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Melissa Ferrari: Melissa R. Ferrari is a Registered Nurse/Attorney and Civil Law Notary and is Board Certified in International Law by The Florida Bar. Melissa represents European claimants in US proceedings, many of which involve medical issues. Melissa is currently President of the Vorstand (board) of Verein Global Justice Network and President of the Board of Directors of the CLEAN Foundation (Stichting Consumers Lead Emissions Accountability Network). She is a member of The Florida Bar's International Law Certification Committee. [http://www.mrf-law.com/index.html]

Tom Goodhead: Tom Goodhead is one of the country's most in demand juniors particularly valued for his expertise in cases of medico-legal complexity and involving multiple jurisdictions. Tom has quickly developed a reputation as an advocate practising far beyond his call. He is regularly led by top silks and appears as sole advocate against leading junior counsel. Tom's principal areas of expertise are Clinical Negligence, Accidents Abroad and Product Liability. Tom's Clinical Negligence practice accounts for approximately 80% of his work. He acts exclusively for Claimants. His current caseload includes cases of severe birth injuries, avoidable strokes, delayed diagnoses of cancer, amputations, cauda equina syndrome, negligent bariatric surgery, misdiagnosed fractures and complex regional pain syndrome. Tom frequently appears on behalf of families at inquests. Tom's personal injury practice is dedicated to dealing with Accidents Abroad. He is currently instructed in claims arising from accidents in the United States of America, Jamaica, Mexico, Morocco, Turkey, France, Belgium, Ascension Island, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, Australia, Cambodia and Spain. He is a specialist in respect of claims arising under the Package Travel Regulations, the Montreal Convention, the Athens Convention and disputed issues of jurisdiction and applicable law. In the product liability and consumer rights sphere, Tom is currently instructed in numerous cases in the PIP Breast Implant Litigation. Tom is also instructed in a number of DePuy, Biomet and Stryker Metal on Metal Hip Claims, and the VW emissions Claims. [http://www.9goughsquare.co.uk/barristers/198/]

Antoinette Collignon: Antoinette Collignon is a specialist in cross-border liability and personal injury cases, product liability, employers' liability and private international law. She advises insurers, international claims agencies, companies, but also victims. In international affairs, she works closely with reputable law firms in Europe and the United States. She was there in 1997 when the Pan European Organisation for Personal Injury Lawyers (PEOPIL) was established. She served as its president from 2009 to September 2013, being the first Dutch person and woman to do so. Antoinette regularly lectures at conferences and seminars of the Pan European Organisation for Personal Injury Lawyers (PEOPIL) and other international organisations. She is a part-time lecturer at the University of Leiden and also gives lessons at SDU and Kerckebosch. She also regularly writes articles about her field. Antoinette Collignon and Tamara Novakovski form the Liability Law Section of Legaltree. After graduating, Antoinette joined Kienhuis Hoving in Enschede. She subsequently worked at Marree & Dijkshoorn and Beer Advocaten. She joined Legaltree in October 2010.

Memberships and ancillary positions: PEOPIL (Pan European Organisation for Personal Injury Lawyers) (cofounder, 1997), Association of Personal Injury Lawyers [Vereniging voor letselschadeadvocaten (LSA)], Association for Liability and Compensation Law [Vereniging voor letselschadeadvocaten (VASR)], IETL (Institute for European Traffic Law), GJN (Global Justice Network), Member of the Board, AAJ (American Association for Justice), Chairperson of External Complaints on Inappropriate Behaviour PANTAR, Amsterdam, Since 2011, lecturer at SDU on injuries: tips and strategies, Since 2014, lecturer at Kerckebosch on European law and traffic accidents, Since 2014, part-time lecturer on International Dispute Resolution at Leiden University, Department of Civil Law and Civil Procedure Law, Fellow International Academy of Trial Lawyers 2017. Awards and distinctions: International Trial Lawyer Leadership Award, July 2013Honorary membership of PEOPIL, September 2013, Honorary membership of PEOPIL, September 2013 [https://www.legaltree.nl/en/partmers/antoinette-collignon/]

