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THE 2011 CORPORATE INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL AWARDS COMMEMORATES THE FIRMS THAT HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY ACTIVE OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS AND THAT HAVE SHOWN EXCELLENCE, NOT ONLY IN SPECIFIC LEGAL EXPERTISE, BUT IN SERVICE TO THE GLOBAL ECONOMY DURING A DIFFICULT WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN.

From April through to June of this year Corporate International received over 11,500 unique nomination forms from law firms, in-house counsel teams, business directors and private individuals. This diverse mixture of submissions from both domestic and international clients and peers ensured that we here at Corporate International had a wide range of nominated lawyers and attorneys from a variety of jurisdictions that specialise in a multitude of fields.

A large scale and in-depth research process then took place using the received information that has been combined along with other details that our internal research department have on file.

In July the shortlisted nominees were informed and additional information was requested of the special select few in order to fully recognise the skills of these elite firms and the high quality services that they provide to clients. This up to date information was combined with the comments and ratings from clients and peers as well as the previously conducted in house research from Corporate International's judicial panel to build up a clear picture of each of the shortlisted nominees. The final data was passed on by the panel on July 25th, and over the course of two weeks the final winners were selected.

Our awards merit the leading firms in their chosen specialism, and recognise true professional experience and expertise throughout the world. Corporate INTL magazine is read by business leaders, investors and advisers globally, therefore the awards that the magazine dispenses are huge accolades for those firms that are awarded and deemed to be winners in their chosen categories. Once the winners have been announced and each team has received notice of their award win, this special publication is launched to announce the winners to a global audience.

Each of the regions featured, (Europe, The Americas, Asia & Oceania, Africa and the Middle East) were designated a separate team of researchers who's task it was to take a detailed look at the nominees and carefully select the honour accredited to the chosen winners.

This year the award winning firms are listed by geographic region, broken down into country order and listed with a specific award title. There is also a helpful index at the back of this special Global Awards Supplement 2011 that organises firms in an easy to find list arranged alphabetically by firm name.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2011 WINNING FIRMS FROM CORPORATE INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE.

AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

GLOBAL AWARD WINNERS

AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST ARE BOTH HIGHLY VARIED REGIONS WITH COUNTRIES AT BOTH EXTREMES OF THE WEALTH SPECTRUM.

The North African region has been host to some significant developments in 2011. Massive anti-government demonstrations and revolution-like protests dominated international headlines as some elements of the region's populations voiced their feelings of no-confidence against their respective governments in countries such as Egypt and Tunisia.

Other news stories originating from North Africa gripped the business and finance pages as Egypt dropped plans to seek loans from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. The move came after the planned deficit in the 2011-12 budget was revised down from 11% to 8.6% of GDP. IMF potential financial assistance was aimed at supporting the country and government in their objectives of promoting social justice and preserving macroeconomic stability, but Egypt has decided to focus on minimising expenditure to tackle the deficit as opposed to foreign assistance for now.

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 labour. 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.

Despite the global financial crisis, countries like Qatar have prospered in the last several years. In 2010 Qatar had the world's highest growth rate. Qatari authorities throughout the crisis sought to protect the local banking sector with direct investments into domestic banks. GDP rebounded in 2010 largely due to the increase in oil prices. The economic policy is focused on developing Qatar's non-associated natural gas reserves and increasing private and foreign investment in non-energy sectors, but oil and gas still account for more than 50% of GDP, roughly 85% of export earnings, and 70% of government revenues. Oil and gas likely have made Qatar the highest per-capita income country and the country with the lowest unemployment.

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.

South Africa's former economic policy was fiscally conservative, focusing on controlling inflation, and attaining a budget surplus. The current government largely follows the same prudent policies, but must contend with the impact of the global crisis and is facing growing pressure from special interest groups to use state-owned enterprises to deliver basic services to low-income areas and to increase job growth.

AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST GLOBAL AWARD WINNERS

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| 07 | Rubeya & Co | Full Service Law Firm of the Year in Burundi |
| 07 | Al-Ahl Law Firm | IP Law Firm of the Year in Egypt |
| 08 | Sam Okudzeto & Associates | Dispute Resolution Law Firm of the Year award in Ghana |
| 09 | Caspi & Co | Banking & Finance Lawyer of the Year in Israel |
| 09 | Yehuda Raveh & Co | Project Finance & Commercial Law Firm of the Year in Israel |
| 10 | Khalifeh & Partners | Business Law Firm of the Year in Jordan |
| 10 | Uteem Chambers | Business Law Firm of the Year in Mauritius |
| 11 | George Etomi & Partners | Arbitration Law Firm of the Year in Nigeria |
| 13 | Johnson Bryant | IP Law Firm of the Year in Nigeria |
| 13 | Law Offices of Gebran Majdalany | Boutique Law Firm of the Year in Qatar |
| 14 | Sultan Al-Abdulla & Partners | Business Law Firm of the Year in Qatar |
| 15 | CLAS Legal | Corporate Law Firm of the Year in Sierra Leone |
| 16 | Sarkis & Associates | Business Law Firm of the Year in Syria |
| 16 | Amie Bensouda & Co | Law Firm of the Year in the Gambia |
| 17 | Shonubi, Musoke & Co Advocates | Law Firm of the Year in Uganda |



ASIA & OCEANIA

GLOBAL AWARD WINNERS

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.

Australia escaped recession last year, helped by a strong government stimulus as well as robust trade linkages with Asia. The country's economy is backed by an abundant and diverse natural resources attract high levels of foreign investment and include extensive reserves of coal, iron ore, copper, gold, natural gas, uranium, and renewable energy sources.

New Zealand's economy posted a 1.7% decline in 2009, but pulled out of recession late in the year, and achieved 2.1% growth in 2010. Nevertheless, key trade sectors remain vulnerable to weak external demand. The government plans to raise productivity growth and develop infrastructure, (which will coincide with the country's hosting duties of the Rugby World Cup) while reining in government spending.

The Japanese economy saw an extremely difficult series of events in 2011, which started with a 9.0-magnitude earthquake and a consequential tsunami which caused a massive level of property and infrastructure destruction as well as inflicting significant damage to a nuclear power facility. Bank of Japan injected more than \$325 billion in yen into the economy. Some economic forecasters, who previously had anticipated slower growth for Japan in 2011, now believe GDP may decline as much as 1% for the year.

The Chinese economy appears set to remain on a strong growth trajectory in 2011, lending credibility to the stimulus policies the regime rolled out during the global financial crisis. The government vows, in the 12th Five-Year Plan adopted in March 2011, to continue reforming the economy and emphasises the need to increase domestic consumption in order to make the economy less dependent on exports for GDP growth in the future.

The Indian Government seeks to hold its budget deficit to 5.5% of GDP in FY 2010-11, down from 6.8% in the previous fiscal year. India's long term challenges include widespread poverty, inadequate physical and social infrastructure, limited non-agricultural employment opportunities, insufficient access to quality basic and higher education, and accommodating rural-to-urban migration.

The Hong Kong government adopted several temporary fiscal policy support measures in response to the global financial crisis that it may discontinue if strong growth is sustained.

In 2011 Singapore attracted major investments in pharmaceuticals and medical technology production and will continue efforts to establish Singapore as Southeast Asia's financial and high-tech hub.

South Korea's GDP accelerated to 8.1% in 2010, aided by strong domestic demand drivers, including a jump in gross capital formation.

Taiwan's closer economic links with mainland China in 2011 brought greater opportunities for the Taiwan economy, but now Taiwan poses new challenges, for example, FDI in China has resulted in Chinese import substitution away from Taiwan's exports and a restriction of potential job creation in Taiwan.

In 2011 the Indonesian government faces the ongoing challenge of improving the country's infrastructure to remove impediments to growth, while addressing climate change concerns, particularly with regard to conserving Indonesia's forests and peatlands, the focus of a potentially trailblazing \$1 billion REDD+ pilot project.

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 2010.

The AQUINO administration in the Philippines is working to reduce the government deficit from 3.9% of GDP, when it took office, to 2% of GDP by 2013.

Business and investor sentiment remained buoyant as Thailand's stock market grew almost 5% during the three-month period. The economy probably will continue to experience high growth well into 2011.

After struggling with the high level of inflation leftover from 2010, the near-bankruptcy and subsequent default of the SOE Vinashin, a leading shipbuilder, led to a ratings downgrade of Vietnam's sovereign debt, exacerbating the country's borrowing difficulties.

