Immigration Advisory Firm of the Year - Ernst & Young Audit Ltda. |
| 56 | Belize - Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year - Courtenay Coye | 68 | Colombia - Tax Law Firm of the Year - Lewin & Wills |
| 56 | Brazil - Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year - Walter Stuber Consultoria Jurídica | 68 | Costa Rica - Criminal Law Firm of the Year - AG Abogados |
| 57 | Brazil - Competition/Antitrust Law Firm of the Year - Larina Peixoto Advogados | 69 | Ecuador - Corporate Law Firm of the Year - Almeida Guzmán & Asociados |
| 58 | Brazil - Corporate Governance Law Firm of the Year - Lubbad | 70 | Guatemala - Corporate Governance Law Firm of the Year - Comte & Fonte |
| 59 | Brazil - Factoring Law Firm of the Year - Barcellos Tucunduva | 71 | Mexico - Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year - Cervantes Salnz |
| 59 | Brazil - Infrastructure Law Firm of the Year - Schmidt, Valois, Miranda, Ferreira & Agel Advogados | 72 | Mexico - Brands Law Firm of the Year - Dumont Bergman Bider & Co., S.C. |
| 60 | Brazil - Insurance & Re-Insurance Law Firm of the Year - Velloza, Giroto and Lindenbojm Lawyer Office | 72 | Mexico - Copyright Law Firm of the Year - Arcona Asociados |
| 61 | Brazil - International Arbitration Adviser of the Year - Tostes & Coimbra Advogados | 73 | Mexico - Debt Restructuring Law Firm of the Year - JA Treviño Abogados S.A. de C.V. |
| 62 | Brazil - International/Cross Border Law Firm of the Year - Machado Asociados | 74 | Mexico - Full Service Law Firm of the Year - Sanchez DeVanny Eseverri, S.C. |
| 63 | Brazil - Life Science Law Firm of the Year - Di Blas Parente Vaz e Diaz & Associados | 75 | Mexico - Insolvency/Bankruptcy Law Firm of the Year - Oscos Abogados |
| 64 | Brazil - Social Security Law Firm of the Year - Vieira, Rezende, Barbosa E Guerreiro Advogados | 76-77 | Mexico - Litigation Advisory Firm of the Year - Maqueo Abogados |
| 64 | Chile - E-Commerce Law Firm of the Year - García Magliona y Cía Abogados | 78 | Mexico - Mediation Law Firm of the Year - Bufete Rodriguez Marquez, S.C. |
| | | 79 | Panama - International/Cross Border Law Firm of the Year - Garrido & Garrido |
| | | 80 | Peru - Corporate Law Firm of the Year - Orhuela Abogados SCRL |
| | | 80 | Peru - Tax Law Firm of the Year - Rosselló Abogados |



European Winners

The European Union comprises 27 nations with a total population of around 500 million, and accounts for around 30% of the value of global GDP.

Europe has a thriving manufacturing sector, with a large part of the world's industrial production taking place in the region. Europe also has a well developed financial sector and its banks are amongst the largest and most profitable in the world.

There has been a marked improvement in the economic situation and financial conditions in Europe in recent months. This can largely be attributed to the unprecedented fiscal and monetary policy actions that have been taken in the region.

Several financial indicators have returned to pre-crisis levels, and confidence is increasing. The outlook for global growth and trade has also improved, especially in emerging-market economies.

Recent figures show that the German economy, the largest in Europe, grew by 2.2% in the three months to the end of June. This is the country's fastest quarterly growth in over 20 years, and has been attributed to strong exports helped by a weaker Euro, as well as household and government spending.

Separate figures have shown that the French economy grew by 0.6% in the quarter, compared to 0.2% in the first three months of the year, and the Spanish economy grew by 0.2%, compared to 0.1% in the first quarter. The UK also showed faster than expected growth of 1.1%. These figures all suggest that the economic recovery in Europe is gaining pace.

Analysts have forecast a 15-20% rise in M&A in 2010 for Europe and the first half of the year has seen a significant pick up in M&A activity, with deal making estimated to have reached around \$230 billion.

