



Bulletin

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Dear Daniela,

Another summer has unfortunately come to an end. We hope that you are well-rested and energised to start the Fall season - with that in mind we hope that our upcoming activities and events will enable you to reach new heights and expand your horizon.

We have a lot of excitement scheduled for the second half of this year - interactive online sessions, roundtables for General Counsel, professional training courses, and, of course, our General Counsel Forum Europe conference. We hope to see you soon and to hear feedback on what we can do even better.





AI BREAKFAST SERIES - 4 SEPTEMBER - ESSENTIAL INSIGHTS AND LEGAL PERSPECTIVES

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has permeated almost every aspect of our lives, with most of us interacting with this technology already, either knowingly or unknowingly on a day-to-day basis. Two thirds of companies are reported as seeing AI as a growing consideration for the future and a large number of companies are already actively using AI or are planning to use it. Few companies are fully prepared however. This raises a number of legal questions. The AI Act and the AI Liability Directive, are just two sets of regulations at EU level that will raise a number of questions due to the diverse, cross-industry application.

To prepare for this transformation, we are launching the ECLA AI breakfast series in collaboration with CMS. This monthly series will give participants the opportunity to receive updates on the AI regulations and ask questions of experts in this area. Questions can be submitted in advance to ensure that the relevant specialists are available to cover the areas which are of most interest. These sessions are relevant and applicable to attendees from all jurisdictions and sectors given the broad scope of the AI legislation coming into force.

Read more and register by clicking here.

GENERAL COUNSEL FORUM EUROPE: Berlin 07-08 October 2024

Our 2024 1.5-day annual conference will take place in Berlin, Germany! The conference will include a variety of discussions most intriguing and relevant for corporate lawyers.

The goal of the Forum is simple - to bring together European corporate lawyers from all four corners of Europe to share some laughs and ideas over a variety of discussion topics. The semi-professional setting is ideal to gain new insights from peers in same or different industries and to understand the overarching challenges that European corporate lawyers are facing. As our last year's conference was considered a major success, we are excited to repeat the atmosphere.

<u>The event website is accessible here</u>. Join us today and see, how Europe tackles its latest legal challenges!

General Counsel Roundtable

We have already organised several highly impactful roundtable series in 2024. Currently, we have two very exciting sessions scheduled:

- General Counsel Roundtable Milan
 - Topic: From Trends to Tech: Comprehensive Strategies for M&A Success
 - o **Location:** Magna Pars L'Hotel a Parfum
 - o Date: 26-27 September
 - Register here
- General Counsel Roundtable Rome
 - o **Topic**: Antitrust and Competition Law
 - Location: Rome Cavalieri Hotel
 - o **Date**: 21-22 November
 - Register here

Please note that the event series is exclusively reserved for General Counsel/Heads of Legal/corporate lawyers in similar positions.



Contracts are the backbone of any corporate legal department, but managing them efficiently can often feel overwhelming. If you have ever felt bogged down by contract bottlenecks, outdated processes, or the sheer volume of agreements, we are excited to invite you to our upcoming webinar: Your Step-by-Step Guide to Seamless Contract Lifecycle Management.

This session will delve into the latest trends in legal contract management, offering a comprehensive overview of Contract Lifecycle Management (CLM) and its vital role in modern legal practices. The experts from Knowliah, part of stp.one, a legal tech provider in Europe, will guide you through the must-have features of a robust CLM system, sharing practical tips on implementation that can be immediately applied to your organisation.

Whether you're looking to refine your current processes or implement a new CLM system, this webinar will provide you with the insights and tools needed to achieve seamless, efficient, and effective contract management.

To join the session, please register by <u>clicking here</u>. For more information, make sure to visit our website at ecla.eu.



Corporate Counsel Academy 2024: Gain expert training online - made for in-house counsel.

We have a diverse and exciting schedule set up for Fall/Winter 2024. Suitable for corporate lawyers of all levels, the online courses enable you and your legal team to gain valuable knowledge and expertise in a convenient manner. From practical legal skills such as negotiation or drafting contracts to more advanced forms, we are certain that there are workshops suitable for lawyers of all types from all across Europe.

We have also created a .pdf file to consolidate information and schedule about our upcoming sessions - to view it, <u>please click here</u>.

For more information and to register, please click the link below.

→ Learn more

Let us know your thoughts!

A network is only as strong as the enthusiasm of its members. For that purpose, we would like to strongly encourage company lawyers to utilise our platform fully. Whether it is about a recent (inter)national legal/regulatory development, or about the evolving role of the profession, or about other challenges that lawyers must tackle, from ESG to AI - get it touch with us and share our thoughts with your peers!

→ Get in touch!

I would like to personally thank everyone who has supported our network. We hope to continue the fascinating dialogue that we have had on the evolving profession and the challenges that await. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to get in touch with us!

Kind regards

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