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Dear ECLA Members and Guests,

It is an exciting time to work in corporate legal departments. Many teams are well underway in their digital transformation process and are already reaping the benefits that the efficiency and quality gains bring. The makeup of a legal team a decade ago and now differ considerably and it will be fascinating to see how this transformation continues.

We have some exciting projects to announce soon, the first of which concerns our upcoming study on data-driven business models, to be released on 15 June.

Legal Privilege

Professional statute essential for Dutch in-house counsel, Supreme Court holds

On 24 May 2022, the Dutch Supreme Court held a judgment on in-house counsel and on their right to invoke legal professional privilege. The case concerned the right of foreign in-house lawyers at Shell that were not registered as lawyers in the Netherlands and is the continuation of the decision handed at the Rotterdam District Court in 2021.

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Legal Profession

Data-driven Business Models - Study to be released on 15 June

ECLA and Osborne Clarke have partnered on an international thought leadership study that explores data strategies across Europe and the related legal implications to offer an in-depth guide on how to successfully overcome these legal challenges.

The study will be released on 15 June - click on the link below to register in advance and receive the copy on the day of the release.

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Digitalisation

Legal Departments on the Move

We have published our latest study! Legal Departments on the Move gives a detailed look into the digitalisation journey across European corporate legal departments and provides for a concise and easy-to-access reference point.

The study has three major chapters covered:

- The current digitalisation status of legal departments
- The impact and influence of ESG projects for legal teams
- The effect of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

The study can be downloaded for free below!

[Download for free](#)

ESG

Putting the 'S' in 'ESG' – a corporate guide

The 'Social' element of ESG has become increasingly important in recent years. This seeks to detail or assess how your company treats the people it interacts with, including employees, customers, suppliers, and local communities. CMS has put together a comprehensive lexicon on to explain the terms and phrases that are most important to understanding and taking action on the Social element of ESG.

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