ASIA & OCEANIA GLOBAL AWARD WINNERS

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| 21 | Actuate Legal | Boutique IP Law Firm of the Year in Australia |
| 22 | Monahan + Rowell | Boutique Law Firm of the Year in Australia |
| 22 | moulislegal | International Trade Law Firm of the Year in Australia |
| 23 | Doulah & Doulah | Law Firm of the Year in Bangladesh |
| 23 | GoldenGate | Arbitration Lawyer of the Year in China |
| 24 | Watson & Band Law Offices | Dynamic Law Firm of the Year in China |
| 25 | Sunshine Law Firm | Infrastructure & Energy Lawyer of the Year in China |
| 26 | Jade & Fountain | M&A Law Firm of the Year in China |
| 26 | Llinks Law Offices | Tax Lawyer of the Year in China |
| 27 | Liu, Shen & Associates | Patents Law Firm of the Year in China |
| 28 | Wintell & Co | Shipping Law Firm of the Year in China (Clients' Choice) |
| 29 | Kennedys | Employment Law Firm of the Year in Hong Kong (Clients' Choice) |
| 29 | Colin Wright Barrister-at-law | Maritime of the Year in Hong Kong |
| 30 | Rajinder Narain & Co | Aviation Law Firm of the Year in India (Clients' Choice) |
| 31 | Crawford Bayley & Co | Capital Markets Law Firm of the Year in India (Clients' Choice) |
| 33 | M.V. Kini & Co | Environmental Law Firm of the Year in India |
| 33 | Juris Corp | Foreign Direct Investment Law Firm of the Year in India |
| 34 | Tuli & Co | Insurance Lawyer of the Year in India |
| 34 | Anand and Anand | IP Law Firm of the Year in India |
| 35 | Rajani Associates | Litigation Law Firm of the Year in India |
| 35 | AZB & Partners | M&A Law Firm of the Year in India |
| 36 | ZeusIP | Patent Law Firm of the Year in India |
| 36 | Mulla & Mulla & Craigie Blunt & Caroe | Shipping Law Firm of the Year in India |
| 37 | Gagrats | Tax Law Firm of the Year in India (Clients' Choice) |
| 37 | Roosdiono & Partners | Business Law Firm of the Year in Indonesia |
| 38 | Makes & Partners | Capital Markets Law Firm of the Year in Indonesia |
| 39 | Ignatius Andy Law Offices | Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year in Indonesia |
| 40 | Indochine Counsel | Full Service Law Firm of the Year in Indonesia |
| 40 | Alfredo Associates | Insolvency and Reconstruction Law Firm of the Year in Indonesia |
| 41 | HPRP Lawyers | Projects & Natural Resources Law Firm of the Year in Indonesia (Clients' Choice) |
| 42 | Tokyo Kyodo Accounting Office | Cross-Border Tax Law Firm of the Year in Japan |
| 43 | ILS Shimoda Office | Immigration Law Firm of the Year in Japan |
| 44 | Uchida & Samejima | Industrial Property Law Firm of the Year in Japan |
| 45 | Kims and Lees | Licensing Law Firm of the Year in Korea |
| 45 | MdME | Business Law Firm of the Year in Macau |
| 46 | Thompson Associates | Copyright Law Firm of the Year in Malaysia |



