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Euroadvocaten is a collaboration between 23 independent law firms across Europe. The network includes over 800 lawyers based in 27 cities in 25 European countries.



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Welcome to the latest edition of the Euroadvocaten newsletter. The last bi-annual conference took place in Amsterdam, which was kindly hosted by our Dutch member firm De Koning Vergouwen Advocaten.

The conference gave the members a chance to discuss recent firm developments, various industry updates and also to discuss best practices.

These meetings ensure that the professional associations and strong links amongst members, formed over the last 20 years, continue to grow and develop all with the main end-goal of helping and supporting our clients throughout Europe.

The Euroadvocaten network is now preparing for its bi-annual conference in Paris, France. The meeting of the network will be kindly hosted by our French friends Cornet Vincent Segurel.

The upcoming meeting in Paris will be mainly characterised by the advancement of the perceptibility and the growth of Euroadvocaten to the public.

At the meeting in Amsterdam the network undertook landmark decisions on the future of the network, like the legal structure, a global expansion and the implementation of a board.

Furthermore the group discussed launch of further practice groups like the Sports and also the Employment/Labor Law Group.

This newsletter provides an update on the latest news and also gives the highlights of our last meeting in Amsterdam.

I hope you enjoy.

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Euroadvocaten members attending the conference in Amsterdam





Euroadvocaten Goes Global!

Euroadvocaten changing to Globaladvocaten

Euroadvocaten is delighted to announce that it will be shortly changing its name to Globaladvocaten.

Since its inception in 1990, Euroadvocaten has grown extensively. The group and the world in general has grown and Euroadvocaten is now responding to the needs of its clients to recognise that a global group

is now needed.

Law firms from the United States of America have already joined the network (please see below).

Firms in Asia, South America and Canada are also interested in joining.



New Legal Structure



▲ Zurich - The new registered legal seat for Globaladvocaten

To embrace the changes to the legal network, the group is also changing the legal structure.

The group used to be an European Economic Interest Groupings (EEIG) but having reviewed other options the Board of Directors has decided that a Swiss verein (association) would work better for the expanding network.

Baker & McKenzie was the first major law firm to become a Swiss verein, in 2004. Since 2009, Swiss vereins have been used in several mergers of large multi-

national law firms, as they allow regional profit pools and their related tax, accounting and partner compensation systems to remain separate while allowing strategy, branding, information technology and other core functions to be shared between the constituent partnerships

As the establishment of an association involves only little paperwork, it is an important legal form in Switzerland.

Globaladvocaten will have its legal seat in Zurich.

New American Members



Euroadvocaten is delighted to welcome two new member firms from the USA. Bartko, Zankel, Bunzel & Miller, located in San Francisco, and Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, located in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Bartko, Zankel, Bunzel & Miller

Bartko, Zankel, Bunzel & Miller is a mid-size complex litigation and real estate firm representing clients in antitrust, business litigation, IP and class action cases in California, nationally and abroad, as well as for real estate transactions with a commercial leasing practice second to none in the country.

The firm also provides formation, counselling and litigation services in franchise matters.

Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP

Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP is located in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA. Founded in 1925, Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP is a full-service business law firm with more than 245 lawyers, 60 paralegals and 500 employees in its five offices located in Toledo and Columbus, Ohio; Tampa and Sarasota, Florida; and Charlotte, North Carolina.



Guest Presentation

SHUMAKER.
Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP

The group were kindly given a presentation by David H. Conaway from new member firm Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP.



David H. Conaway
Partner, Bankruptcy Practice
Administrator

David kindly gave a presentation to the group which provided a detailed overview of his firm.

Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, is a full service business law firm with more than 250 lawyers, 60 paralegals and 500 employees in its five offices located in Toledo and Columbus, Ohio; Tampa and Sarasota, Florida; and Charlotte, North Carolina, USA.

He explained that the firm currently services:

- Rexam
- Fenner Dunlop
- Dana
- Syngenta

David commented: *"The majority of the firm's clients have a truly Global reach and therefore belonging to a network like Euroadvocaten makes perfect sense."*

Guest Presentation

**BARTKO
ZANKEL
BUNZEL**
BARTKO • ZANKEL • BUNZEL • MILLER

The group were also given a presentation by Benjamin K. Riley of our newest member firm Bartko, Zankel, Bunzel & Miller



Benjamin K. Riley
Principal of the firm and serves
on its Executive Committee

Benjamin K. Riley kindly gave a presentation to the group detailing the global reach of Bartko, Zankel, Bunzel & Miller.

