



Legal firm Ward Keller goes global

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ONE of Darwin's oldest law firms has opened up to the global world by connecting to an international legal network.

After a three-month application period, Ward Keller Lawyers was accepted into the Lawyers Associated Worldwide (LAW) — a network of law firms in more than 130 jurisdictions around the world.

Company partner Leon Loganathan (pictured) said the

membership increased the company's international capacity.

"What we found was we had clients with legal issues in other countries and we didn't have the resources to deal with them," he said.

"One of our clients, he was going off to the States to buy property. (With LAW) he was able to do this through us. It works both ways.

"We had a situation where a lawyer from Melbourne had a client who needed help here.

"And also to network with similar firms, we were getting ideas from other law firms around the world."

Ward Keller, which focuses on commercial law, joined LAW in January last year.

The company, which has a staff of 40, was founded in 1963.

It now has relationships with firms in countries including Greece, Cyprus, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Japan, China, New Zealand, the UK and US.

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