The international practice of RMKB is headed by a French National and a lawyer who is a native of Hong Kong. This practice group includes attorneys who speak French, Italian, Spanish, German, Korean, Mandarin and Cantonese (we have other language abilities within the firm that can be used). Our attorneys have advised companies around the world. The diversity of practice and experience of our lawyers enables the firm to provide a wide range of services to foreign corporations doing business in the United States and US companies working overseas, particularly in the high technology and green tech industries of Silicon Valley.

Our international practice includes transactional work, including entity formation, protection of intellectual property, contract negotiations and venture capital investments, as well as litigation, on behalf of and against foreign companies. We also have extensive experience in tracing assets and ownership of foreign companies in the enforcement and collection of judgments.

RMKB has represented numerous US companies in M&A deals throughout Europe, Asia and Latin America; as well as foreign companies in the establishment of US subsidiaries and acquisition of US companies.

The admission of one of the attorneys of this practice group to the Quebec Bar enables RMKB to offer a wide range of legal services involving Canadian laws, both locally and in Canada.

RMKB is affiliated with the firm of Liau, Ho and Chan, one of the leading mid-sized Hong Kong law firms. This firm delivers a full range of legal services to the Asian market, including associations in Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen, Singapore, Thailand and Sydney, Australia. Examples of our international experience in the Asian market include representation of a foreign company for the construction of a golf course in Hangzhou, negotiation for purchase of a U.S. newspaper company on behalf of a Chinese company, legal work related to the purchase of a Hong Kong stock brokerage company on behalf of a Chinese company, and the legal work involved in the sale of a well known hotel in Shenzhen on behalf of a Hong Kong company.

Examples of our experience in the European market include: The representation of a French software company with U.S. and Singapore subsidiaries in its $17.5 million acquisition by a Santa Clara-based publicly traded company; representation of a French jewelry manufacturer in a breach of contract action; representation of a French health care insurance company intending to issue a California health insurance policy for expatriates; organization and representation of an European technology company establishing California operations to develop and manufacture proprietary microprocessors; and representation of a pool of European investors representing $5.0 million in the $14.3 million financing of a Silicon Valley-based emerging software company; settlement and joint venture between US, and Italian and Singapore renewable energy/bio fuel companies.

Representative Experience

Attorneys: Todd A. Roberts
Key Issues: Misappropriation of Trade Secrets; Foreign Company
Venue: United States District Court for the District of Michigan
Client Type: Defendant Taiwanese Based Company

Description: Represented a Taiwanese based company with U.S. operations from allegations of misappropriation of trade secrets relating to an alleged proprietary manufacturing process. The claim involved approximately $10 million in alleged damages.

Result: Successfully compelled a dismissal with prejudice.

Attorneys: François G. Laugier

Key Issues: Corporate Restructuring; Inversion (“flip”) of Company
Client Type: Digital Media Company

Description: Represented European technology companies in their corporate structure inversion (“flip”) resulting in the existing foreign company becoming the wholly-owned subsidiary of a newly formed US entity. Negotiated with existing shareholders and investors, drafted all US documentation, and supervised tax advisors and foreign counsel.

Attorneys: François G. Laugier

Key Issues: Outside General Counsel from Formation to Acquisition
Client Type: Software Company

Description: Represented a US public company in its $3.5 million asset purchase of a Swiss company’s equipment and technology used in the manufacturing of women’s apparel.9) Organized and represented a software company specializing in wireless communications software. Drafted and negotiated all bundling, joint development and distribution contracts with US, European and Asian partners. Prosecuted US trademarks. Handled a $ 17.5 million cash acquisition by the US public company.

Attorneys: François G. Laugier

Key Issues: Foreign Investment in Silicon Valley Software Company
Client Type: Institutional Investor

Description: Represented a Swiss bank in its acquisition of privately held shares of a Silicon Valley-based high tech company.

Attorneys: François G. Laugier

Key Issues: International Stock Option Plans
Client Type: Private Information Technology Companies

Description: Represented several bi-national companies in the drafting and implementation of their Stock Option Plans.

Attorneys: François G. Laugier
Key Issues: Acquisition (For Buyer)
Client Type: Publicly-Traded Foreign Biopharmaceutical Company
Description: Represented a European public corporation in its $28.5 million cash and $18 million earn-out acquisition of a California-based manufacturer of leading biopharmaceutical storage and transport technology.

Attorneys: François G. Laugier

Key Issues: Settlement of Commercial Dispute
Client Type: Spinal Implants Manufacturer
Description: Represented a French manufacturer of spinal implants in a commercial dispute with a US distributor. Coordinated development of the case, prepared international discovery and drafted motions with company executives and local co-counsel.
Result: Obtained a favorable settlement for our client.

Attorneys: François G. Laugier

Key Issues: Organization of Business Entities
Client Type: Software Development Company
Description: Responsible for all aspects of the organization of a software development company using the labor of Russian software engineers.

Attorneys: François G. Laugier

Key Issues: Technology Licensing
Client Type: Microprocessor Design Company
Description: Responsible for all aspects of organization and legal work associated with a microprocessor design company. Represented the company in negotiations with contractors, developers and venture partners.

Attorneys: François G. Laugier

Key Issues: Acquisition (For Sellers)
Client Type: Voice Over IP Software Company
Description: Represented a French software company specializing in IP telephony in its $14 million stock acquisition by a US public company.

