

The Fraud Network

“Referral is key to The Fraud Network’s existence; we promote this by client recommendations, as well as our dedicated website.” – Gary Miller.



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Established in 1995, our mission is to provide clients with tried and tested Fraud Specialists throughout the globe who know how to get results. We do this by bringing together lawyers who have worked together successfully before on fraud cases who share the same philosophy and understand that creativity and aggression are critical when confronted with international fraud. Because clients need to know the credentials and suitability of the individual lawyer who is entrusted to handle a sensitive and complicated fraud case, the Network provides the client with at least one referee for each member.

Success in international fraud cases is often determined by one or two critical decisions taken at the outset of the case when there is very little information available. These decisions usually involve obtaining injunctions to preserve assets or evidence prior to commencing proceedings. Network members are experienced injunction specialists who know how to explain complex and technical legal concepts in simple terms to enable clients to make the right decision under pressure.

As we do not believe that anything other than the skill and proven ability to get results should determine who we recommend you to use, it is a fundamental precondition of membership of the Network that members do not earn ‘commissions’ or other financial incentives for referring clients to members. But as we do believe that the talents and personality of the individual lawyer are critical factors in assembling a successful international team, only individuals (not their firms) are eligible for membership of the Network.

Fraud Network meetings take place twice a year in order for members to keep up to date with legislation and key issues happening or determined in each jurisdiction.

The Fraud Network is there to provide those in need of help in:

- investigating international fraud
- trust busting
- obtaining multi-jurisdictional injunctions to freeze assets or preserve evidence
- compelling financial institutions and other parties to divulge information to help you trace your assets
- tracing and recovering assets which have been dissipated internationally
- enforcing and policing international judgments and orders
- investigating and enforcing claims under Fidelity Policies

August & Debouzy Avocats – France

August & Debouzy was founded in 1995. Today we are one of the top law firms in France, with over 120 lawyers. Our teams include graduates of leading law faculties and business schools in France and other countries, Sciences Po, ENA, US and UK universities, and the College Européen of Bruges.

Our aim: provide swift and effective assistance in all areas of business law, at every stage from advice to litigation, in a fast-moving international environment.

Everyday, August & Debouzy strives to enhance the value, protection and defence of its French and foreign clients’ industrial property rights. We advise companies and public authorities on the protection of their trademarks and distinctive signs. We also conduct all necessary research into prior rights and perform all formalities in France and abroad to ensure their protection. We

defend these rights when litigation arises before the competent French courts or before the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM). In collaboration with patent attorneys selected on the basis of the technical field concerned, August & Debouzy protects and defends the inventions and patents developed by its clients.

August & Debouzy has developed considerable expertise in the fields of e-commerce, IT and new technologies. We negotiate and draft all types of contracts, particularly outsourcing, development and system integration agreements, software transfers or licenses and services agreements on behalf of many French and foreign companies. August & Debouzy advises its clients on the regulations applicable to their business activities, particularly as regards personal data protection, computerised exchanges and the consequences of new financial regulations on the organisation of their IT system.

August & Debouzy is particularly renowned for protecting and enhancing the value of companies' intangible assets (databases, know-how, software, designs and models, etc.). As regards the Internet, we frequently advise on cyber-surveillance issues (Internet charter) and on the enforcement of new rules on customer prospecting. Furthermore, we set up and advise on anti-infringement programs in France and abroad, as well as deal with any related litigation. August & Debouzy is able to represent its clients during commercial and criminal litigation in this respect.

BCGL Advocates – Malta

BCGL Advocates operates as 'chambers' from Valletta, Malta and was established in 1997. There are four advocate members, with a Notary Public in attendance. We cover all areas of law, except major criminal defence, with an emphasis on commercial advice and litigation and employment law, the latter area being the speciality of the Fraud Network Member, Andrew Borg-Cardona, who also handles asset recovery and insolvency work. Our predominant geographic focus is inland Malta. Dr Borg-Cardona was called to the Bar in 1980. He specialises in commercial and labour law, representing clients in negotiations, conciliation and arbitration proceedings, as well as advising on the impact of legislation on their operational structures. He is also concerned with financial services law, contract and company work, with connected litigation.

