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Founded in 1987, Interlegal is one of the world's first legal networks. In recent years it has expanded beyond Europe in response to the globalization of legal practices and the needs of business.

Today, Interlegal has member firms in the Americas, Europe, Africa and Asia. In the future, the Interlegal Network will continue its charted course of providing local excellence, working with clients wherever their business takes them.

The global legal network...



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Interlegal is one of the longest established and most experienced international legal networks.

Made up of independent commercial law firms in over 45 countries, Interlegal is an attractive and accountable alternative to a large international firm or to firms with offices in no more than one specific jurisdiction.

We counsel a diverse clientele, from large public corporations and public authorities to small businesses and individuals, offering clients a full range of corporate legal services, complemented by knowledge of business, customs and local culture within each country.

Interlegal's core aim is to provide its clients with ready access to high quality legal advice from firms with local knowledge to help them in their international and cross border transactions.

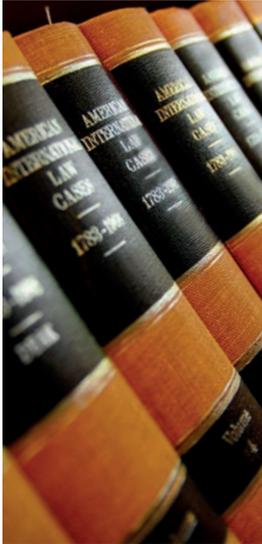
The range of services offered by firms in the Interlegal network is comprehensive with many areas of specialist expertise.

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How we work

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Local knowledge...

For clients facing the challenges of international transactions, commerce or cross border disputes, Interlegal firms offer quality legal advice at competitive cost – we do not follow a recipe or a one-size fits all approach. We work with clients to develop flexible service models ranging from simple referrals to integrated teams.

We believe in building strong, long-lasting relationships with clients and in delivering good value through the services we provide.

Our approach is clear. We listen carefully to our clients' needs. We strive to understand each client's business and work with clients, not just as a service provider but also as a strategic partner. Interlegal member firms are culturally sensitive to the ways of doing business in different markets.

Interlegal firms have made an investment in the resources necessary to build strong working relationships among our member firms. We communicate with each other on a regular basis, often daily. We exchange interns and lawyers.

Members also meet several times a year to share and exchange the information, ideas and resources required to properly advise clients in the complex global market place.

For a full list of Interlegal world wide locations see page 8 or go to our website www.interlegal.net

...global reach and resource

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Why chose an Interlegal firm for your international business



We are successful in evaluating the direct consequences of legislation on competition policy and can work with clients to eliminate technical barriers, amendments in company law, and laws regulating free movement of persons.

Interlegal firms work in close cooperation, enabling clients to benefit from the expertise and experience of a variety of lawyers specializing in different fields of law and in different jurisdictions.

Our members are constantly developing expertise in new and growing markets.

Interlegal collaborates with Eura Audit International, an international accounting group which brings together over 150 well established independent accounting firms.



EuraAuditInternational

ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT FIRMS

For specialist needs contact your nearest Interlegal member for information.

Areas of expertise and services covered from Interlegal members:

- Arbitration
- Banking
- Business Crime
- Commercial
- Contract
- Corporate Finance
- Debt Recovery
- Dispute Resolution
- Employment
- Environment
- Family
- Financing
- Information Technology
- Intellectual Property
- Insolvency
- International
- Joint Ventures
- Licences
- Litigation
- Mediation
- Partnership
- Procurement
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Development
- Regulation
- Securities
- Succession
- Taxation

Helping clients worldwide

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Here are a few examples of how Interlegal firms have worked together to meet clients needs.

Setting up a wholly owned foreign enterprise in China

An Interlegal member in the Far East advised a Belgium company and its Taiwanese business partner on setting up a wholly owned foreign enterprise in Shanghai, craft manufacturing for automotive interiors. It negotiated a joint venture agreement with the Taiwanese company and advised the parties on the best tax structure in relation to Chinese corporate and tax law. Negotiations also included a distribution agreement and licensing agreements to protect the client's intellectual property rights.

Cross-border insolvencies

An insolvent Norwegian oil company had a subsidiary company in Angola. The insolvency administrator needed advice on the value and the procedure for liquidation of the Angolan subsidiary. Interlegal firms in Norway and Portugal established the framework arrangements in order to obtain, in a fast and thorough way, to provide the client with the procedures and data needed to make an informed and diligent decision on the subject.

Development of a production site in Germany for an international automotive group

An international group of companies of the automotive sector based in the United States planned the development and construction of its first production site in Germany. The specialists of the German and British Interlegal member firms advised the client regarding the land purchase and the necessary development agreements.

During the construction phase the Interlegal firms advised the client on the development of the construction agreement and on negotiations with the executing contractor, as well as answering emerging issues during the construction phase. The result was a production-capable site constructed in short time to the satisfaction of the client.

Creating an overseas subsidiary

A US Company wished to create a European subsidiary; Interlegal, through its European Members, in a few days compiled all relevant data for the US company, including tax and corporate law aspects. Coordinated through its Dortmund member, Interlegal offered the client a single point of contact for all their European needs.