A significant amount of these deals have been executed by corporates making acquisitions, including BASF's acquisition of Cognis for an estimated enterprise value of €3.1 billion. Private equity buyers are currently lagging behind corporate buyers in the size of M&A deals in Europe, as the corporate players have the ability to offer both capital and synergies. The information and communications technologies sector is currently seeing high levels of activity, as well as energy and utilities, financial services and clean-techs.

The UK in particular has seen a marked increase in M&A taking place in the IT sector. 40 acquisitions took place in the UK during the second quarter of 2010, representing an increase of a third on the same period last year. These figures highlight the UK as having the most acquisitive technology sector in Europe, and second only to the US globally.

European buyout activity is recovering, with 125 such deals in Q2 2010. This represents a 5% increase by volume on Q1, and the fifth full quarter of growth.

The average deal size in Q2 was \$69m. While this is down from Q1, it represents a more than 50% increase on the 2009 average.

EUROPEAN AWARD WINNERS

85	Austria - Arbitration Advisory Firm of the Year - Wildmoser/Koch & Partner	101	Cyprus - Maritime Law Firm of the Year - Chrysses Demetriades & Co. LLC
85	Austria - Capital Markets Law Firm of the Year - Binder Grösswang Rechtsanwälte GmbH	102	Cyprus - Mergers & Acquisitions Law Firm of the Year - Tassos Papadopoulos & Associates
86	Austria - Full Service Law Firm of the Year - Boller Langhammer Schubert KG	103	Cyprus - Patents Law Firm of the Year - Christodoulos Vassiliades
87	Austria - Insolvency/Bankruptcy Law Firm of the Year - Wildmoser/Koch & Partner	104	Cyprus - Private Equity Law Firm of the Year - Areti Charidemou & Associates LLC
87	Austria - International Arbitration Adviser of the Year in Austria - Baier Böhm Attorneys at Law	105	Cyprus - Project Finance Law Firm of the Year - Markos P. Spanos & Co
88	Austria - PPP Law Firm of the Year - Saxinger, Chalupsky & Partner	106	Cyprus - Sports Law Firm of the Year - Orphanides, Christofides, Poutzouris & Damianou LLC
88	Austria - Real Estate Law Firm of the Year - monlaw	107	Cyprus - Tax Law Firm of the Year - Haviaras & Philippou L.L.C.
89	Austria - White Collar Law Firm of the Year - Prochaska Helne Havranek	108	Cyprus - Trademark Law Firm of the Year - Dr. K. Chrysostomides & Co LLC
89	Austria - Wills Trusts & Estates Law Firm of the Year - Kerres Partners	108	Czech Republic - Corporate Law Firm of the Year - Zilvarová Cúbor Hladký v.o.s.
90	Belgium - Best Law Firm to Work For - van Cutsem Wittamer Marnef & Partners	109	Czech Republic - Energy Law Firm of the Year - Randa Havel Legal
91	Belgium - Business Formation Law Firm of the Year, and E-Commerce Law Firm of the Year - Lorenz	109	Czech Republic - IT Law Firm of the Year - Rowan Legal
92	Belgium - Criminal Law Firm of the Year - Vanderveeren Thys Wauters & Forters	110	Czech Republic - Patents Law Firm of the Year - Cermák a spol.
92	Belgium - Mergers & Acquisitions Law Firm of the Year - Linklaters	111	Czech Republic - Real Estate Law Firm of the Year - Gürlich & Co.
93	Belgium - Tax Law Firm of the Year - Afschrift	112	Denmark - International/Cross Border Law Firm of the Year - Stampe, Haume & Hasselris Law Firm
93	Belgium - White Collar Law Firm of the Year - De Broek Van Laere & Partners	112	Estonia - Insurance & Re-Insurance Law Firm of the Year - Law Firm LEXIAL
94	Bulgaria - Intellectual Property Law Firm of the Year - Bojinov & Bojinov	113	Finland - Capital Markets Law Firm of the Year - Kalliolaw Asianajotoimisto Oy
94	Channel Islands - Litigation Advisory Firm of the Year - Blakeley Legal	113	France - Product Liability Law Firm of the Year - Vogel & Vogel
95	Cyprus - Boutique Corporate Law Firm of the Year - A.Katchies LLC	114	France - Restructuring Law Firm of the Year - Flichy Grangé Avocats
96	Cyprus - Business Formation Law Firm of the Year - Costas Tsiroides & Co LLC	114	Germany - Aviation Law Firm of the Year - Arnecke Siebold
97	Cyprus - Intellectual Property Law Firm of the Year - Michael Kyrianiou & Co. LLC	115	Germany - Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year - Buse Heberer Fromm
98-99	Cyprus - Corporate Governance Law Firm of the Year, and Trust & Asset Protection Firm of the Year - A.G. Paphitis & Co. LLC - Law Offices	115	Germany - Family Owned Business Law Firm of the Year - HAARMANN Partnerschaftsgesellschaft
100	Cyprus - International/Cross Border Law Firm of the Year - Pamboridis LLC	116-117	Germany - International/Cross Border Law Firm of the Year - Carroll, Burdick & McDonough International LLP
		118	Germany - Internet Law Firm of the Year - Best Attorneys

