

NEWS RELEASE

San Diego Attorney Snags Big Game at South Africa Legal Conference

25 firms from 20 countries hear great speakers, visit Mandela's island prison, and ... *pet a cheetah?*

November 24, 2015, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA — Ross Schwartz, a partner with Schwartz Semerdjian Cauley & Moot LLP, attended the annual conference of LEGUS International Network of Law Firms convened in Cape Town, South Africa recently for a week-long conference. Hosted by South Africa's Strauss Daly law firm, the conference opened with a presentation by a cheetah-conservation group and the rare opportunity to interact closely with two rescued cheetahs. Additional speakers included Zelda La Grange, Nelson Mandela's long-time presidential aide, and Ulrich Roux, a director of BDK Attorneys and a news commentator who covered the Oscar Pistorius murder trial.

In addition to the conference programming, the lawyer-attendees toured Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was jailed for 19 years, guided by some of the island's former political prisoners.

Schwartz said, "Cape Town was magnificent. We were so fortunate to be able to visit beautiful South Africa and hear such great speakers. And, of course, the cheetahs were pretty awesome, too. Our participation in Legus and attending these conferences allows our firm to have direct contact with attorneys throughout the United States and throughout the world. When our clients have needs outside of San Diego, we are not just referring them to attorneys from a list, we are referring them to attorneys we personally know and have worked with. Attorneys who, like us, have faced down danger in petting Cheetahs!"

Strauss Daly's Chairman Hennie Barnard said, "We were delighted to host the Legus International conference and show off our beautiful country. The weather was perfect. The lawyers had a great time and the cheetahs were on their best behavior. It was by all accounts a successful event."

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Pictured: Attorney Ross Schwartz (right) along with Attorney Michael Brandt (left) of Brandt & Lauritzen from Copenhagen, Denmark.

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