Given the nature of the firm, membership of The Fraud Network is individual, though all members of chambers are available to give assistance. Membership came about following

close and successful collaboration with Mishcon's in a major asset recovery case, before the firm was established, and Dr Borg-Cardona has remained in the network since then.

According to Dr Borg-Cardona the main advantage membership of the Fraud Network provides is the ready availability of colleagues in many jurisdictions who are quickly responsive to any queries raised.

There have been cases where other members and Dr Borg-Cardona have collaborated on ad hoc matters, such as asset identification, especially in the maritime field, as Malta has one of the largest shipping registries in Europe which in turn means that when vessels have to be located, we are well placed to give assistance.

Bufete Carreras Llansana Passeig de Gràcia – Spain

Founded in 1975 by Professor Jorge Carreras Llansana, the law firm is Llansana Carreras dedicated to protecting the interests of its clients in the courts of law.

Since it was established in 1975, a number of prominent professionals have joined the firm either as partners or lawyers. Today, they make up a highly skilled and experienced team.

Each client is allocated a team comprising a partner and a manager, responsible for preparing a work plan and for providing innovative and, wherever possible, creative advice.

Our open information policy and personal approach ensure that our clients are kept fully informed of the progress of their case and that they can understand the reasons for the strategic decisions taken. Underpinned by the latest technology, Bufete Carreras Llansana has the resources and experience to provide continuing legal support.

As part of our commitment to offering an efficient and personalised service, the standards of ethics and confidentiality of our profession are reviewed according to the circumstances of each client.

We serve individuals and businesses in all types of industry ranging from small enterprises to large corporations to anonymous private individuals through to prominent public figures and private sector. Whatever the area of expertise, we are dedicated to achieving the same goal: success.

The wide professional experience of our team has been critical to the firm's successful practice in a range of cases relating to civil, commercial, criminal or administrative law. Our areas of expertise include, among other things, claims for breach of contract, enforcement of foreign court decisions, and claims in

respect of civil liabilities arising from accidents.

The firm also specialises in bringing or defending criminal proceedings in relation to inquiries into fraudulent financial practices.

In addition to legal practice we offer expert advice on a range of issues relating to companies and individuals, including such diverse areas of law as civil law, company law, fiscal law, procedural law, administrative law, employment law and new technologies.

Crill Canavan – Jersey

"Crill Canavan has one of the best litigation teams in Jersey"...Legal 500

Crill Canavan was established in June 1992. Today it has six partners and 57 other lawyers, legal and support staff. Since its inception, the firm has witnessed many changes to Jersey's legal landscape. Local commercial transactions have become more complex and the introduction of sophisticated corporate structures has added a new dimension to the lawyer's work. International interest in Jersey has also grown and the firm now works extensively with law firms and barristers' chambers in other jurisdictions. Litigation is rarely planned for. At the outset of a deal or transaction, one naturally hopes that things will go smoothly. Our highly experienced litigation team is able to assist clients achieve the best possible outcome, whatever the circumstances. This may not necessarily mean going to court. There is a range of options for resolving a dispute and we will help choose the one that is right.

At Crill Canavan, we help resolve commercial disputes with the minimum of fuss and cost. With one of the largest commercial litigation teams on the Island, we can resource clients work correctly, saving them both time and money.

While we specialise in international and multi-jurisdictional disputes, we also handle domestic disputes, many surrounding Jersey trusts. The nature of the work means we work closely with law firms in other jurisdictions, particularly in England. We also have close relationships with several Barristers' chambers in England.

Dealing with Jersey's criminal law requires an in-depth understanding of the statutory and common law in this area. With two Crown Advocates who regularly advise the Attorney General on criminal law matters and who prosecute on behalf of the Crown, we are ideally placed to offer expert and pragmatic advice. Our criminal litigation team also undertakes defence work for private client and for legal aid clients. We are particularly experienced in fraud, money laundering and drug related offences.

Hatem Law – Turkey

The history of our firm dates back to 1910, when it was founded by Jak Hatem. After his retirement in 1967 the firm was overtaken by his son Izzet Hatem, who had already been working with him for more than 10 years.

