

NEWSLETTER

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Firm leadership Interview

Luca Masotti, Senior Partner, Masotti Cassella

Tell me a little bit about the firm and where it fits into the corporate legal landscape.

The firm was founded by my father in the mid-60s - 1965 to be exact. Originally it was nearly exclusively a litigation boutique focused on financial litigation working for banks and financial institutions. I joined the firm in 1992 after a brief experience in a multinational company in Paris...

Read the full interview here

Feature Article

Bankruptcy being used (or, in the view of some, misused)...

The Third Circuit opinion in In re LTL Management LLC adds to the growing number of decisions looking at the extent to which bankruptcy can be used (or, in the view of some, misused) to resolve mass tort litigation. Johnson & Johnson...

Contributed by Keller Benvenutti Kim

Feature IP Article

Ukraine introduces a new law to strengthen IP rights protection

A new Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine on Strengthening the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights" No. 2974-IX (the "Law"), entered into force on 15 April 2023. The Law's aim is to strengthen IP rights protection in Ukraine and harmonise Ukrainian intellectual property legislation with EU standards

Contributed by Kinstellar

Professional Notices

Americas

DLA Piper

Welcomes Robert da Silva Ashley as a partner in the Finance group DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2023

Bolivia

Indacochea & Asociados

María José Martinez is named Partner

Brazil

Machado Associados

Professionals recognised

Campos Mello Advogados

<u>Arbitration Partner to teach Extension Course at Pontifical Catholic University</u> Partner approved by the Federation of Industries of Rio de Janeiro (FIRJAN)

Costa Rica

BLP

BLP promotes a specialist in criminal law to Partner

Czech Republic

Kinstellar

Announces new promotions to Partner and Counsel

Dominican Republic

Pellerano Nadal

<u>Urania Paulino appointed Partner</u> <u>Marielle Garrigó joins as Partner</u>

El Salvador

Consortium Legal

Appoints Director of Fintech and Crypto assets

Greece

Prentoulis Gerakini

Nikos Prentoulis recognized as a Global Leader 2022

Papapolitis & Papapolitis

Top Merger & Acquisitions service provider in Europe for 2023

Illinois

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough

Opens New Office in Chicago and Expands Cleveland Office

Professional Notices (Continued)

India

Luthra and Luthra Law Offices

Rajiv K Luthra awarded 'Managing Partner of the Year'.

Vikash Kukreti Joins as a Partner in the Firm's TMT Practice

Shreya Sircar Joins as a Dispute Resolution Partner

Mexico

DLA Piper

Panorama of Business Insights and the Elections in 2024

New York

DLA Piper

Welcomes Joseph Stefano as a partner in the Finance group

Nigeria

Banwo & Ighodalo

Sweeps the board in EMEA Rankings for 2023

Portugal

SRS Legal

Ana Luísa Beirão and Raquel Cuba Martins promoted to SRS Legal Equity Partners
Once again Tier 1 in the practice areas of Employment and EU & Competition
Distinguished with three awards

Puerto Rico

DLA Piper

San Juan Anniversary Reception

Saudi Arabia

Khoshaim & Associates

Strengthens its Capital Markets Practice

Slovakia

RUŽIČKA AND PARTNERS

Awarded Law firm of the year for the eighth time

Switzerland

Lenz & Staehelin

Tanja Luginbühl awarded Woman of the Year

Featured Matters

Texas

Vinson & Elkins

Lande Spottswood Named Among The Deal's Top Women in Dealmaking

Brazil

Campos Mello Advogados

Participated in the first issue of sustainable bonds by Banco do Brasil in 2023

Colombia

Posse Herrera Ruiz

Advised Sellers on the Sale of Facture S.A.S., to AKKR

Costa Rica

BLP

Advised IDB Invest on the granting a loan of up to \$115,000,000 to Banco Davivienda (Costa Rica) S.A. to increase climate financing in Costa Rica

Advised on the issuance of \$1.5 billion in Eurobonds by the Republic of Costa Rica

Czech Republic

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Advises S IMMO AG on its acquisition of office buildings and a hotel in the Czech Republic

PRK Partners

PRK Partners provided legal services to Taiwania Capital Management Corporation

Greece

POTAMITISVEKRIS

Pro Bono Litigation Case before the European Court of Human Rights

Successfully defended investigative journalism

Successfully defended charity and jewellery designer against 500k claim for IP rights infringements