- 118 Germany - License Agreements Specialist Firm of the Year - Papst Licensing GmbH & Co. KG
- 119 Germany - Mergers & Acquisitions Law Firm of the Year - P+P Pöllath + Partners
- 119 Germany - New IP Law Firm of the Year - LexDellmeier
- 120 Germany - Oil & Gas Law Firm of the Year - Kuhnen & Wacker
- 120 Germany - Sports Law Firm of the Year - JONAS Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH
- 121 Germany - Transport Law Firm of the Year - Arnecke Siebold
- 121 Germany - Trusts & Estates Law Firm of the Year - Flick Gocke Schaumburg
- 122 Germany - White Collar Law Firm of the Year - Bernd H. Klose
- 122 Greece - Boutique Law Firm of the Year - Dr Helen Papaconstantinou, John Filias & Associates
- 123 Greece - Corporate Law Firm of the Year - Avramopoulos & Partners
- 123 Greece - Dispute Resolution Advisory Firm of the Year - Alexander Vassardanis & Partners
- 124 Greece - Employment/Labour Law Firm of the Year - T.G. Kommatas & Associates Law Offices
- 124 Greece - Insolvency/Bankruptcy Law Firm of the Year - Foutsis & Partners
- 125 Greece - Tax Law Firm of the Year - Stavropoulos & Partners
- 125 Hungary - Energy Law Firm of the Year - Budapesti 5000.Ügyvédi Iroda
- 126 Hungary - Mergers & Acquisitions Law Firm of the Year - BPV Jádi Nemeth
- 126 Ireland - Boutique Law Firm of the Year - O'Grady's
- 127 Ireland - Capital Markets Law Firm of the Year - LK Shields Solicitors
- 127 Italy - Administrative Law Firm of the Year - Lipani & Partners
- 128 Italy - Energy Law Firm of the Year - Puopolo Gelfiers Iacobelli & Partners
- 128 Italy - Maritime Law Firm of the Year - Studi Legali Consociati
- 129 Italy - Tax Law Firm of the Year - Loconte & Partners
- 129 Italy - Wills Trusts & Estates Law Firm of the Year - Studio Legale Capuano & Partners
- 130 Jersey - Corporate Law Firm of the Year - Volsin Law
- 130 Luxembourg - Boutique Tax Law Firm of the Year - VANDENBULKE Avocats
- 131 Luxembourg - Criminal Law Firm of the Year - DSM DI Stefano Moysé
- 132 Luxembourg - Mergers & Acquisitions Law Firm of the Year - DSM DI Stefano Moysé
- 133 Luxembourg - Private Equity Law Firm of the Year - Advokatgruppen Luxembourg
- 134 Luxembourg - Trademark Law Firm of the Year - Office Freylinger S.A.
- 135 Macedonia - Intellectual Property Law Firm of the Year - Law Office Pepeljugoski
- 136 Netherlands - Boutique Law Firm of the Year - Brada Kuttner Advocaten & Belastingadviseurs NV.
- 136 Netherlands - Environmental Law Firm of the Year - AKD advocaten & notarissen
- 137 Netherlands - Real Estate Law Firm of the Year - Schaap & Partners Advocaten & Notarissen
- 137 Netherlands - Sports Law Firm of the Year - Vissers Advocatuur BV.
- 138 Northern Ireland - Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year - John McKee & Son
- 139 Norway - Mergers & Acquisitions Law Firm of the Year - Aabo-Evensen & Co Advokatfirma AS
- 140 Norway - Private Equity Law Firm of the Year - S C H J Ø D T
- 140 Poland - Entertainment Law Firm of the Year, and Environmental Law Firm of the Year - Wierciński Kwieciński Baehr Sp. k.
- 141 Poland - Intellectual Property Law Firm of the Year - Polservice
- 141 Poland - Real Estate Law Firm of the Year - Bakowski Kancelaria Radcowska
- 142 Poland - Trademark Law Firm of the Year - Jan Wierzchoń & Partners
- 142 Portugal - Capital Markets Law Firm of the Year, and Real Estate Law Firm of the Year - MGRA
- 143 Portugal - Construction Law Firm of the Year - Sá Miranda & Associados