Attorneys: François G. Laugier

Key Issues: Trademark
Client Type: UK Internet Company
Description: Represented an English internet company in the purchase of a US domain name and in related trademark matters.
Attorneys: François G. Laugier
**Key Issues:** Formation Through Late-Stage Growth of Internet Company
**Client Type:** Private Internet Company

**Description:** Represented a Silicon Valley veteran in the organization of a new venture dedicated to Internet data mining. Organized corporation as investment vehicle for seed financing. Represented corporation in Series A through D Preferred Stock Issuance and coordinated financing from multiple international sources. Drafted technology licenses, a Stock Option Plan and agreements, employment contracts, and International (US, EU, Japan, Mexico, Canada) trademark applications.

Attorneys: François G. Laugier
**Key Issues:** Joint Venture; License Agreement
**Client Type:** Public Corporation

**Description:** Represented a subsidiary of a French public corporation in all aspects of negotiations of European joint venture and license agreements with US entities. Negotiated a comprehensive agreement with a leading semiconductor manufacturer for the design, manufacture and distribution of an internet appliance developed for the European market.

Attorneys: Gerald G. Knapton
**Key Issues:** Litigation Management
**Venue:** San Francisco County Superior Court & Arizona
**Client Type:** Alcohol Producer

**Description:** A Korean Soju producer made many rather speculative investments in the United States and some of these resulted in litigation. The company was experiencing problems managing the litigation and explaining its concerns to the American counsel while being charged very large sums of money for some of the litigation which was being incorrectly staffed and badly managed by the law firms that were retained by the company. The distant client felt powerless to change the situation. Through business connections in Asia, we negotiated reasonable charges for some litigation, suggested a change of counsel in others and monitored the ongoing cases for general counsel. A systematic procedure for budgeting, staffing and monitoring the litigation and the charges was implemented.

**Result:** Our work resulted in a substantial reduction in the charges to the client.

Attorneys:
**Key Issues:** Contract Negotiation
**Client Type:** Trust & Investment Company in China

**Description:** Negotiated with a renowned American golf designer for an international contract to construct a world class golf course in China. The project involved 660 acres of land and plans for a 36 hole golf course and 770 resort villas. The contract terms developed stipulated arbitration in Hong Kong, and was governed by California law.

**Result:** Successfully executed an international contract (U.S-China) for construction of a golf course facility in...
Attorneys:
Key Issues: Immigration; Permanent Residence
Venue: U.S. Immigration Department
Client Type: Chinese Individual
Description: Represented a Chinese citizen in his permanent residence application to immigrate to the United States. The client is recognized worldwide for his expertise in strategic Go games competitions and in the top 10 rankings. He immigrated to the United States under the immigration category of "Persons With Extraordinary Abilities."

Result: Successful approval of U.S. Citizenship for Client.

Attorneys: David M. McLaughlin
Key Issues: Piercing Corporate Veil
Venue: Federal Court of Northern California
Client Type: Defendant Taiwan Computer Mother Board Manufacturer
Description: A U.S. publicly listed corporation alleged that our client, a Taiwan publicly listed company, was responsible for its subsidiary work in $10 million contract damages.

Result: Successfully obtained a unanimous 8-0 verdict in favor of our client.

Attorneys: Robert A. Rivas
Key Issues: Sexual Harassment; Hostile Work Environment; Gender Discrimination
Venue: USDC: Central District of California
Client Type: Defendant International Wallcovering Company
Description: Represented the defendant, an international wallcovering company, in an action alleging sexual harassment, hostile work environment and gender discrimination.

Result: The matter was resolved in a successful settlement.

Attorneys: Robert A. Rivas
Key Issues: wine beer and spirits transactional manufacturing
Client Type: Spirits Brand Owner and Manufacturer
Description: Developed the structure of a spirits brand and negotiated and drafted international production, manufacturing, importation and distribution as well as master distiller agreements. Registered trademark and trade dress in United States and abroad and negotiated and drafted IP licensing agreements.
Attorneys: François G. Laugier  
**Key Issues:** Acquisitions (For Buyer)  
**Client Type:** Foreign Publicly-Traded Naval Technology Company  
**Description:** Represented a publicly-traded French company developing underwater exploration equipment in its acquisition of California-based software company.

Attorneys: François G. Laugier  
**Key Issues:** Organization of Business Entities; Commercial Contracts  
**Client Type:** Aircraft Maintenance Company  
**Description:** Responsible for all aspects of organization, domestic and international legal work associated within an aircraft maintenance company set up to assure the maintenance of a leading aircraft manufacturer fleet.

Attorneys: Robert A. Rivas  
**Key Issues:** wine beer and spirits transactional manufacturing  
**Client Type:** Spirits Brand Owner and Manufacturer  
**Description:** Developed the structure of a spirits brand and negotiated and drafted international production, manufacturing, importation and distribution as well as master distiller agreements. Negotiated and drafted trademark sales proceeds agreement.

Attorneys:  
**Key Issues:** First Amendment  
**Venue:** United States Supreme Court  
**Client Type:** Media Companies  
**Description:** On behalf of two European media companies we filed an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court in which we argued that the interpretation of Section 17500 B.&P.C. by the California Supreme Court seriously interfered with the European Union’s requirements that companies report on social, environmental, and ethical issues in their annual reports.