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Introduction

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About Us

Conyers Dill & Pearman is a multi-jurisdictional offshore law firm advising on the laws of Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands Bermuda and Mauritius. The firm specialises in company and commercial law, commercial litigation and private client matters.

Founded in 1928, the firm comprises 600 staff, including over 150 lawyers. We have recently added the provision of Mauritius legal advice and the incorporation of Mauritius Global Business Companies (GBCs) to our roster of jurisdictions and services.

Our affiliated “Codan” companies provide a range of trust, corporate secretarial, accounting and management services.

Conyers Dill & Pearman’s structure, culture and expertise enables the firm to consistently deliver a responsive, timely and thorough service. We provide clients with the highest quality legal advice from 11 global locations including offices in the world’s leading financial centres in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and South America.

Our Mauritius Practice

Our Mauritius practice encompasses an integrated global team, spanning our London, Dubai, Hong Kong and Singapore offices. The legal profession in Mauritius has been revised following the enactment of a law, permitting foreign law firms and local lawyers to establish law firms in Mauritius. We opened our law office in Mauritius in July 2009 following receipt of regulatory approval and registration of Conyers Dill & Pearman (Mauritius) Limited under the recent amended law permitting the creation of foreign joint ventures.

“There is clear blue water between Conyers and the chasing pack.”

(Legal 500)

“Local knowledge is complemented by a strong international presence...”

(Chambers and Partners)

Introduction

Conyers Dill & Pearman in Mauritius

The Mauritius office, based in the Ebene Cybercity, is licensed to practice local and international law and is complemented by Mauritius law practitioners based in our Dubai and London offices.

Our Mauritius practice focuses on general corporate and commercial work, with a particular emphasis on **investment funds, private equity, joint ventures, banking and finance transactions, project finance, shipping, aircraft registration and financing**. Our management company, Codan (Mauritius) Limited, provides incorporation, formation, administration, corporate secretarial and management services to global business entities. Mauritius is recognised for its network of double tax treaties, which provides an ideal investment route into the burgeoning Asian and African markets.

In addition to our office in Mauritius, we also have offices in the following locations:

- Bermuda
- British Virgin Islands
- Cayman Islands
- Dubai
- Hong Kong
- London
- Moscow
- São Paulo
- Singapore

The firm's presence in major international business centres enables it to offer a 24-hour international service.

Conyers Dill & Pearman represents many FTSE 100 and Fortune 500 clients for their offshore corporate and commercial matters, and has been involved in numerous large and complex transactions. We have advised in conjunction with leading onshore firms on merger and partnership projects involving private and government sponsored entities, sophisticated financing, and security arrangements. Our lawyers regularly advise on offshore aspects of large-scale infrastructure and construction projects and related documentation as well as insurance matters.

Industry Recognition



Conyers Dill & Pearman, Offshore Law Firm of the Year (The Lawyer 2009)

"A new entrant into the Cayman Islands tables, the team has been steadily growing, bringing more lawyers to this office."

(Legal 500)

"...Excellent reputation and long-standing prowess in Bermudian law..."

(Chambers and Partners)

... "always provides correct answers immediately."

(Chambers and Partners)

"This well respected and quality firm enjoys a good reputation both locally and internationally..."

(Chambers and Partners)

Offshore Law Firm of The Year 2009 Award.

(The Lawyer Awards 2009)

"...solid and highly responsive..."

(Legal 500)

"Widely regarded as the number one firm in Bermuda... Conyers continues to cement its wonderful reputation in the corporate/commercial field" and "branches in Dubai, Hong Kong and Singapore continue to flourish"

(Chambers and Partners)

"Bermuda's finest full-service law firm". 'A first-class law firm."

(Legal 500)

"Local knowledge is complemented by a strong international presence, thanks to offices in London, Dubai, Hong Kong and Singapore."

(Chambers and Partners)

Ranked in Band 1 for Offshore Firms and in the UAE and Asia for Investment Funds.

(Chambers and Partners)

"Recognised in Cayman Islands for Investment Funds."

(Practical Law Review)

Winner of Client Choice Award for Bermuda.

(International Law Office, 2007)

The only firm ranked in Band 1 in Bermuda for Corporate and Finance.

(Chambers and Partners)

Highest rank and the only firm ranked as a "Leading Firm" in BVI for Investment Funds.

"Recognised in Singapore, London and Hong Kong for Corporate & M&A deals."

(Legal 500)

Finalist in the Debt Market Deal of the Year Award 2009.