EUROPEAN AWARD WINNERS

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| 143 | Portugal - Corporate Law Firm of the Year - Antas da Cunha, Ferreira | 156 | The UK - Criminal Law Firm of the Year - Edward Hayes LLP Solicitors |
| 144 | Portugal - Environmental Law Firm of the Year - Jose Pedro Aguiar-Branco | 157 | The UK - Insurance & Re-Insurance Law Firm of the Year - Carter Perry Bailey LLP |
| 145 | Portugal - Franchising Law Firm of the Year - J. Pereira da Cruz, S.A. | 157 | The UK - International ADM Law Firm of the Year - Stikeman Elliott |
| 145 | Portugal - Intellectual Property Law Firm of the Year - Pedro Pinto, Bessa Monteiro, Reis, Branco & Associados | 158 | The UK - Real Estate Law Firm of the Year - BrookStreet des Roches LLP |
| 146 | Portugal - Patents Law Firm of the Year - Baptista, Monteverde & Associados | 158 | The UK - White Collar Law Firm of the Year - Cubism Law |
| 146 | Portugal - Trademark Law Firm of the Year - Raul César Ferreira (Herd.) S.A. | 159 | Ukraine - Arbitration Advisory Firm of the Year - Engarde |
| 147 | Russia - Boutique Law Firm of the Year - INMAR Legal Co., Ltd | 159 | Ukraine - Trademark Law Firm of the Year - Pakhareenko & Partners |
| 147 | Russia - Domestic Arbitration Adviser of the Year - Yukov Khrenov & Partners | | |
| 148 | Russia - Litigation Advisory Firm of the Year - Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners | | |
| 148 | Spain - Advertising Law Firm of the Year - Schiller Abogados | | |
| 149 | Spain - Criminal Law Firm of the Year - Corporate Defense SL | | |
| 149 | Spain - Employment/Labour Law Firm of the Year - Sagardoy Abogados | | |
| 150 | Spain - Franchising Law Firm of the Year - Advocatia - Abogados | | |
| 150 | Spain - German Speaking Law Firm of the Year - Fröhlingsdorf Abogados Asociados, S.L. | | |
| 151 | Spain - Insolvency/Bankruptcy Law Firm of the Year - Roca Junyent | | |
| 151 | Spain - International/Cross Border Law Firm of the Year - Leymar & Leysters | | |
| 152 | Spain - Patents Law Firm of the Year - Grau & Angulo | | |
| 152 | Sweden - Energy Law Firm of the Year - Hellström advokatbyrå kb | | |
| 153 | Sweden - Employment/Labour Law Firm of the Year - Cederquist | | |
| 153 | Switzerland - Advertising Law Firm of the Year - Rentsch & Partner | | |
| 154 | Switzerland - Due Diligence Law Firm of the Year - Kellerhals Anwälte | | |
| 155 | Switzerland - Patents Law Firm of the Year - Bohest AG | | |
| 155 | Switzerland - Tax Law Firm of the Year - Poledna Boss Kurer AG | | |
| 156 | The UK - Aviation Law Firm of the Year - Gates and Partners | | |
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North America & the Caribbean

The economies of North America and the Caribbean are extremely diverse. The US and Canada have similarly modern and sophisticated economic systems, while the economy of the Caribbean is heavily influenced by the US and still undergoing major developments in various sectors.

The US has the largest and most technologically developed economy in the world. Business firms in the US enjoy a greater degree of flexibility compared to businesses in other regions in terms of innovation and expansion.

