



## **US LEGAL SERVICES IN EUROPE**

(Geoffrey V. Morson)

***US Legal Services.*** Professional services include a broad range of business, regulatory, compliance, transactional, taxation and litigation activities.

***Specialized Areas*** Intellectual property (including copyright, trademarks, data protection and new media); international white collar crime / RICO; piercing and defending bank secrecy; asset tracing and protection; extra-territorial effect of US laws; simultaneous transnational litigation; US international taxation; interplay between civil and criminal litigation; class actions and qui tam litigation. *Plus*, assistance regarding US legal audits, international M&A due diligence, and compliance with US laws (including Hart-Scott-Rodino, DoddFrank, Sarbanes-Oxley, PCAOB, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Foreign Assets Control Regulations, Exon-Florio, Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”), etc.) and US federal court cross-border discovery pursuant to 28 USC 1782 and Aérospatiale.

My litigation services are available to US clients with litigation which extends into Europe and to European clients who find themselves facing (or pursuing) litigation in the US. Often such events run in parallel and need to be coordinated professionally, across several jurisdictions.

***US Litigation*** Professional services regularly include: initial case evaluation, assessment and formulation of strategy and tactics; preparation of pleadings, litigation plans and “law and motion” matters; conducting (or defending) depositions in Europe for use in US proceedings; witness location and interviews; assembly and analysis of relevant documents; formulation and co-ordination of discovery and litigation strategy on a country-by-country basis; carrying out other instructions of General Counsel and/or other referring attorney and assistance in the selection and appointment of local counsel and experts.

***Non-US Litigation*** Advice regarding forum selection and selection of local counsel, experts and advisors; assistance regarding formal and informal discovery; witness location and interviews; document assembly and interpretation; opinions on US and international law; assistance regarding overall strategy and containment of exposure and/or pursuit of remedies.

**US Bar Admissions: California (1972), New York (1984)** (both, active and in good standing)

**Numerous Federal Courts (including 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit)**

**US Tax Court (1974)**

**US Court of Federal Claims (1974)**

**Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (1974, fka US Court of Customs + Patent Appeals, 1982 as Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit)**

**Reported US litigation cases include:**

**Au-Yang v. American Builder's Association, 226 Cal. App. 3d 170 (California Court of Appeals, 1990) [non-compulsory joinder in construction arbitration of undisclosed principal in Taiwan].**

**Blank v. Kirwan, 39 Cal. 3d 311 (Supreme Court of California, 1985) [Noerr-Pennington doctrine, antitrust; political corruption; RICO].**

**Mediterranean Enterprises, Inc. v. Ssangyong Construction Co., 708 F. 2d 1458 (C. D. Cal. 1983, US Court of Appeals) [arbitrability of quantum meruit clause under Federal Arbitration Act, regarding major construction projects in Yanbu & Jubail, Saudi Arabia, overriding Korean choice of law clause].**

Undergraduate Degrees: Economics & Finance (B. Sc.)  
French Baccalauréat

Doctoral Dissertations: The Bankruptcy Act and the UCC in Quebec  
The Swiss Bank Secrecy Act

Other (post-graduate): College of Europe (Collège d'Europe) (Bruges, Belgium). Certificate in European Union Law (1996)

**Prior professional affiliations:** Fulbright & Jaworski (Houston TX and London, England – now aka Norton Rose Fulbright); Bingham McCutchen (Los Angeles CA) (formerly McCutchen Doyle Brown + Enersen / McCutchen Black Verleger + Shea (San Francisco / Los Angeles) (international business litigation and arbitration; oil and gas law; maritime law and litigation; US international taxation; international M&A; intellectual property matters; white collar crime; cross-border investment and infrastructure finance and development; etc., etc.).

Foreign languages (fluent): French, German

Legal education (JD): Harvard Law School

**Selected legal publications, in journals:**

European Lawyer, "**Deconstructing the Law of the European Union: Part I**", (November 2003)