

# U.S. LEGAL SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS



## UNDERSTANDING YOUR BUSINESS IS OUR BUSINESS

At Stoel Rives, we make it our business to understand your business. For our global clients, we offer a wealth of experience in international law, including legal, business, cultural and language experience, with competencies in Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Japanese, Thai, Burmese, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian and German. We provide cross-border services throughout Asia, Europe, North America and South America, and facilitate entry into the U.S. market for clients around the world.

*Alaska California Idaho Minnesota Oregon Utah Washington*



*We provide full-service solutions for international clients* seeking to expand their presence in the United States. We specialize in, and are recognized internationally for, our work in such industries as energy (oil, gas, power plants and renewable energy), finance, insurance, telecommunications and software. Our cross-border counsel includes the structuring of overseas ventures, project and trade financing, international tax, export licensing and compliance with overseas regulation, mergers and acquisitions, technology licensing and protection, outsourcing and wealth-management.



## *Full-Service Solutions in the United States*

Foreign capital investment brings both risk and opportunity. To succeed, international investors need legal counsel that can help navigate the regulatory, political and economic landscape of the United States. As a full-service law firm, we can help you grow your business, protect your intellectual property and manage the challenge of tax, corporate governance, labor and litigation costs associated with doing business in the United States.

## *Energy Services*

With the prospect of expanded offshore drilling rights, new oil and gas pipeline projects, and numerous federal, state and local government initiatives focused on renewable energy, the U.S. energy sector offers considerable investment and growth possibilities. As a leading provider of legal services to the energy sector, with a powerful presence in the renewable energy arena, Stoel Rives offers a solid foundation for international companies seeking to establish a foothold in this industry. From biomass, solar, geothermal and wind (we've represented nearly 25 percent of total installed U.S. wind power capacity, through 2009) to oil and gas projects – we can provide experienced legal counsel in all areas including project development, finance, tax and corporate.

### *Mergers and Acquisitions*

Stoel Rives has an extensive mergers and acquisitions practice. Our experience includes representing overseas clients in the purchase and sale of businesses; buyouts, reorganizations and restructurings; financings; and business entity formation issues.

### *Tax Advice*

Taxes directly affect the bottom line of every business. With respect to international transactions, non-U.S. citizens and American citizens living abroad, our corporate tax attorneys investigate all the applicable federal, state and local tax requirements. Our areas of expertise include formation and operation of foreign subsidiaries, foreign investment in the United States, borrowing of Eurodollars and transfer of appreciated property outside of the United States.

### *Labor and Employment*

Stoel Rives labor attorneys have decades of experience helping clients navigate the thicket of U.S. labor laws, including collective bargaining, antiharassment, noncompetes, solicitation of employees, confidentiality provisions and related employment claims.

### *Immigration Services*

For clients with an overseas personnel component, we can assist in obtaining temporary nonimmigrant status and visas for executive and managerial transfers, treaty traders and investors, business visitors and employment in professional occupations. We also assist clients with transitioning from temporary nonimmigrant status to permanent residency and naturalization.



### *Corporate Governance*

Our multidisciplinary team of lawyers has substantial experience in U.S. corporate governance and disclosure law, and in avoiding civil and criminal liability. We can assist overseas clients with designing and implementing corporate compliance programs and otherwise respond to issues they may have

with corporate governance requirements. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, along with the many new corporate governance standards of the NYSE, SEC and NASDAQ, have dramatically changed the climate in which public companies operate in the United States.

### *Intellectual Property*

Our intellectual property attorneys have credentials and experience in a wide range of technical disciplines, including electrical engineering, physics, software engineering, optics, mechanical engineering, chemistry, biology and life sciences. We help clients protect their trade secrets and confidential information, and navigate the complex landscape of patents, trademarks and copyrights.

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