Overseas trademark registration

A US company contacted the New York member of the Interlegal Network for information on European Trademark Law. The US company wished to effect a fast and efficient registration of their trademarks throughout Europe. Again, Interlegal was able to provide the services for the registration of the European trademark, as well as for individual steps in the member states of the European Union and other countries throughout Europe.

Cross border insurance claim

Interlegal's US east coast member assisted a US based client with a potential claim, as a beneficiary, against an insurance company headquartered in Luxembourg.

The US firm consulted with Interlegal's Luxembourg member for advice. While making a formal demand from the US might have been successful, the firms together decided that such a demand coming from a Luxembourg firm could be more effective. The firms worked together on the demand letter and threatened litigation against the insurance company. After sending the demand and conducting several months of negotiation

the firms were able to obtain settlement of a substantial proportion of the claim from the insurance company for the client.

Cross-border subsidiary and employment transfer

Interlegal members in Italy and Norway provided legal assistance to a Fortune 500 Norwegian Group to help establish an Italian IT subsidiary. The client, a major supplier of oil and gas products, and world's third largest manufacturer of aluminum products, required the subsidiary to service other group subsidiaries and the transfer of some workforce. Professional services involved corporate law, tax advice and regulatory compliance, as well as negotiation among the concerned parties, including the workforce trades unions.

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Interlegal origins

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The origins of Interlegal began in 1984 with two French lawyers recognising the need for some kind of Europe-wide legal network to meet the growing cross-border needs of their clients.

Over the next five to six years careful research and negotiation between lawyers initially from France, Spain and Portugal, and then seven countries including England, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands, formed a network with a view to creating a European Economic Interest Group (EEIG). The network was formally established with law firm representation from the seven EU countries plus Belgium and Denmark and incorporated in 1989 as *Eurojurist*.

The network increased in size and achieved excellent legal service throughout Europe for clients ranging from small, privately held corporations to multinationals. Soon it was recognised that a wider global network was needed, as clients demanded help in overseas regions. In 1994, Eurojurist Network was formed, doing away with the membership restrictions regarding EEIGs. In 1996, the name was changed to **Interlegal** to reflect this change in outlook and service of the network.

Since then, the network has grown in size, adding members in the Americas, Asia, Europe and Africa and continues with its charted course of providing local excellence, wherever the clients' business may take them.

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Interlegal philosophy and support



Interlegal's philosophy is to develop through its network meaningful relationships among similarly minded, internationally diverse commercial law firms. We provide our members with the facility to offer and support professional worldwide legal services.

Member firms are chosen for their record as accomplished legal practitioners, with high ethical standards, who are engaged in the international practice of law and who can offer clients the expertise, personal service and quality required in the complex global market place.

Interlegal supports its members by providing the forum for the exchange and sharing of instructions, expertise, ideas, resources and exchange of interns and lawyers in an environment of mutual respect and friendly co-operation.

The Executive meet regularly and there are twice yearly General Assembly meetings for all the membership.

How to join Interlegal

The Interlegal network continues to grow and welcomes enquiries about membership. Membership enquiries should be directed to the Vice-President, the Secretary or complete an application form which can be downloaded from the website – www.interlegal.net.

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Interlegal members

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Worldwide locations

The network of Interlegal member law firms is truly global with representation in major business centres on every continent.

Europe

AUSTRIA
Vienna

BELGIUM
Brussels

CROATIA
Zagreb

CYPRUS
Limassol

CZECH REPUBLIC
Prague

DENMARK
Copenhagen

FRANCE
Paris

GERMANY
Dortmund

GREECE
Athens
Thessaloniki

HUNGARY
Budapest

ITALY
Milan

LIECHTENSTEIN
Vaduz

LUXEMBOURG
Luxembourg

MALTA
Swatar

MONACO
Monaco

NETHERLANDS
Breda

NORWAY
Sandvika

POLAND
Katowice

PORTUGAL
Lisbon

RUSSIAN FEDERATION
Moscow

SERBIA
Novi Sad

SLOVAKIA
Bratislava

SPAIN
Barcelona
Madrid
Calafell
Vendrell

SWEDEN
Stockholm

SWITZERLAND
Geneva
Lausanne

TURKEY
Istanbul

UKRAINE
Kharkiv
Kyiv

UNITED KINGDOM
Leeds
London

Africa

CÔTE D'IVOIRE
Abidjan

EGYPT
Alexandria
Cairo

TUNISIA
Tunis

Asia

CHINA
Shanghai
Guangzhou

INDIA
Mumbai
New Delhi

JAPAN
Tokyo

LEBANON
Beirut

SINGAPORE
Singapore

THAILAND
Bangkok

North America & Caribbean

CANADA
Montreal

USA
New York, NY

US VIRGIN ISLANDS
St Thomas

South & Central America

ARGENTINA
Buenos Aires

BRAZIL
Rio de Janeiro
São Paulo

CHILE
Santiago

MEXICO
Mexico City
Puebla

URUGUAY
Montevideo

Oceania

AUSTRALIA
Sydney
Melbourne
Brisbane
Canberra
Perth

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How to contact an Interlegal member firm

If you are looking for legal services for a transaction in a foreign country you can contact an Interlegal member in your own country or through the website. For more information and contact details see the Interlegal website – www.interlegal.net.

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