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| 47 | Mohamed Ridza & Co | Islamic Finance Law Firm of the Year in Malaysia |
| 48 | Advanz Fidelis | Patent & Trade Mark Practice of the Year in Malaysia |
| 49 | Barristers.Comm | Corporate Tax Lawyer of the Year in New Zealand |
| 49 | Bharucha & Co | IP Law Firm of the Year in Pakistan |
| 50 | Liaquat Merchant Associates | Shipping Law Firm of the Year in Pakistan |
| 50 | Sapalo Velez Bundang & Bulilan | Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year in the Philippines |
| 51 | Puno &Puno Law Offices | Natural Resources & Mining Law Firm of the Year in the Philippines |
| 51 | Fortun Narvasa & Salazar | Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year in the Philippines |
| 52 | Braddell Brothers LLP | Boutique Law Firm of the Year in Singapore |
| 53 | Samuel Seow Law Corporation | Media & Entertainment Law Firm of the Year in Singapore |
| 54 | KhattarWong | Tax Law Firm of the Year in Singapore |
| 55 | Deep & Far | Full Service IP Law Firm of the Year in Taiwan |
| 56 | Lee, Tsai & Partners | Law Firm of the Year in Taiwan |
| 57 | Shay & Partners | TMT Law Firm of the Year in Taiwan (Clients' Choice) |
| 58 | Hunton & Williams | Corporate Law Firm of the Year in Thailand |
| 58 | Siam Premier International Law Office | M&A Law Firm of the Year in Thailand |
| 59 | CRA Timor | Law Firm of the Year in Timor Leste |
| 59 | Tekil Law Office | Commercial Law Firm of the Year in Turkey |
| 60 | Boden Law Office | Electricity Regulation Law Firm of the Year in Turkey |
| 61 | Bezen & Partners | Project Finance Law Firm of the Year in Turkey |
| 62 | Alkan Deniz Mavioglu Law Office | Tax Law Firm of the Year in Turkey |
| 62 | LCT Lawyers | Banking & Finance Lawyer of the Year in Vietnam |
| 63 | Aliat Legal | IP Lawyer of the Year Award in Vietnam |



CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

GLOBAL AWARD WINNERS

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.

Brazil will be the most attractive emerging market country for private equity investors in the next 12 months, according to a survey by the Emerging Markets Private Equity Association and Collier Capital. The private equity firm that invests in the secondary markets showed China was second and other emerging Asian countries joint third. This is the first time Brazil was ranked first, although it had been among the top three countries for the past three years.

The reasons for Brazil's success in this field can be attributed to low setup costs in comparison to competitor countries, commitment to fiscal stability, responsible state policies that encourage investment and a large domestic demand for products and services. An important factor adding to the positive situation in Brazil and other emerging economies has been the currency appreciation against the euro and the dollar.

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

The rate of economic recovery in South America for the remainder of 2011 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. Currently governments experiencing growth are keeping an eye on inflation so as not to scare off potential foreign investors.

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

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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.

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA GLOBAL AWARD WINNERS

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| 66 | De Dios & Goyena | Antitrust Litigation Law Firm of the Year in Argentina |
| 67 | Estudio Garrido Abogados | M&A Law Firm of the Year in Argentina |
| 69 | Bufete Aguirre | Corporate Law Firm of the Year in Bolivia |
| 69 | Walter Stuber Consultoria Jurídica | Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year in Brazil |
| 70 | Pellon & Associados | Insurance Law Firm of the Year in Brazil |
| 70 | Momsen, Leonardos & Cia | IP Lawyer of the Year in Brazil |
| 71 | Bicalho e Mollica Advogados | Real Estate Law Firm of the Year in Brazil (Clients' Choice) |
| 72 | Siano & Martins Advogados Associados | Shipping Law Firm of the Year in Brazil |
| 74 | Nasser Sociedade de Advogados | Trade & Customs Lawyer of the Year in Brazil |
| 74 | Alcaíno I Rodríguez | Bankruptcy Law Firm of the Year in Chile |
| 75 | Guerrero, Olivos, Novoa y Errázuriz | Corporate Law Firm of the Year in Chile |
| 75 | Molina Ríos Abogados | Projects Lawyer of the Year in Chile |
| 76 | Ernst & Young | Corporate Tax Advisory Firm of the Year in Colombia |
| 78 | Muñoz Tamayo & Asociados | Projects Law Firm of the Year in Colombia |
| 79 | Quiñones Cruz Ltda | Tax Lawyer of the Year in Colombia |
| 80 | Consortium | Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year in Costa Rica |
| 80 | Quiros Abogados | Insurance Lawyer of the Year in Costa Rica |
| 81 | Bermeo & Bermeo | Industrial Property Law Firm of the Year in Ecuador |
| 81 | ACZALAW | Commercial Law Firm of the Year in Guatemala |
| 82 | Comte & Font – Legalsa | Dispute Resolution Law Firm of the Year in Guatemala |
| 82 | JAT Abogados | International Business Law Firm of the Year in Mexico |
| 83 | Cervantes Sainz SC | Labour & Employment Law Firm of the Year in Mexico (Clients' Choice) |
| 84 | Maqueo Abogados | Litigation Law Firm of the Year in Mexico |
| 84 | Portilla, Ruy-Díaz y Aguilar | Product Liability Law Firm of the Year in Mexico |
| 85 | Becerril, Coca & Becerril | Technology Law Firm of the Year in Mexico |
| 86 | Jauregui y Navarrete | TMT Law Firm of the Year in Mexico |
| 86 | Anciano & Ayala Abogados S.C | Trademark Law Firm of the Year in Mexico |
| 87 | Anzola Robles & Associates | Electricity Regulation Law Firm of the Year in Panama |
| 87 | Casseli Law Firm | Law Firm of the Year in Paraguay |
| 88 | Osterling Abogados | Insurance Lawyer of the Year in Peru |
| 88 | Fischer Abogados | Intellectual Property Law Firm of the Year in Uruguay |
| 89 | Cervieri Monsuárez y Asociados | Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year in Uruguay |
| 89 | Bolet & Terrero | Industrial Property Law Firm of the Year in Venezuela |