Ben gave a very interesting presentation detailing the firm's experience in:

- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Privacy Litigation
- Real Estate Transactional, including acting for Nike, GAP, H&M, Ross

Firm overview

- 40 Lawyers in San Francisco
- Half Litigation/Half Corporate
- Litigation and Trial Practice

- Real Estate Transaction and Franchise Practice

Benjamin K. Riley

- 30+ years litigation practice in San Francisco and Silicon Valley
- 30 trials
- Large Network of Clients and Contacts
- President of ABTL
- California Lawyer of the Year
- Federal Judicial Representative
- Litigation Counsel of America

Special Interest Groups

As discussed in Istanbul, a decision has been made to form specialist interest groups within Euroadvocaten / Globaladvocaten

The aim of the special interest groups is so that specialists get to know each other, establish collaborative working, render a seamless provision of service, encourage relations between members, attract cross-border work, and obtain ranking in legal directories.

The current special interest groups are:

- Hagen Albus (RNSP Rechtsanwälte

Fachanwälte) will lead the employment specialist group.

- Markus Bösiger (BEELEGAL) will lead the sport group.
- A representative from ACT will lead the compliance group.

A Brief History of Euroadvocaten



Wim Jurgens

One of the founding members of Euroadvocaten, Wim Jurgens, has recently given an interview with regards to the the history of Euroadvocaten

In 1990 the international organisation of law firms 'Interjurist' already existed and members were, among others, Peter Säuberlich from Frankfurt (Germany) and Wim Jurgens from Dordrecht (The Netherlands).

The organisation was not very active and subsequently Säuberlich and Jurgens decided to shape their partnership differently, under a newly created European legal framework (European Economic Interest Grouping). Dordrecht (The Netherlands) was chosen as the official headquarters under the name 'Jurgens & Partners'.

Because of practical and legal European reasons the name was soon changed to Euroadvocaten.

In 1990, the first partners of the group were Peter Säuberlich, Wim Jurgens and Axel Friedberg (Vienna).

At the founding meeting in Frankfurt other members joined: Paky Houriet (Geneva), Kantoros (Athens), Chistopher Dixon (London), Marc van Passel (Antwerp), Michaele de Meo (Rome), Albert

Wildgen (Luxembourg), Dietrich Bernstoff (Munich), Bernt Laurissen (Copenhagen), and Félix Pereira (Lisbon).

It was at that first meeting in Frankfurt that the framework of the Statutes were formulated. Axel Friedberg became the first director of the group and Peter Säuberlich became Chairman.

Important decisions were made by the founders Säuberlich and Jurgens. Also, Paul Bakka representative of the Harris Law Group from Bergen in Norway was an early loyal member, as well as Ciaran O'Mara from Dublin.

The complex structure of the group has changed many times over the years. As history shows by example, Christoph Dixon from the London office of Fox & Gibbons relocated his office to Istanbul and then subsequently to Dubai.

Christoph's successor, Paul Sheridan, followed the same route and the Chairmanship then changed to Russel Shear of the large London firm, Edwin Coe.



The History of Euroadvocaten cont'd...



Many different law firms have belonged to Euroadvocaten for longer/shorter periods of time with ever changing representatives.

Firms that can be mentioned are the firms in Leipzig of Angela Müller and Hagen Albus (Germany), the firm of Bernstorff and that of Angelo Anglani in Rome, Xavier Roig in Barcelona and Madrid.

The principle of individual members instead of firms with more partners was however maintained.

It is also worthwhile to mention the names of the past Presidents of Euroadvocaten, whilst not exhaustive, these include: Peter Säuberlich, Chris Dixon, Wim Jurgens, Paul Bäkka, Marc van Passel, Angelo Anglani and Marcus Bösiger and lastly Russel Shear and the current President Christoph Roos from Bonn.

The growth of the Euroadvocaten member firms continued steadily. What started as small network has flourished to

became a professional partnership, shaped by many half yearly meetings in the European countries

Looking back and looking ahead brings me (Wim Jurgens) to a not very profound conclusion that the history of Euroadvocaten knows many educational and historical moments.

Over the last 25 years of Euroadvocaten approximately 50 semi-annual meetings have been organised by the various members and their offices, which are not only of juridical but also of historical and touristic value.

This in itself is an amazing achievement and can be regarded as a monument to which many have the best memories to keep.

Respect and cherish these facts.

Wim Jurgens (one of the founding members of Euroadvocaten and honorary member)

New Board Members

Euroadvocaten/Globaladvocaten is also delighted to announce that it has a new board structure.

The board consists of the following people who are listed with their responsibilities:

- Christoph Roos – Chairman
- Antonio Debiassi – Vice Chairman

- Michiel Vergouwen – Marketing
- Markus Bösiger – Practice Groups
- Hagen Albus – Finance
- David Conaway – New Members

Members Referral System

A reminder that all members should now be using the online members referral system to track incoming and outbound work.

The online members system is designed to bring the network even closer together. Members can log messages to each other and should be used to track all referrals that

take place across the globe.

All member firms should be using the members system.

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