

CARROLL, BURDICK & MCDONOUGH EXPANDS INTERNATIONALLY

Combination Gives California Law Firm Offices in Stuttgart and Munich, Germany and Hong Kong, China; Ideal for Global Litigation Management

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22, 2010 – Carroll, Burdick & McDonough LLP, a preeminent California litigation and business law firm, today combines its operations with Smith & Partners, a boutique litigation firm with offices in Europe and Asia.

The combined firms, which operate as Carroll, Burdick & McDonough, have attorneys fluent in more than 12 languages, on three continents and are now poised to become leaders in global litigation management. Other key areas of practice include U.S. and worldwide insurance coverage work, international electronic-discovery expertise, commercial litigation, business/corporate transactions, global preventative, regulatory and safety advice, labor/employment, intellectual property, patent litigation, toxic torts, and real estate.

"We consider it a distinct coup to expand with three foreign offices when so many firms are closing or consolidating both domestic and international operations," said Vicki Freimann, managing partner of Carroll, Burdick & McDonough's domestic offices. "We've proven that with the right attorney mix and solid legal strategy, a mid-sized, boutique firm can successfully handle even large-scale, global litigation and cross-border business transactions. Our combination with Smith & Partners offers clients an extensive team of litigators with truly unmatched experience in international litigation defense work that can assist from any or all three business-intensive continents."

"The combination made sense for numerous reasons," said Tim Smith, who manages the international offices of Carroll, Burdick & McDonough. "Chief among them, our existing clients are excited about the expanded reach, and frankly, we collectively offer potential clients the type of international team they've been telling us they are looking for."

Smith is an international trial lawyer with significant experience litigating civil and criminal legal matters around the globe. He has successfully managed high exposure litigation in more than 65 countries for clients involved in a wide range of industries, such as motor vehicles, aircraft, firearms, power tools, pharmaceuticals and food products. Smith also has direct experience in cross-border human rights litigation, catastrophe management and global crisis communications.

"Given the sophistication of communication we see from the international plaintiffs' bar, numerous clients come to us to gain the benefits of a coordinated approach from the defense side, not to mention our depth of trial attorneys across the globe. We see this trend continuing," adds Dr. Alexander P. Imberg, Chair of Carroll, Burdick & McDonough's domestic German and Products Liability practice groups, and licensed both, in Germany and the U.S.

"It is truly unique that over 20 percent of our attorneys have legal educations in two or more countries, which is unheard of in a firm our size. Our international practice groups already do extensive work for European manufacturers and other clients from our California offices, so it really makes sense for us to have a strong presence in Europe, and particularly in Germany," said Dr. Matthew Kemner, a partner in Carroll Burdick & McDonough's domestic German practice.

The combined firms now have California offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento and Walnut Creek and international offices in Stuttgart and Munich, Germany and Hong Kong, China. The firm represents local, national and international clients in a diverse litigation and business practice, focused on appellate litigation; complex insurance matters; products liability litigation; corporate, commercial and real estate transactions; real estate and construction litigation; complex commercial, business and tort litigation; toxic tort defense; labor and employment litigation and counseling; and intellectual property litigation and counseling, patent litigation, licensing and development. On the net: www.cbmlaw.com