EUROPE

EUROPEAN GLOBAL AWARD 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.

2011 has brought challenges to the European Union in the form of sovereign debt risks and the attempts made by governments to tackle them. In the last three years Greece, Ireland and Portugal have received EU and IMF backed bailouts, which in partnership with strict state-encouraged austerity measures, are designed to help the member states get back on track. This road has been long and difficult and has caused turmoil in markets, lack of consumer confidence and a drop in the Euro currency value.

According to the OECD report; "A Market Perspective on the European Sovereign Debt and Banking Crisis", Europe has been beset by two interrelated crises: (i) a banking crisis, stemming from losses in capital market securities (including US subprime and other structured products), as well as home-grown, boom-bust problems in the property markets of some EU countries; and (ii) a sovereign debt crisis exacerbated by recession, transfers to help banks, and in some cases very poor fiscal management over a number of years that was inconsistent with the principles laid down in the Stability and Growth Pact and the Maastricht Treaty.

The report highlights how both Greece and Ireland have faced very significant adverse movements in their yield spreads relative to euro-area benchmark bonds, and to a lesser extent this is also the case for Portugal, and Spain. The report finds that market-implied sovereign restructuring probabilities calculated by financial firms do in fact discriminate quite clearly between countries on a relative basis and the market has even begun to ponder whether the crisis could spread further, and whether the Euro system in its current form is sustainable.

While the German economy remains the backbone of the Eurozone, both the French and Italian economies struggled in 2011 as Italy's exceedingly high levels of national debt and talk of a possible Standard and Poor's downgrade for France shook financial markets further.

The UK remains a key playing power and financial centre and is the third largest economy in Europe after Germany and France. In 2011 the UK government has gone to great lengths to ensure Britain does

not sink back into a double dip recession and has contributed to the EU bailout fund in order to protect its long established trading relationships with other states. Facing burgeoning public deficits and debt levels, the government in 2010 initiated a five-year austerity program, which aims to lower London's budget deficit from over 10% of GDP in 2010 to nearly 1% by 2015. The Bank of England periodically coordinates interest rate moves with the European Central Bank, but Britain remains outside the European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU).

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EUROPEAN GLOBAL AWARD WINNERS