Since its foundation, the firm has been dealing mainly in the fields of corporate, commercial, finance, maritime, aviation, administrative and insurance law and has offered services in areas of foreign investments, mergers and acquisitions and litigation, representing in these capacities numerous commercial and industrial companies, airlines, insurance companies, shipowners, P&I Clubs and others.

The firm consists of ten lawyers all of whom are members of the Istanbul Bar Association, paralegals and other support staff. This size of the firm enables us to offer a wide range of services in a personalized manner.

Our office maintains a close network with correspondent lawyers specialised in their respective fields in many cities all over the world.

The firm's lawyers lecture regularly at international seminars related to their fields of activity. All of them are fluent speakers of various languages including Turkish, English, French, Italian, Spanish and Greek.

Practice areas:

- Corporate and Commercial Law & Insurance Law
- Maritime Law
- Aircraft Finance & Aviation Law
- Banking & Finance Law
- IT and Telecommunications
- Property Law
- Administrative Law
- Labour Law
- Entertainment
- Litigation in respect of all of the above fields of Law.

Mishcon de Reya – UK

Mishcon de Reya is a London law firm with an enviable reputation, offering a wide range of legal services to companies and individuals. Progressive and open-minded, they work hard for their clients and fight for their success. Their strong client relationships and diverse client base - ranging from large corporates, to high profile individuals - is testament to this. Mishcon de Reya's 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 Mishcon's ability to develop and execute the strategies required to achieve their clients' goals in all these areas.

Mishcon de Reya combines considerable legal expertise and objectivity with hard-nosed business pragmatism in order to deal with the issues that individuals and companies face. When dealing with Fraud our approach is to seek pre-emptive relief where possible.

We have vast experience in handling large-scale, complex international Fraud litigation matters and our understanding of the most aggressive tactics employed on behalf of claimants allows us to provide the defendants we act for with protection against them, enabling our clients to construct the strongest case.

An example of Mishcon's solution focused, practical approach to issues is The Fraud Network, founded by Mishcon de Reya following a request from a multinational banking client who was having difficulties finding trusted advisors in other jurisdictions. Mishcon responded positively and proactively by forming an international network of like minded fraud specialists able work on multi-jurisdictional fraud cases.

The success of The Fraud Network and the strength of the relationships between its members was most recently highlighted by an instruction from one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies on the basis of our ability to instruct like minded firms within the Network. The Fraud Network enables us to add real value to clients as we can confidently vouch for the skill specialities and success rating of each network member. This gives clients substantial comfort when entrusting a firm to work on such sensitive and potentially explosive cases. The ability to service these clients on an international scale gives us a significant advantage in attracting business.

Görling Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH – Germany

At Görling Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft we specialise in difficult cases, in particular in the area of white-collar crime. We fight for the rights of the injured parties, take care of the settlement of damage, investigate the facts of a case, secure evidence and trace seizeable assets. We engage in complex civil litigation, safeguard the rights of the injured parties in criminal proceedings against the damaging parties and enforce debts nationally and internationally. We analyse weaknesses within our clients' companies, identify risks and investigate accounting and balance sheet manipulations. We also advise companies in compliance issues and provide competent crisis communication services. Our experts cooperate across our group companies and teams.

Dr. Claas de Boer became member of the Fraud Network to further the international background of the firm's practice. It is necessary for our clients' business that we, as their advisers, have experience in representing their interests abroad and can rely on trusted colleagues within the network.

The most significant advantage of our membership is to have colleagues in the network in other jurisdictions whom we can trust. Another advantage is that by regular network meetings we learn about other jurisdictions. On this knowledge basis we can more easily assess the chances and risks when addressing our clients' issues abroad. Our clients are regularly very thankful for such assessment.

We believe that especially for clients abroad communication is very important. In order to fully understand the legal impact of any action a client might take, we do not simply explain the German legal aspects of a case; we strive to take into account the background of the client. Only by taking this background into account and communicating on this basis we believe that we can fully act in the interest of our client and not merely offering the client a standard product others might offer, too.

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BCGL Advocates	Koch / Christensen
Bufete Carreras Llansana	M & P Bernitsas Law Office
Chorf,Weinacht& Associes	McClure Naismith
Crill Canavan	Mishcon de Reya
Des Gouttes & Associes	PETO EVI
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