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Career:

Merita Bank Plc, London Branch 1997 – 1999 (manager, Syndications Department; account officer, Ship Finance); Nordbanken AB (Publ), Stockholm 1999 – 2000 (legal counsel, Acquisition Project & Export Finance Department); Liepa, Borenius & Kemppinen Attorneys at Law, Riga 2000 – 2002 (general manager and senior legal counsel); Grundberg Mocatta Rakison LLP 2003-date (Partner).

Practice Area:

Jura Junnila is a partner in the firm's Corporate Department and heads its Finnish Practice. Since his law degree he has been working internationally in London, Stockholm, Riga (Latvia), in addition to his native Finland. He has gained considerable experience and expertise in cross-border transactions, in particular in UK and Northern Europe, Russia and Central Asia. His practice consists of corporate and commercial law with emphasis on mergers and acquisitions (acting mainly for vendors and purchasers), bank & finance transactions (bilateral, club and syndicated, vanilla and complex financing structures), capital markets & private equity, export and project financing. His practice spreads across five continents and a multitude of jurisdictions and his clients range from start-ups and SME's to global conglomerates.

Professional experiences:

- Advising a petrochemical conglomerate on its participation in a US\$2bn acquisition.
- Acting as the sole advisor for a vendor in its disposal of material oil assets for an approximate consideration of £220m.
- Advising the vendor on sale of a greetings card continuance business for £12m.
- Advising on the €21.3m investment by an international technology investor into Polymer Vision Limited, a Royal Dutch Philips spin-off, and continuing to act for the new high-tech blue chip.
- Assisting an English oil company on its acquisition of a Guatemalan oil company, private placements of over US\$20m relating thereto and its successful admission on AIM.
- Acting for a Swedish high-tech industrial company on its successful acquisition of the vacuum generators business from an American seller in an ambitious timeline.
- Advising on numerous real property purchases in Finland.

- Represented and advised a Nordic retail chain's EBRD backed real estate project in the Baltics totalling €61m.
- Advising on the structuring, development and documentation relating to:
 - export financing of telecommunications network equipment totalling in value of more than US\$200m in the Philippines;
 - export financing of power generating equipment to Lesotho;
 - export financing of circa 100 busses exported to Turkey;
 - export financing of telecommunications network of circa US\$20m in Central America;
 - the Millennium Project and the Euro Project regarding more than 35 syndicated lenders and numerous banks, e.g. a Nordic Pulp & Paper company's DEM3.75bn multicurrency facility.
- Assisted in the merger of Merita Bank of Finland and Nordbanken of Sweden creating the largest Nordic financial institution (Nordea).
- Assisted in the project financing of DEM300m for a paper mill in Germany.

Education: LL.M., University of Helsinki, 1997

Memberships: Finnish Bar Association

Law Society of England and Wales (REL)

Other: Speaking internationally in numerous seminars about the differences of the laws and the lawyers in Finland and the Nordic countries and England and Wales

Languages: Fluent in Finnish, Swedish and English and capable of conversational German.