



Bulletin

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Dear Daniela ,

Welcome! We are very excited to welcome you all to our new and sleek monthly bulletin which will serve as one of our key communication methods going forward in a twofold approach: communicating our network's recent and upcoming developments/activities, and acting as a platform for in-house counsel to share their own positions and thoughts. For the latter, we greatly encourage you to get in touch with us - sharing is caring!

The in-house counsel profession has been rapidly evolving over the last few years. There is no sight of additional challenges that company lawyers today must address, on top of their existing obligations and competences. From AI and ESG to understanding cultural sensitivities in other continents - a modern company lawyer must master them all.

These expectations offer a stark contrast to the modest beginnings that company lawyers come from. However - this should be considered an excellent opportunity to define the profession even further. Decisions taken today will establish who company lawyers will be in a decade or two. Will European legal departments start to resemble their American counterparts more closely? Or will we forge our own path?

Upcoming events and courses

We have a variety of activities planned in the near future. Whether you are a legal leader or have just started out at a junior role, our benefits ensure that you can expand on your capabilities and skills in a way most suitable for you.



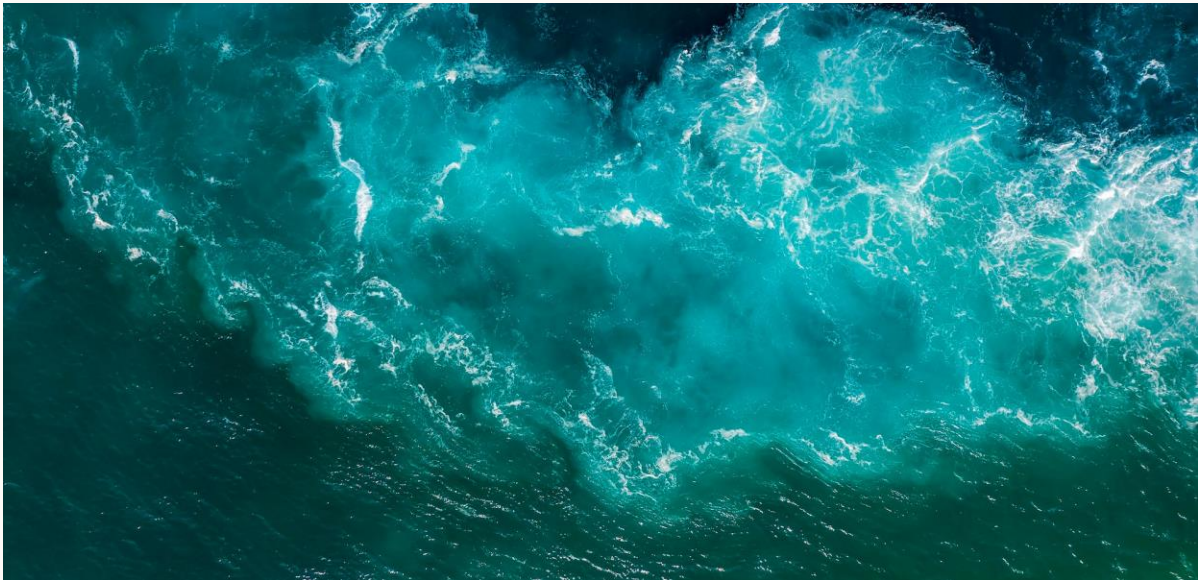
GENERAL COUNSEL ROUNDTABLE

General Counsel Roundtable series

For General Counsel and Heads of Legal Departments, our two upcoming Roundtables, 16 March on Distressed M&A (online session) and 21-22 March on the intricate relationship between the legal department and the executive board (London) are an excellent way to interactively discuss these challenges. Furthermore, our fifth iteration of our Rome Antitrust Roundtable will take place at the end of June. Highly impactful and always exciting - we are delighted to return to Rome!

- 16 March (Online): Opportunities in Distressed M&A
- 21-22 March (London, UK): Trusted Advisor to the Executive Board
 - Venue: Kimpton Fitzroy London
 - → [View more and register here](#)
- 29-30 June (Rome, Italy): Antitrust and Competition Law
 - Venue: Rome Cavalieri Waldorf Astoria

→ [Registration can be done by clicking the link here.](#)



CMS ESG Clinic: 28 March in Frankfurt, Germany

Our Strategic Partner CMS is organising an interactive half-day session on ESG, taking place in Frankfurt, Germany. The roundtable discussion enables participants to have an open discussion about ESG-related challenges and have individual and confidential discussions with ESG experts from CMS.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Max Schön, Entrepreneur, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the [German Climate Foundation](#) and member of the CLUB OF ROME.

Participation is free of charge. More information and registration can be done with the link below.

→ [Learn more](#)

legal **DISRUPTION 2023**



Legal Disruption: 15-16 May in Paris

Legal Disruption, our in-house focused conference on disruptive trends in legal departments, will kick off 2023 with a full-day event in Paris. The conference will bring high-level legal experts and legal solution experts together to discuss disruptive legal trends, optimal tools and solutions and advice on process improvement.

More information about the speakers will be published soon!

→ [Registration can be done by clicking the link here.](#)



Certification courses for in-house counsel

We are also running several certification courses in 2023. The courses are tailored for the activities and challenges that company lawyers in Europe must address and are ideal for enhancing your legal skills with high efficiency and convenience.

- 27 March (One-day crash course) - **Drafting International Contracts**
 - Also organised on 23 May and 27 June
- 4 April - 16 May (7 weeks, Every Tuesday from 09:00-10:30 CEST) - **Drafting International Contracts**
 - Highly effective for lawyers who have recently joined an international legal environment and would like to improve their drafting skills in English
- 19-21 April (2,5-days, Frankfurt, Germany) - **Compliance Training**
 - High-intensity in-person course on corporate compliance with an industry-leading teacher. Highly recommended for everyone who has compliance-related responsibilities.

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!](#)

European Commission aiming to reform GDPR enforcement rules in cross-border cases

The European Commission has published an initiative to specify the procedural rules that accompany GDPR enforcement. Currently in its feedback period, which opened on 24 February and will close on 24 March 2023, the Commission aims to harmonise procedural rules specifically in cross-border cases. It remains to be seen however to what extent the reformed rules will streamline enforcement actions in the EU.

[→ Learn more](#)

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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