Tzvi Brivik: In labor law, Tzvi Brivik handled the first urgent application in South Africa to protect the rights of a whistle blower employed by a major SA Bank. He was also responsible for the first application to Court alleging discrimination in terms of the Protected Disclosures Act. He has campaigned for the rights of Unions to be registered and recognized within the workplace. His approach on behalf of various unions was accepted in the Labour Appeal Court. He has won a major victory against the Western Cape Provincial Government on behalf of a partially sighted client who had suffered unfair discrimination. In the field of personal injury, Tzvi has had numerous multi-million rand judgments and settlements for injured clients and has litigated extensively in Johannesburg, Durban, Pretoria, Kimberley and Cape Town. He has substantial experience in medical malpractice claims and among his successful cases is a wrongful birth claim for damages against two gynaecologists who failed to observe the evidence of birth defects. Tzvi has also brought numerous traumatic birth incident matters to court against both private and state health facilities. [http://www.lyonsbriviklaw.com/about-the-members/#gallery-details-129]

Leonardo Amarante: Leonardo Amarante has been an attorney in Rio de Janeiro for the last 32 years, practicing in civil liability cases and working mostly for claimants. During the last decades, I have been involved as an attorney in some of the most known accidents and tort litigation cases globally, including aviation accidents (the Gol Flight 1907, which collided in midair with an American private jet, the Air France plane which crashed in the Atlantic Ocean), the hemophiliac tainted blood cases which were settled in a US Court after a FNC motion granted, asbestos claims and the Volkswagen emissions scandal fraud. [http://www.konardoamarante.com.br/equipe/]

Dr. Zvonimir Jelinic: Dr. Zvonimir Jelinic is employed at the Department of Civil Law and Civil Procedure at the J. J. Strossmayer University of Osijek School of Law where he teaches civil procedure, law of enforcement and related legal courses. So far Dr. Jelinic has been engaged in a number of speaking, lecturing and training engagements in Croatia and abroad. At the moment, his research interests are tied to different issues such as access to justice, efficiency of judicial systems as well as the costs and funding of civil litigation. He is member of Croatian Academy for Legal Sciences, US Alumni Community of Croatia as well as proud member of Global Alliance for Justice Education. He also serves as managing director of newly organized and registered J. J. Strossmayer University of Osijek Law Clinic for free legal advice "Osijek PRO BONO".

Jack Russo: Jack Russo is a managing partner of Computerlaw Group LLP since 1985. Mr. Russo is a frequent speaker on computer law issues and has given presentations to the American Bar Association, the Practicing Law Institute, the Computer Law Association, and the San Francisco Bay Area Intellectual Property American Inn of Court. Mr. Russo serves as an arbitrator, mediator, and early neutral evaluator for the U.S. District Court (N.D. California), the Santa Clara County Superior Court, and the American Arbitration Association, as well as a Judge Pro Tempore of the Santa Clara County Superior Court. Mr. Russo specializes in Internet, computer law, and intellectual property litigation. In addition, Mr. Russo is in charge of the Firm's entrepreneurship practice. [http://www.computerlaw.com/Our-Attorneys/Jack-Russo.shtml]

Mike Elsner: Michael Elsner litigates complex civil matters on behalf of people and businesses victimized by terrorism, commercial malfeasance, violations of human rights and inadequate security measures, managing cross-

border litigation and intricate investigations of infringement and abuse of human rights, multi-layered financial transactions and due diligence. Michael's understanding of the complex legal challenges of international matters is critical to litigating cases involving human rights and financial dealings. He uses legal mechanisms to track illicit finances, and his investigations through the maze of international banking and financial regulations continue to uncover violations that have allowed money laundering and terrorist financing.

Michael was a lead plaintiffs' counsel in Linde et al. v. Arab Bank, a suit brought on behalf of victims of terrorist attacks in Israel. In September 2014, a jury found Jordan-based Arab Bank plc liable for financing terrorist activity, including funneling financial support to top Hamas leaders and to the families of suicide bombers. It was the first time a financial institution has been held liable for financing terrorism. Michael also leads the worldwide investigation for liability evidence in the 9/11 Families United to Bankrupt Terrorism civil action against al Qaeda's alleged financiers and supporters. In this capacity, Michael meets with U.S. and foreign intelligence officers, witnesses, and informants, who have already helped him gather more than two million pages of documents in numerous languages identifying the activities of al Qaeda and its financiers. He is a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for this multidistrict litigation filed on behalf of more than 6,500 families and survivors of the 9/11 attacks. He also served as a member of the Plaintiffs' Committee in In re September 11th Litigation, a suit brought against the airline industry alleging that it failed to detect and prevent the attacks.

