

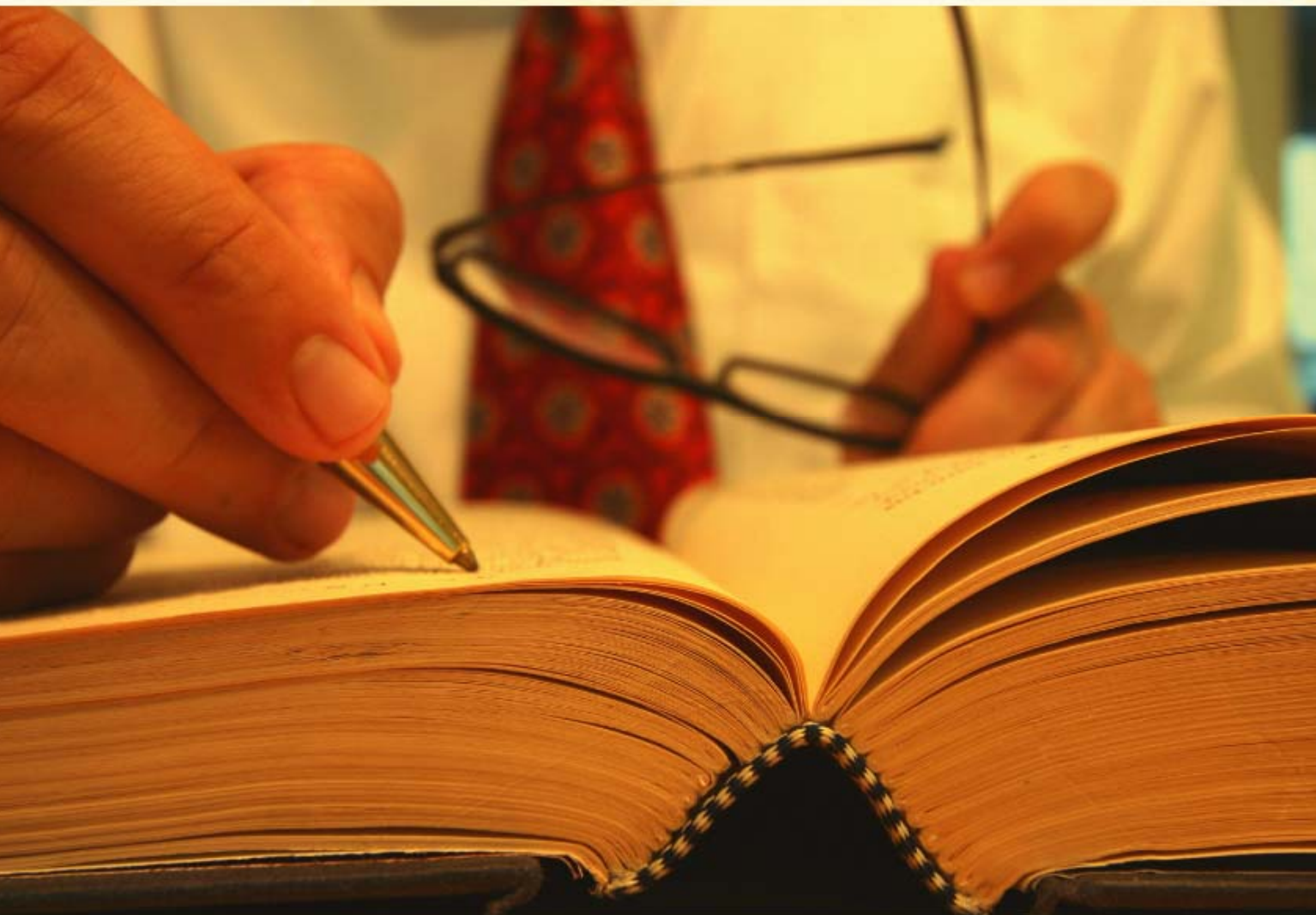
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The service of handling judicial and litigious affairs and solving conflicts in general by our firm consists mainly of a Committee of five Partners, a partner in charge, professional associates with a vast knowledge and experience exclusively in the juridical practice, together with highly qualified assistants engaged full time to litigation practice and other methods for the resolution of conflicts, among them, the arbitration.

Our professional practice in the area of Commercial Law is not limited to the structuring of businesses. The Litigation Department is always ready to respond to the needs of our clients and protect their interests in the event that a conflict of interest may arise from a simple dispute up to judicial limits.

Civil Lawsuits

Our body of lawyers is dedicated to matters of a civil nature, derived from obligatory relationships in general as:

- The constitution and transfer of proprietary rights
- The execution of personal and real guarantees, such as bonds and mortgages
- Litigious affairs in matters of purchase and sale of real estate, leases and those related to Notarial and Registration Law.

Commercial Lawsuits

Our firm has the capacity to take on litigious affairs related to the businesses of:

- Banking
- Financial operations

- Commercial Property and Real Estate
- Transactions derived from the sale and use of goods in general
- Operations of import, agency and distribution and representation
- Operations related to the offer, purchase and sale of securities
- Other matters of commerce in general
- Process advising of antitrust action, consumer protection law, unfair competition, and class action procedures

Arbitration and Alternate Methods to Resolve Conflicts

In recent years, government authorities have devoted many efforts so that the solutions of conflicts may not always end in trials. Alternative methods, such as Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration have earned important positions, especially in the area of commercial business due to the benefits provided by them.

The main benefits among these alternate methods are as follows:

- The brief timeframe involved for the solution of a conflict
- The active participation of the affected individual in the solution of the conflict
- The simplicity of its procedures

Our professional team involved in these activities is specialized in assisting individuals who participate in Conciliation as well as Mediation procedures. In the case of Arbitrations, we count with various partners and associates as approved members in the lists of arbitrators at national and international levels, with proven experience as litigants in both national and international arbitrations.

Labor Lawsuits

Additionally to the legal counsel offered in all aspects of a commercial nature, our firm has been for many years involved in lawsuit matters in the labor field. Our professional practice in this discipline covers:

- Disputes arisen at all stages of the work relationship, as well as those proper of its ending phase.
- Claims regarding matters of salary, working hours, liquidation, employee - employer benefits, dismissals
- Collective conflicts, both in the negotiation of collective work agreements phase as well as the contentious matters which arise from said conflicts.

We offer our clients a multi-disciplinary team (accountants, experts, industrial psychologists, etc.) dedicated every day to assisting the judicial practice of the specialization in Labor Law.

Maritime Lawsuits

With the creation of the Maritime Court of Panama in the year 1982 the Trial Department offers its local and international clientele all its knowledge and infrastructure to attend:

- Claims derived from the water transport of merchandise
- Disputes originated from the non-compliance of charter contracts
- Judicial execution of maritime credits originated from port services and ship purveyances
- Dispatch of bunker and fuel in general, collision, salvage
- Claims relating to the transit of ships through the Panama Canal

Contentious Matters of a Fiscal and Administrative Nature in general

The thorough compliance of the fiscal obligations, as well as the defending of the individual rights before the Government requires continuous professional counseling, given the undeniable permanent presence of the Public Administration in the corporate and personal tasks and activities.

Matters of an administrative nature seen by our Trial Department cover the entire specter of the governmental activity, such as:

- Administrative concessions
- Public bids
- Claims before social security and other agencies of the Government
- Actions derived from the undue use of trademarks and patents of invention
- Unfair competition, free competition and consumer protection