(ALB Hong Kong Law Awards 2009 Finalists)

"There is clear blue water between Conyers and the chasing pack."

(Legal 500)

Top ranked and highly recommended in Bermuda for Investment Funds.

(Practical Law Review)

Recommended in the Cayman Islands for Corporate and Finance. (Legal 500)

"It is a real testament to their commerciality and dynamism that Conyers Dill & Pearman have taken the lead amongst the offshore law firms by opening in Moscow. Clients and other professionals alike will find their presence on the ground in Moscow a tremendous benefit."

(Tony Humphrey - Global Head of Russia Practice Group, Managing Partner, Moscow Allen & Overy Legal Services)

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Practice Areas: ■ Corporate ■ Funds

Craig's practice covers all areas of corporate and commercial law, with particular emphasis on investment funds.

Prior to joining Conyers Dill & Pearman, Craig was the Head of Legal Affairs (Western Hemisphere) for Fortis Prime Fund Solutions (Cayman) Limited.

Craig attended the University of Natal, Durban where he completed his Bachelor of Commerce in 1992, majoring in Economics and Law, before going on to earn his Bachelor of Laws in 1994.



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Nicolas specialises in all aspects of Mauritius commercial and corporate law.

Nicolas was previously at Ireland Blyth Limited, the largest conglomerate in Mauritius as a Legal Affairs Manager. He was involved in numerous projects including the financing and construction of the Island's largest dockyard, the launch of the first private airline of the country (including financing and leasing of related aircrafts) and several cross-border financing transactions using Mauritius SPVs.

Nicolas graduated from Reunion University (France) in 1996 with a Licence en Droit Privé (equivalent to an LLB with specialisation in commercial law). He then spent a year as an ERASMUS exchange student at the University of Exeter (UK) where he obtained a Maîtrise en Droit International Privé (*equivalent to an LLM with specialisation in private international law*). He also obtained a D.E.S.S. Transports maritimes et aériens (*postgraduate specialisation in air and shipping law*) from University of Aix-en-Provence (France). Nicolas completed the Mauritius Council of Legal Education Course in 2003. He is a member of the Mauritius Law Society and the International Bar Association and speaks fluent French.

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Sameer specialises in banking/finance (including Islamic finance), corporate/commercial, investment funds, and trusts. Sameer has advised major international banks, foreign government agencies and multinationals on financing/investment structures. He has also been involved in various securitisation transactions and has substantial experience in setting up special purpose companies in Mauritius.

Sameer graduated with a BA (Hons) Law with Economics from the University of East London, UK in 1998 and completed the Bar Vocational Course (Council of Education, Mauritius) in 2000.

Sameer is a member of the Mauritius Bar Association, International Bar Association (UK) and Society for Trusts & Estate Practitioners (STEP) UK and speaks fluent French.

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Dev specialises in investment funds, specifically on inward and outward investment across India, China and Africa. He also focuses on Mauritian compliance matters, non-contentious regulatory issues and securities law. Dev graduated with an LLB (Hons) in 2001 and an LLM in 2002 from Kings College, University of London. He was admitted to the Bar of Mauritius in 2005, New York State Bar in 2002 (he does not currently practise US law), and the Bar of England & Wales at the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn in 2006.

Dev previously worked for the Mauritius Financial Services Commission on regulatory law and enforcement. He went on to become the sole in-house counsel to one of the largest Indian Private Equity groups based in Mauritius, and recently practised as a Barrister at a specialist Mauritian law firm. Dev is the Mauritius Chapter Chair for the New York State Bar Association and is a member of New York State Bar Association's International Executive Committee, International Tax Planning Association, and the Mauritius Bar Association. Dev speaks fluent French and Hindi.

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Sonia has advised on a broad range of legal issues with an emphasis on corporate matters, both local and international. She has substantial experience in dealing with clients in the offshore, business and financial sector and has advised numerous global business companies, offshore and international banks conducting business in Mauritius and clients wishing to set up investment vehicles in Mauritius. Sonia has also advised several large Asian conglomerates in relation to project finance and has a broad knowledge of memoranda of understanding and joint venture agreements. Sonia also advises on security matters and drafting the relevant security documents under Mauritius law.

Sonia practised as a barrister and was a member of JuristConsult Chambers, a well-recognised and established law firm in Mauritius, where she advised numerous global business companies, offshore and international banks transacting business in Mauritius and clients wishing to set up Mauritius investment vehicles.