Michael is also leading the firm in its role as consultants to South African human rights lawyer Richard Spoor in his effort to take on leading global gold producers and seek justice for tens of thousands of exploited gold mine workers who are suffering from silicosis. The lawsuit was recently certified as a class action—the first occupational disease class action certified in South African history. The suit is providing meaningful access to justice for the indigent and rural workers who are dying from this entirely preventable yet incurable disease.

Michael began his career with the Manville Personal Injury Trust and then practiced complex civil litigation in New York in the areas of toxic torts, security, personal injury, bankruptcy, and whistleblower protections prior to joining Motley Rice attorneys in 2002.

Sharing his experience and insight as a lecturer and consultant, Michael has discussed anti-terrorism and human rights litigation on several national and international news outlets, including CNN, MSNBC, NPR and the BBC, as well as international anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism industry conferences. [https://www.motleyrice.com/attorneys/michael-e-elsner]

Jessica Sandberg: Jessica Sandberg is a Swedish and international family and criminal law specialist involved in several complex international family law disputes. She has handled several unique and complicated cases related to child abduction, criminal law issues and has a special focus on victims of crimes and specially victims of crimes of terrorism. [http://www.advokatsandberg.se/]

JUDr David Kubon: David Kubon is specialised in the law of capital market and securities, regulations and compliance, commercial law and damages. He has worked for top national and foreign law firms. From 2005 to 2010, he led the legal department of Patria Finance. Since 2011, he has been the head of legal department of WOOD & Company Financial Services, an investment bank. While working for the two biggest securities brokers in the Czech Republic, he contributed i.a. to a number of primary issues on Central European stock markets, advised on the sale of the Prague Stock Exchange or WOOD & Company Securities, implemented EU directives related to regulation and compliance, and helped to develop a leading Czech retail broker. [http://www.klblegal.cz/about-us/]

Jurjen Lemstra: Jurjen Lemstra is specialised in advising on and providing his expertise on litigation in corporate disputes. He regularly represents the interests of shareholders and interest groups in procedures before the investigations court in Amsterdam and in public tender cases. He is also involved in settlements and procedures regarding group action claims. In the area of financial law, he specialises mainly on the liability of the providers of financial products, the duty of care of financial institutions and the positions of financial supervisors. In addition to this, he advises shareholders and executive and non-executive board members in corporate governance and personal liability at or outside bankruptcy situations. Jurjen lectures at the Van der Heijden Institute in Radboud University Nijmegen. He regularly publishes articles in his area of expertise and is editor-in-chief in the journal of Corporate Law Practise. He is also a member of the corporate governance monitoring committee.

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Martijn Van Dam: Martijn van Dam represents national and international clients in corporate and commercial litigation. Martijn represents clients before the Enterprise Chamber ('Ondernemingskamer') of the Amsterdam Court of Appeal dealing with corporate disputes. Martijn also advises and litigates in the field of directors' liability. Martijn also deals with disputes involving the liability of providers of financial services and products and the duty of care of financial institutions. Martijn acts on behalf of and against financial institutions (banks, asset managers and financial advisors). Within the firm, Martijn is a member of the Class Action Team and represents parties that act in the interest of classes of aggrieved parties. He was involved in the class settlement ('WCAM') for the benefit of aggrieved consumers of DSB Bank N.V. a Dutch retail bank and in class proceedings against Petrobras representing the interests of affected investors. Martijn publishes frequently. Before joining Lemstra Van der Korst in 2011, Martijn worked at NautaDutilh as a member of the Corporate and Commercial Litigation department. Martijn obtained, cum laude, a master's degree in law from the University of Groningen, specializing in civil law focusing on corporate law. Martijn is admitted to the Amsterdam Bar and is a member of the Association of Corporate Litigation ('Vereniging Corporate Litigation') and the Association of Financial Law ('Vereniging voor Financieel Recht'). [http://lvdk.com/en/lawyers/martijn-van-dam/]

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