While the strategy for most companies in 2009 was about getting back to basics and weathering the storm, 2010 has been very different for North America.

Deal making has surged in the second quarter with 94 deals completed, a rise of almost 50% from the previous quarter. This increase has put North American deal makers ahead of those in other regions in terms of performance, surpassing the global market by 3.8%.

An interesting aspect of the second quarter is that cross-border deals, which are traditionally viewed as more challenging, outperformed domestic deals. Over half of all cross-border deals completed in the second quarter took place in North America.

Canada is equipped with a high tech industrial economy, and resembles the US in its market oriented economic system, production pattern and high living standards. Canada's economy, which has outperformed that of the US since the beginning of the financial crisis, is showing signs of slowing down. The housing market boom, which helped drive the country's recovery from recession, is starting to stall. However, the housing market is being replaced by other

drivers such as business investment in machinery and equipment, and Canada is expected to lead the G7 nations in economic growth for at least the next two years. This can be attributed to several factors, including the country's sound banking system, its abundance of resources, and its lower levels of government debt.

The Caribbean has not escaped the global financial crisis, but the region withstood the difficulties more successfully than in past downturns. This is due to better macroeconomic management, more efficient structural policies, and a vigorous business sector.

The majority of the Caribbean's import-export business is with the United States, and most of the region's tourists are US citizens. This means that the US economy has a great deal of influence on the Caribbean, particularly as tourism is the primary industry of the region.

Despite the global economic turbulence, the Caribbean remains one of the world's most popular tourist regions, and the Caribbean Tourism Organization is expecting tourism in the region to grow by up to 3% in 2010. This growth will have a knock-on effect on many of the region's other industries. Many islands in the Caribbean are now looking to expand their export base and privatise government-controlled industries in order to lessen their reliance on the US economy and to reduce the severity of future downturns.

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NiaLena Caravazos, Esq. is a passionate and relentless advocate who doesn't take no for an answer and who has substantial experience in extremely complicated high-profile federal criminal cases involving extensive electronic surveillance and wiretaps as well as extensive documentary evidence. A strong believer in Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken," many of her courtroom successes have come in matters that others considered hopeless.

She was the youngest and only female attorney to defend a reputed organized crime figure in the nearly five-month federal RICO prosecution of *United States v. Joseph Merlino* and, following the jury's acquittal of her client of attempted murder and racketeering charges, NiaLena's closing argument was subsequently selected among nationwide submissions and spotlighted by the *Center for Criminal Justice Advocacy* in Houston. She has since become lead counsel in serious multi-defendant criminal cases and was recently the youngest and only female member of the defense trial team representing Senator Vincent Fumo, long regarded as the most powerful politician in Pennsylvania, in his five-month high-profile trial in federal court, where she was the co-author of an emergency motion that made headline news in *The New York Times* and *ABC News*.

Recognized repeatedly by her peers as a "Pennsylvania Super Lawyer"

in the field of Criminal Defense and also as a "Preeminent Lawyer in America" by *Martindale-Hubbell*, NiaLena has also consistently received the highest professional rating for legal ability and ethical standards (AV) by *Martindale-Hubbell* as well as a Superb rating (10.0 out of 10) by *Avvo*. Referred to as "a woman at the top of her game" by Washington, D.C. "Super Lawyer", Mark Schamel, Esq., NiaLena has also been described by the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Philadelphia Daily News* as a "deliberate," "sincere," "extremely thorough," and "tireless advocate" with "courtroom poise" and by award-winning journalist and author George Anastasia in *The Last Gangster* as "no-nonsense." One client review posted on *Avvo* by a former CEO of his own company describes NiaLena as having "tamed the beast of a system that could have ended my life in prison... Every decision she made was dead on, skillfully crafting my case to a very positive outcome ... more than I ever hoped for."

NiaLena received her Juris Doctor from Boston University School of Law, along with several commencement awards. She is also a *cum laude* graduate with a B.S. in Economics from The Wharton School, where she has often returned in recent years as a guest speaker in "Leadership in the Business World" programs of the Management Department. Reviews by students have described NiaLena as having "an extremely interesting insight into law and business" and also that "the ethics of white collar criminal defense are intriguing and she communicates this in such an effective way."