Papapolitis & Papapolitis

ECM Acquisition of Pavlides Marbles

Guatemala

BLP

Advises Huntsman Corporation on the sale of its operation in Guatemala

Italy

Masotti Cassella

Assists Glenmark Pharmaceuticals with the acquisition of Sintesy Pharma

Romania

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Advises syndicate of leading banks on a EUR 500 million senior facility granted to RCS & RDS in Romania

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SRS Legal

Advises BP on joint venture with Iberdrola
Advises on the Sale of Gresart to Gres Panaria

Saudi Arabia

Khoshaim & Associates

Advises on Signing First Hospitality Share Exchange Transaction

Switzerland

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<u>Partner One acquires Stromasys</u> <u>Swiss Prime Site to sell Wincasa to Implenia</u>

Schellenberg Wittmer

Advises Credit Suisse on its strategic partnership with Taurus
Advises CargoRoll in a secured EUR 135 million financing transaction

USA

Bracewell

Represents PPL Electric Utilities Corporation in \$1.35 Billion Mortgage Bonds Offering

Chamberlain Hrdlicka

Wins ACG Houston Deal of the Year Award in Industrial Services

Sullivan & Cromwell

Advises on Stripe's \$6.5 Billion Stock Private Placement
Advises Rakuten Bank on Largest Japanese IPO Since 2018

Vinson & Elkins

Advised Stronghold Digital Mining, Inc. on \$10 Million Private Placement

Popular Articles

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Congo

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Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United Arab Emirates have signed a JV agreement

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Reorganization of the Supreme Council for Energy Affairs

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<u>Naira Redesign and Cashless Policy: Wither the Role of Bank Neutral Cash Hubs?</u>
<u>The Constitutional Amendment Heralding The Decentralization Of The Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry</u>

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East & Concord Partners

<u>Impact of revised Securities Law on compliance and insider trading Legal risks of share acquisitions in liquor makers</u>

Hill Dickinson

Zero-trust blockchain verification for WHOIS searches

India

Luthra and Luthra Law Offices

To Enforce, Or Not To Enforce, That Is The Question
The UK-India Connection and HNW Individuals
India's Digital Competition Act

Tuli & Co

Parties "May Be Referred to Arbitration" is Not a Binding Arbitration Agreement

Delhi High court Applies the Group of Companies Doctrine in a Reference to Arbitration

Commission Limits Lifted: IRDAI Commission Regulations & EOM Life and Non-Life Regulations

Japan

Atsumi & Sakai

Al White Paper - Japan's National Strategy in the New Age of Al

Oh-Ebashi LPC & Partners

The Private Equity Review 12th Edition: Japan - Investing

Malaysia

Zaid Ibrahim & Co (in association with KPMG Law)

From Digitisation to Tokenisation

Europe

Belgium

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The European Data Protection Seal as a Certification Tool

Van Olmen & Wynant

<u>Changes to Rules Regarding Annual Paid Leave</u>
<u>Upcoming EU Directive to Combat the Gender Pay Gap</u>
New Interpretative Communication on the EU Working Time Directive

Czech Republic

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Senate to approve the Amendment to the New Building Act

PRK Attorneys at Law

Legal Challenges for Chinese Companies in Europe in the New Era

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Some Ideas to reduce the cases going to Court

Prentoulis Gerakini

A counterclaim targeting the validity of an EUTM is not impacted by the withdrawal of the infringement action

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IP Law Galli

Counterfeit hotspots in Italy that brand owners should be aware of

Masotti Cassella

Medical Devices: Advertising That Does Not Require Authorisation

Macchi di Cellere Gangemi

Perhaps Not Everyone Knows That...
The Italian Tax Authorities Intervened Again...
Limits of the Power Not to Award a Tender
ChatGPT: Reflections on the Block Imposed on Italian Users

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Elvinger Hoss Prussen

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Do we hire indefinitely or do we "geringonçamos"?

Finally, "Decent Work"?

Brief Aspects on Electric Mobility in Portugal

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Recent normative acts impacting the activity of employers

Two new recent normative acts impacting the activity of employers

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Setting up operations in Slovakia

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State to tighten control over foreign investments

Spain

Chevez Ruiz Zamarripa

The new Securities Market Law and the introduction of the regulation of listed companies...

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Jacobacci | Abril

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Women and IP: Accelerating innovation and creativity in Sweden

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Federal Act on Combating Abusive Bankruptcy

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Ukrainian Investment Digest | Innovations and Technologies

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Burford, Petersen, and the Case against Argentina and YPF: An Explainer

Ejecuciones fiscales: ¿un alto a los privilegios de la AFIP?

