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Interleges welcomes two new members to the network

Trench & Associates Dubai

Trench & Associates, founded by Ms. Cynthia Trench in 1996, is one of the newest Interleges members. The firm combines a range of legal disciplines and is known as a leader in Dubai in its specialist areas, namely Corporate & Commercial Law, Property, Litigation and Intellectual Property Law.



Cynthia Trench, founding partner of Trench & Associates

Trench & Associates' Corporate and Commercial Department specialises in the establishment of businesses. The firm offers a complete package designed to provide an efficient service with the least disruption to Clients.

The firm's Litigation Department is comprised of experienced lawyers specialising in local and international Commercial, Corporate and Civil Litigation. The firm has strong associations with local advocates and has also developed litigation strategies for Clients in various other countries.

Trench & Associates' new Property Department assists Clients in respect of the sale and/or purchase of properties, vetting Developers' Agreements, advising clients on tenancy issues and disputes as well as a plethora of issues arising from Property transactions.

For further information on Trench & Associates please visit www.trenchlaw.com, or e-mail the firm; coordinator@trenchlaw.com.



The Trench & Associates team enjoying their Christmas Party, December 2007

Anderson Kill & Olick, P.C.
New York

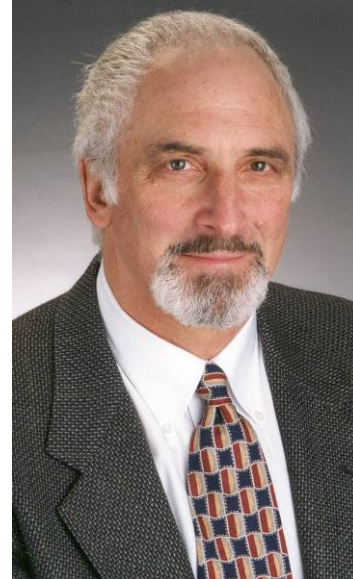
Anderson Kill & Olick, P.C. is a law firm based in New York, and is the very newest member firm to join the Interleges network. However, Jeff Glen (pictured right) who is the main Interleges contact at Anderson Kill, has been a friend and colleague of Interleges for many years. Not least because of his close link to one of our members; he is the father-in-law of Daniel Rayner, of Rayner Rowe LLP, New York.

Anderson Kill's practice focuses on insurance recovery, bankruptcy and restructuring, corporate and commercial litigation, corporate and securities, employment and labor law, intellectual property, product liability, real estate and construction, tax, and trusts and estates.

Anderson Kill maintains offices solely in the United States but their lawyers travel around the world to handle a variety of matters. The firm regularly appears in federal and state courts across the country, and has argued appeals in numerous state courts, all federal circuit courts and the United States Supreme Court. In the past several years, Anderson Kill lawyers have provided assistance to international clients in the United States in connection with real estate and corporate investment, establishment of offices, distributorship and manufacturing facilities, collection of debts owed to non-Americans, enforcement of foreign arbitration awards, and representation of foreign debtors in American bankruptcies.

Anderson Kill lawyers work together, leveraging creativity and legal and business acumen to deliver cost-effective resolutions to clients'

problems. Many of the firm's professionals are recognized in their practice areas and are leaders and active participants in professional associations.



The firm also has offices at:

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1600 Market Street
Suite 2500
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Suite 650
Washington, DC 20037, USA

For further information on Anderson Kill please check out www.andersonkill.com, or e-mail Jeff on jglen@andersonkill.com.

**Lebanese Member firm
Etude Badri & Salim El Meouchi wins
Law Firm of the Year 2007 accolade**

Etude Badri and Salim El Meouchi, Interleges member firm for Lebanon, were recently nominated for the highly prestigious and sought-after Law Firm of the Year 2007 award, organized by Euromoney-IFLR1000.

In October 2007, Interleges President Salim El Meouchi, Senior Partner of Etude Badri and Salim El Meouchi law firm, attended with a team from EBSM the Gala dinner and Prize giving ceremony for this award in Dubai, and were delighted to find out their firm had been chosen as Law Firm of the Year. The ceremony took place at the Bourj Al Arab, and was sponsored by the DIFC (Dubai International Financial Centre).

2007 has been a very busy year for Salim and the firm, added to by the expansion of their firm, with the opening of a second office in Qatar, which is being led by Chadia El Meouchi.

For further information on the new office, please go to www.elmeouchi.com or e-mail qatar@elmeouchi.com.

**Interleges Executive
Committee to meet in Paris**

The members of the Executive Committee are meeting in Paris in early February for their third meeting since the AGM in Puerto Vallarta, to discuss various matters arising from previous Executive Committee meetings and the AGM, to

up-date one another on the on-going recruitment of new members for the network and to go over the final draft of plans for the next Interleges AGM.

The 2008 Interleges AGM is being kindly hosted by Interleges Vice-President and member for Italy, Stefano de Bosio and takes place from **Thursday 1 May – Sunday 4 May 2008** near Rome, Italy.

If there is any matter you would like added to the agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting, please inform your Administrator, Annalisa Gordon on administrator@interleges.com

We would like to include your answers to the following in our next Newsletter;

Describe in 5 lines...

How is the development of e-disclosure (Electronic Disclosure) affecting litigation in your jurisdiction?

Please submit your answers to Annalisa Gordon at administrator@interleges.com by 1st March 2008.

Please also e-mail Annalisa with any other pieces of News you would like to see in the next edition of the Interleges Newsletter, which will be distributed in March 2008.

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