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| 95 | Kalo & Associates | Cross-Border Corporate Law Firm of the Year in Albania |
| 95 | Loloçi & Associates | Industrial Property Law Firm of the Year in Albania |
| 96 | Saxinger Chalupsky & Partner | Anti-Corruption Law Firm of the Year in Austria and PPP Law Firm of the Year in Austria |
| 96 | monlaw | Boutique Law Firm of the Year in Austria |
| 97 | Bilanz-Data | Corporate Tax Advisory Excellence in Austria |
| 97 | Wildmoser/Koch & Partner | Eastern European M&A Law Firm of the Year in Austria |
| 98 | BMA Brandstätter Rechtsanwälte | e-Commerce Law Firm of the Year in Austria |
| 99 | BLS Rechtsanwälte | Full Service Law Firm of the Year in Austria |
| 100 | Eversheds | Full Service Law Firm of the Year in Austria (Clients' Choice) |
| 100 | KERRES I PARTNERS | Private Client Law Firm of the Year in Austria |
| 101 | Lorenz | IT Law Firm of the Year in Belgium |
| 101 | Baker Tilly Belgium | M&A Law Firm of the Year in Belgium |
| 102 | DLA Piper | Public Law Firm of the Year in Belgium |
| 102 | Afschrift Law Firm | Tax Law Firm of the Year in Belgium |
| 103 | Tomov & Tomov | Arbitration Law Firm of the Year in Bulgaria |
| 104 | Bouzeva & Partners | Corporate Governance Law Firm of the Year in Bulgaria |
| 105 | SPASOV & BRATANOV | Energy Lawyer of the Year in Bulgaria |
| 105 | PENEV LLP | Telecoms and Media Law Firm of the Year in Bulgaria |
| 106 | Papacharalambous & Angelides | Business Law Firm of the Year in Cyprus |
| 107 | A.G. Paphitis & Co | Corporate Governance Law Firm of the Year in Cyprus |
| 108 | Pamboridis LLC | Cross-Border Law Firm of the Year in Cyprus |
| 109 | Patrikios Pavlou & Associates | Dispute Resolution Law Firm of the Year in Cyprus |
| 110 | Christodoulos Vassiliades | Law Firm of the Year Law Firm of the Year in Cyprus (Clients' Choice) |
| 111 | Montanios & Montanios | Shipping Law Firm of the Year in Cyprus |
| 111 | OCPD LLC | Sports Law Firm of the Year in Cyprus |
| 112 | Achour & Hájek | Capital Markets Law Firm of the Year in Czech Republic |
| 113 | Randa Havel Legal | Energy Law Firm of the Year in Czech Republic |
| 113 | Zilvarová Ctibor Hladký | Franchise Law Firm of the Year in Czech Republic |
| 114 | Rott, Ruzicka & Guttman | IP Law Firm of the Year in Czech Republic |
| 114 | Rowan Legal | IT Law Firm of the Year in Czech Republic |
| 115 | Gurlich & Co | Real Estate Law Firm of the Year in Czech Republic |
| 116 | ATRIUM Partners | Financial Advisory firm of the Year in Denmark |
| 117 | Lett Advokatfirma | Law Firm of the Year in Denmark (Clients' Choice) |
| 117 | Nielsen & Thomsen | Real Estate Law Firm of the Year in Denmark |
| 118 | Dittmar & Indrenius | Employment Law Firm of the Year in Finland |
| 118 | FRILET - Société d'Avocats | Construction Law Firm of the Year in France (Clients' Choice) |

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| 119 | Endrös-Baum Associés | Cross-Border Law Firm of the Year in France |
| 119 | SCP BOIVIN & Associés | Environmental Law Firm of the Year in France |
| 120 | NomoS | Media Lawyer of the Year in France |
| 121 | Huglo Lepage Associés Conseil | Public Lawyer of the Year in France |
| 122 | Scp Lacourte Balas et Associes | Real Estate Lawyer of the Year in France |
| 123 | Rowedder Zimmermann Haß | Boutique Commercial Law Firm of the Year in Germany |
| 124 | Bernd H. Klose | Business Crime Law Firm of the Year in Germany |
| 125 | Kliemt & Vollstaedt | Employment Law Firm of the Year in Germany |
| 126 | Raupach & Wollert-Elmendorff | Mid-Market M&A Law Firm of the Year in Germany |
| 128 | df-mp | Patents Law Firm of the Year in Germany (Clients' Choice) |
| 129 | Heymann & Partner | Private Equity Law Firm of the Year in Germany (Clients' Choice) |
| 129 | Aigner Fischer Radlmayr Rechtsanwälte | Private Equity Lawyer of the Year in Germany |
| 130 | Friedrich Graf von Westphalen | Product Liability Law Firm of the Year in Germany |
| 131 | Oppenhoff & Rädler | Tax Litigation Lawyer of the Year in Germany |
| 132 | TCI Rechtsanwälte Mainz | Telecoms Law Firm of the Year in Germany |
| 132 | Theo V. Sioufas & Co | International Shipping Law Firm of the Year in Greece |
| 133 | George Ar. Daoukas Law Office | Investments Law Firm of the Year in Greece |
| 133 | Avramopoulos & Partners | M&A Law Firm of the Year in Greece |
| 134 | POTAMITISVEKRIS | Real Estate Law Firm of the Year in Greece |
| 135 | V&P Law Firm | Real Estate Law Firm of the Year in Greece (Clients' Choice) |
| 135 | Bán, S. Szabó & Partners | Competition & Antitrust Law Firm of the Year in Hungary (Clients' Choice) |
| 136 | Szabo Kelemen & Partners | Corporate Lawyer of the Year in Hungary and Dynamic Law Firm of the Year in Hungary |
| 137 | Burai-Kovacs & Partners | Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year in Hungary |
| 137 | BPV Jadi Nemeth | M&A Law Firm of the Year in Hungary |
| 138 | Réttur - Adalsteinsson & Partners | Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year in Iceland |
| 138 | EJC - Roberti & Associati | Antitrust Law Firm of the Year in Italy |
| 139 | Studio Degli Avvocati | Business Crime Law Firm of the Year in Italy |
| 140 | CBA Studio Legale e Tributario | Corporate Tax Law Firm of the Year in Italy |
| 141 | Walkers | Dispute Resolution Law Firm of the Year in Jersey (Clients' Choice) |
| 141 | Sinels Advocates | Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year in Jersey |
| 142 | Backhurst Dorey & Crane | Employment Lawyer of the Year in Jersey |
| 142 | Motieka & Audzevicius | Competition & Antitrust Law Firm of the Year in Lithuania |
| 143 | Wildgen | Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year in Luxembourg |
| 143 | Sedlo Jimenez Lunz | Banking & Finance Lawyer of the Year in Luxembourg |
| 144 | VANDENBULKE | Boutique Tax Law Firm of the Year in Luxembourg |
| 144 | MOLITOR | Dispute Resolution Law Firm of the Year in Luxembourg (Clients' Choice) |
| 145 | Ernst & Young | Private Equity Advisory Firm of the Year in Luxembourg |
| 146 | Advokatgruppen Luxembourg | Private Equity Law Firm of the Year in Luxembourg |

