

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**NAME OF STAFF:** JAMES STUART FINCH

**POSITION:** Of counsel

**LOCATION:** Yangon, Myanmar

**EXPERIENCE:** 30+ years

**NATIONALITY:** USA

### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:**

New York, Washington, DC, Vermont

### **KEY QUALIFICATIONS**

**James Finch's** experience in the commercial legal field spans three decades and has taken him to the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, where he practiced for extended periods. His work as a partner in the firm of Russin & Vecchi finally took him to Asia, where he began in the Hanoi office of the firm. In 1996 he became the managing partner of the firm's Yangon, Myanmar (Burma) office. Since then he has had a varied and active practice in Myanmar, with extensive legal work in the energy, hard minerals, corporate, tax, aircraft leasing, hotel development, banking and finance fields, to name a few. During this period he also served on Russin & Vecchi's management committee for several years.

In addition to continuing as part of our firm to offer his services with a staff of four lawyers in Myanmar, Jim assists us on a senior level with our expanding work load in our Vientiane, Bangkok and Phnom Penh offices.

### **EDUCATION:**

- 1974 - Legal: University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, California. Degree: JD
- 1971 - Undergraduate: Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire Degree: BA with a distinction in English literature

### **EMPLOYMENT RECORD:**

- **Russin & Vecchi, Yangon, Myanmar. Of counsel, DFDL Mekong Group**  
(Aug 1996 to present)
  - Represent a number of long-established projects in Myanmar, including hotels, telecommunications and energy projects.
  - Gave advice to high net worth third-country individuals on US trusts and mutual funds.
  - Worked on various residential and commercial real property issues, including leasing from industrial zones.
  - Represented lenders in commercial and financial transactions, including revolving credit facilities and trade finance.
  - Handled numerous intellectual property matters.



- Represented and worked for NGO's.
  - Worked on estates and trusts.
  - Handled residential and commercial real property transactions.
  - Provided advice and documentation on numerous corporate matters.
  - Represented foreign parties in upstream energy deals.
  - Worked on litigation in the US involving American companies.
  - Did aircraft lease and financing projects, as well as negotiating airline routes.
  - Advised foreign insurers on various issues.
  - Involved in mining projects. Advised telecommunications projects and worked on the documentation for these.
  - Worked on satellite communications projects.
  - Did a number of IT projects, including giving advice to a large ISP.
  - Represented foreign pharmaceutical manufacturers.
  - Worked on numerous matters with commodity exporters and importers, as well as foreign consumer products companies.
  - Advised foreign agricultural products companies.
- **Russin & Vecchi, Hanoi, Vietnam** (Apr 1995 to Aug 1996)  
***Resident Partner***  
Represented numerous foreign businesses in Vietnam, in the energy, financial services and manufacturing sectors. Advised individuals on US investments. Advised on foreign insurance issues. Worked on intellectual property matters. Documented financial transactions.
- **Russin & Vecchi, New York** (Apr 1990 to Apr 1995)  
***Partner***  
Continued with Latin America practice, spending about half time in the Dominican Republic. Handled numerous transactions, including real estate finance and hotels. Represented a number of individuals with respect to in-bound banking and investment issues and retirement. Structured and negotiated numerous transactions.
- **Russin & Vecchi, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic** (May 1986 to Apr 1990)  
***Partner***
- Elected general partner in the firm May 1988.
  - Represented a wide variety of foreign companies doing business in the Dominican Republic, mainly in transactional matters. These included those manufacturing and processing information in the free zones.
  - Represented a free zone, in all phases of its operations and the Free Zone Council.
  - Represented a large agricultural project, in all phases of its operation.
  - Worked on numerous labor issues, including related litigation.
  - Worked for a number of Dominicans investing in the United States, including both active investments such as forming companies and giving tax advice and passive investments such as REIT's and other financial service products.
  - Represented a number of interests in real estate projects, including lenders to major hotels.
  - Worked on financial transactions of all kinds, including loan and revolving credit facility documentation.
  - Worked on upstream energy projects and mineral exploration projects.
  - Represented the state mining company.
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- **United States Foreign Service** (1984 to May 1986)  
**Foreign Service Officer**  
 Administrative/General Services Officer, Guayaquil, Ecuador, Buenos Aires, Argentina and Port of Spain, Trinidad.
- **Kaplan, Russin, Vecchi & Kirkwood, New York City** (1979 to 1984)  
**Associate**  
 Represented foreign clients doing business in numerous countries, particularly Saudi Arabia. Also worked on several major commercial real estate projects in the US. Represented in-bound investors, particularly with respect to real estate transactions.
- **Aghayan and Associates, Tehran, Iran** (1976 to 1979)  
**Associate**  
 Represented multinationals in Iran in various sectors, including manufacturing, energy, telecommunications and financial services.
- **Vermont Legal Aid, Springfield, Vermont** (1974 to 1976)  
**Attorney**  
 Worked on Social Security disability, housing, including landlord-tenant, and numerous basic contractual issues.

**LANGUAGES:**

	Speaking	Reading	Writing
<i>English</i>	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
<i>Spanish</i>	Very Good	Good	Good

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