Sonia obtained a LLB (Hons) from the University of Mauritius in June 1994 and passed the vocational exams of the Council of Legal Education in 1995. She was called to the Bar of Mauritius in March 1997. Sonia speaks fluent French.

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Vivien's practice includes all aspects of corporate and commercial law.

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Yanni obtained her LLB (Hons) from the National University of Singapore in 1997 and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore in 1998. Prior to joining Conyers Dill & Pearman, Yanni practised in the corporate and capital markets department of the Singapore law firm of Rajah & Tann, where she was a partner.



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Stacie was previously a partner at Singapore law firm, Rajah & Tann for over 6 years, where she advised on corporate and capital markets matters.

Stacie graduated from the National University of Singapore with an LLB (Hons), and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore in 1996. Stacie subsequently obtained her LLM degree (Commercial and Corporate Law) from University College London in 1998 and was admitted as a solicitor in England & Wales in 2001.

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Christopher has 30 years experience as a lawyer in the City of London. He joined the firm in November 2002 and assumed the Managing Partner position in 2008. He had previously been with Linklaters whom he joined in 1978. He qualified as a solicitor in England & Wales in 1980 (he does not currently practise English law), and became a Partner in the Corporate Department of Linklaters in 1986. From 1988 to 1991, he was a Partner in the Hong Kong office of Linklaters and at that time was admitted to practise in Hong Kong.

Christopher specialises in Investment Funds and Corporate law and for much of his career has been involved in establishing and advising companies in Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands and Bermuda. He advised on the establishment and listing of many “country” funds particularly those investing in countries in Asia including China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. More recently, he has advised on the establishment and operation of many hedge funds. He also has substantial experience advising international real estate funds. His corporate finance experience has included advising major international companies on transactions primarily in the areas of public and private M&A, joint ventures, securities issues and fund raising.

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Kerri’s practice includes all aspects of corporate and commercial law including, particularly, private equity transactions and closed ended investment funds, private placements and public offerings and the formation and structuring of joint venture entities. Kerri has advised numerous widely held companies in connection with offshore redomiciliation. Her practice also includes the acquisition, divestiture and restructuring of public and private companies. Prior to moving to Dubai, Kerri practised corporate law in Conyers Dill & Pearman’s Bermuda office.

Kerri graduated from the University of British Columbia with an LLB in 1993 and obtained an LLM from Harvard University in 1996. She was admitted to practise in British Columbia, Canada in 1994, in Ontario, Canada in 1996 and in Bermuda in 2001. She is also admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales (she does not currently practise English law).

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Anthony joined the firm in 1991 and has been a partner in the Corporate Department since 1995.

Anthony's practice includes all aspects of corporate and commercial law with specialist expertise in securities law and the establishment of hedge funds, mutual funds, unit trusts, partnerships and other investment funds. Anthony is actively involved in developing the Firm's anti-money laundering policies.

Prior to joining Conyers Dill & Pearman, Anthony worked in the commercial department of the London and Hong Kong offices of Slaughter and May where he was involved in a number of diverse transactions including corporate restructuring and reorganisations, corporate finance and securities.

Anthony received a BA (Hons) Law degree from the University of Kent at Canterbury and a Bachelor of Civil Law degree from Brasenose College, Oxford in 1987. He was admitted to the Bar of England & Wales in 1987 and to the Bermuda Bar in 1991. Anthony is Chairman of the Bermuda International Business Association (BIBA) Legislative Change Committee, a member of BIBA's Investment Funds sub-committee, Chairman of the Tax Appeal Tribunal, a board member of the Financial Intelligence Agency and a Justice of the Peace. Anthony also served on the Board of the Bermuda Monetary Authority for over ten years.

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Tan Woon Tiang is the head of the Singapore office. His practice includes all aspects of corporate and commercial law with particular emphasis on corporate finance transactions.

Woon Tiang obtained his LLB from the National University of Singapore and was admitted as an advocate & solicitor in Singapore in 1985. He was admitted as a solicitor in England & Wales in 1994 (he does not currently practise English law), in Hong Kong in 1996 and in the British Virgin Islands in 2001. He is also registered in Bermuda to practise law.

Woon Tiang co-authored the book *Interlocutory Injunctions*, published by Butterworths and authored the Singapore chapter of *International Corporate Insolvency*, also published by Butterworths.

He is a member of The Law Society of Singapore, the International Bar Association, the CFA Institute and the Singapore Society of Financial Analysts. Woon Tiang is a CFA charterholder.