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| 147 | AMMC Law | Trade & Commerce Law Firm of the Year in Luxembourg |
| 148 | Avanzia | Tax Law Firm of the Year in Malta |
| 149 | Law Office Ana Kolarevic | Boutique Law Firm of the Year in Montenegro |
| 150 | Mills Selig | M&A Law Firm of the Year in Northern Ireland |
| 151 | Murphy & O'Rawe | Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year in Northern Ireland |
| 151 | Weremczuk Bobel & Partners | Commercial Law Firm of the Year in Poland |
| 152 | Karniol, Małecki i Wspólnicy Spk | e-Commerce Law Firm of the Year in Poland |
| 152 | PolSERVICE | Intellectual Property Law Firm of the Year in Poland |
| 153 | Czyżewscy Kancelaria Adwokacka | Life Sciences Lawyer of the Year in Poland |
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| 155 | Amorim Advogados | Business Law Firm of the Year in Portugal |
| 156 | Albuquerque & Associados | Competition Lawyer of the Year in Portugal |
| 156 | FCB&A | Corporate Law Firm of the Year in Portugal |
| 157 | AAA Advogados | Energy & Natural Resources Law Firm of the Year in Portugal (Clients' Choice) |
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| 158 | Coelho Ribeiro e Associados | Natural Resources Law Firm of the Year in Portugal |
| 158 | Álvaro Duarte & Associados | Patent Law Firm of the Year in Portugal (Clients' Choice) |
| 159 | Baptista, Monteverde & Associados | Patent Law Firm of the Year in Portugal |
| 159 | Esquivel Advogados | Projects Lawyer of the Year in Portugal |
| 160 | Albuquerque & Associados | Public Law Law Firm of the Year in Portugal (Clients' Choice) |
| 161 | Raposo Subtil e Associados | Real Estate Lawyer of the Year in Portugal |
| 162 | Raul César Ferreira | Trademark Law Firm of the Year in Portugal |
| 162 | D&B David si Baias | Banking & Finance Lawyer of the Year in Romania |
| 163 | SPV Legal | Business Law Firm of the Year in Romania |
| 164 | Peli Filip | Energy & Natural Resources Law Firm of the Year in Romania |
| 165 | Andra Musatescu Law & Industrial Property Offices | Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year in Romania |
| 166 | Popovici Nitu & Asociatii | M&A Law Firm of the Year in Romania |
| 167 | EDAS Law Bureau | Antitrust Litigation Law Firm of the Year in Russia |
| 167 | The Inmar Legal Co | Boutique Law Firm of the Year in Russia |
| 168 | Andrey Gorodissky & Partners | Cross-Border Law Firm of the Year in Russia |
| 169 | Zivko Mijatovic & Partners | Intellectual Property Law Firm of the Year in Serbia |
| 170 | Hamala Kluch Víglaský | Banking & Finance Law Firm of the Year in Slovakia |
| 170 | Barger Prekop | Banking & Finance Lawyer of the Year in Slovakia |
| 171 | Rojs, Peljhan, Prelesnik & Partnerji | Full Service Lawyer of the Year in Slovenia |
| 172 | Fornesa Prada Fernández Abogados | Corporate Law Firm of the Year in Spain |