Bolivia

Bufete Aguirre Quintanilla Soria & Nishizawa

Management of the System of Access to Justice

Gumucio & Abogados

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If change is constant and adaptability becomes survival, then what is change?

Brazil

Campos Mello (in cooperation with DLA Piper)

Sustainability and Taxes in Brazil

The Crisis of Credit Suisse and the Impact in the Brazilian Market

New Administrative Procurement and Contracts Law

Business Guide in Brazil 2023

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Decree Reduces IOF-Exchange Rates Gradually to Reach Zero by 2029

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Carey

<u>Law regulating paid passenger transportation apps</u>

Technical Guide on the labeling of cosmetic products

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Publication of the Act that reduces the workweek to 40 hours

Special permission for parents of minors with autism spectrum disorder

Reconocimiento Legal de la Telemedicina en Chile

Colombia

DLA Piper Martinez Beltran

The race to decrease carbon footprint, one brick at a time

Obligations in foreign currency in reorganization processes

Transparency and effectiveness of REDD+ projects

Posse Herrera Ruiz

New Expansion Auction For The Allocation Of Firm Energy Obligations In Reliability Charge Scheme

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Regulation of Law for the Attraction of Investors, Rentiers and Pensioners to Costa Rica: Golden Visa

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Usufruct of shares

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The Electronic System of Secured Transactions

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Trusts and Commercial Restructuring: Keynotes

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Clock is ticking... Bye, LIBOR

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How does the law for the promotion of foreign capital investment in Guatemala work?

Honduras

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Joint and Several Liability in Labor Matters

Ulloa Asociados

Agricultural Production Contracts Between Roman and common Law

Mexico

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State of Mexico – Cadastral Reforms

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Key developments and challenges in Latin America's anti-corruption system

Mexico is amending its Mining Law and related laws

Mexico amends several federal provisions on administrative matters

Dumont

Wanted regulations for new patent law provisions in Mexico

IP in the Time of COVID

Iberbrand

When did survival become a business?

Nicaragua

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Tax treatment of donations and other free transfers

Consortium

The influence of Intellectual Property and the challenges it faces

Puerto Rico

DLA Piper – Puerto Rico

Court declares Puerto Rico's 2022 labor reform null

Uruguay

Bergstein Abogados

Is a Judgment Issued Abroad Enforceable in Uruguay?

Good Faith in the Lawsuit: Between Ruse and Mischief (April 10, 2023)

The Warning Doesn't Betray: A Case of Anti-Union Dismissal

Hiring People with Disabilities

Transfer prices: foreign comparables vs. local comparables

Guyer & Regules

BCU establece obligación de informar a los cuentahabientes la identidad de ordenantes de transferencias y depósitos que les sean acreditados

Las últimas sentencias de relevancia fiscal qué tenés que conocer

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EPA's Proposal to Grant Class VI Primacy to Louisiana - Availability of Application Documents

Treasury Department and IRS Release Initial Guidance on the New Low-Income Communities Bonus Credit Program

Treasury Department and IRS Update Energy Community Bonus Guidance

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Land Trusts Should Be Aware of Proposed Easements Regulations

McAndrews Held & Malloy

Life science due diligence transactions: key considerations to manage risks and reap rewards

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Navigating the Business Landscape After Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank NFTs Found to Infringe Hermès Trademark

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SBA Expands Federal Contracting Opportunities for Small and Newer Businesses

Sullivan & Cromwell

OECD Modernisation of the Arrangement on Export Credits

NAIC Private Equity Initiative — Spring 2023 Developments

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Connecticut Federal Judge Tosses Out Another DOJ No-Poach Prosecution

EPA Proposes to (Finally) Approve Louisiana to Issue CCS Permits:

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Appeals of HUBZone Status Protests Shift to the SBA OHA

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Pennsylvania Ruling Can Help Redefine School Funding Formula

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Real Estate's Sustainability Challenge

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Recent Developments in ESG matters of relevance to public and private companies globally

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Pitfalls Associated with Troubled Businesses

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The End of Globalization?

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Bankruptcy 101: Bankruptcy Cases, Adversary Proceedings, and Contested Matters

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<u>Texas Southern District Court Upholds Exercise of Bankruptcy Code Provisions to Strip Subrogation Rights Against Asset</u> Purchaser

Words With Friends, Part 2: Insurance Requirements and Contracts, With Vince Morgan and Suzanne Day

Cooperation Credit: What Are the Rules Now?

Back to the Future, Part 2: Learning PFAS Lessons From the History of MTBE With Steven Cook

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Key Lessons for Associate Success from a Piano Teacher

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