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| 181 | FBT Avocats | Private Client Law Firm of the Year in Switzerland (Clients' Choice) |
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| 185 | Bark & Co Solicitors | Criminal Fraud Law Firm of the Year in the UK |
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NORTH AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

GLOBAL AWARD WINNERS

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 2010 was about getting back to basics and weathering the storm of unemployment and recession, 2011 has been very different for North America.

As the Democrats and the Republicans fought for the definitive say on a Senate proposal to raise the US debt ceiling, the offices of Standard and Poor's were working overtime to finalise a report which would soon strip the United States of its prized AAA credit rating. According to S&P, the rating downgrade reflected the belief that the soon to be finalised plan to stabilise the country's medium and short term debt problems was likely to fall short. Credit rating agency Fitch then reaffirmed the US's triple-A sovereign rating stating that: "The key pillars of the US's exceptional creditworthiness remain intact."

Regardless of which rating agency has it right the global economy has now certainly changed. The country and its currency that modern economies have set their very existence to for the past 70 years has now revealed a very large weakness in its armour. S&P have commented that a further downgrade is possible in twelve months while Fitch says it will review the country's fiscal state again in November.

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 another year at least. 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.

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Despite the global economic turbulence, the Caribbean remains one of the world's most popular tourist regions, and the Caribbean Tourism Organisation saw tourism in the region grow by 3% in 2010.

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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| 219 | Ivins, Phillips & Barker | Tax Law Firm of the Year in Washington DC |
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- THOMAS J. WATSON

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NiaLena Caravazos has earned the reputation as one of the top federal criminal defense lawyers in Philadelphia and of not being afraid to separate her clients and fight individually, strategically, creatively, and relentlessly. NiaLena has consistently risen in recognition for her talents in extremely complicated high-profile federal criminal trials involving extensive electronic surveillance, voluminous documentary evidence, and controversial clients:

- Youngest and only female attorney to defend a reputed mafia figure in the nearly 5-month federal RICO trial of U.S. v. Joseph Merlino. Following the jury's acquittal of her client of attempted murder and racketeering charges, NiaLena's closing argument was selected among nationwide submissions and spotlighted by the Center for Criminal Justice Advocacy in Houston and is also being used to this day as a teaching tool by professors nationwide.
- 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 5-month high-profile trial in federal

court, where NiaLena was the co-author of an emergency motion that made headline news in The New York Times and ABC News.

- Selected repeatedly by peers as a "Pennsylvania Super Lawyer," NiaLena was the only female lawyer in private practice in Philadelphia recognized in "Criminal Defense" in 2011, 2009 & 2008.
- Honored repeatedly as a "Preeminent Lawyer in America" with the highest professional rating for legal ability and ethical standards (AV) by Martindale-Hubbell.
- NiaLena is known for thinking outside the box, for not taking no for an answer, and for taking "the road less traveled by." She is honored and humbled by the praise of colleagues and clients:
- "A woman at the top of her game." (Washington, D.C. lawyer, Mark Schamel)
- "Impeccable integrity... gifted practitioner... extraordinary human being." (Philadelphia lawyer, Jeremy Gelb)
- "Passionate advocate... has established credibility with the Court and with her opponents." (Former Chief of Corruption in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of PA)
- "She 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." (Former CEO of his own company)
- "The person who gave me a new life... fighting the prosecution like a rabid pitbull. She sees me as a person and not a criminal... undoubtedly one of her strongest weapons in the courtroom." (Federal drug trafficking client whose "ending mirrored that of a fairytale and not a tragedy")