



Bulletin

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Dear Daniela,

The year has already been tumultuous on virtually all fronts. For corporate lawyers, this, as it has been the case in each of the last five years, means increased complexities and has highlighted a very interesting trajectory for the corporate lawyer profession. Think about it - is the job that you do today what you envisioned when you first started? How many more soft skills and regulatory/policy specialisations have you had to acquire to be flexible enough to provide increased value? This is a fascinating journey and we should all be excited - the only way is forward.

General Counsel Roundtable

We have a several exciting roundtable discussions planned for 2024. More information on the topics will come soon, but the locations and dates will be the following:

General Counsel Roundtable **Online**

- **Topic:** Managing Counterparty Insolvency Risk
- **Location:** MS Teams

- **Date:** 13 March
 - [Register here](#)
- General Counsel Roundtable - **London**
 - **Date:** 25-26 April
 - [Register here](#)
- General Counsel Roundtable - **Rome**
 - **Topic:** Antitrust and Competition Law
 - **Location:** Rome Cavalieri Hotel
 - **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. Registrants need to only organise their travel arrangements – participation and accommodation are included in the invitation.



Digital Deep Dive

WEBINAR 16 April: How Can GRC Supercharge Legal-Business Collaboration?

Gain a pragmatic, realistic perspective on fostering cooperation between legal and business entities through GRC implementations.

Why does GRC (Governance, Risk & Compliance) play a pivotal role in fostering collaboration between legal departments and other business units? Join this webinar and learn how technology-driven GRC aligns objectives, mitigates risks, ensures compliance, facilitates communication and enhances efficiency between legal & respective business colleagues.

To learn more and to register, [please click here](#).

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

We have a diverse and exciting schedule set up for 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.

Doing business in the US: A legal perspective

- Thursdays, 14 March - 18 April 16:00-17:30 CE(S)T
 - 6 weeks/9 hours
 - [Learn more here](#)
- Drafting International Contracts - One-day Crash Course
 - 15 March OR 13 May 09:00-16:00 CE(S)T
 - 6 hours
 - [Learn more here](#)
- Drafting International Contracts - 7 Week course
 - Tuesdays 19 March - 30 April OR Fridays 10 May - 21 June 09:00-16:00 CE(ST)
 - 7 weeks/12 hours
 - [Learn more here](#)
- Secret of Communication Skills for In-House Counsel
 - Develop your communication skills to impact and influence within and beyond your organization.
 - Thursday, 21 March 2024 09:00-17:00 CET
 - [Learn more here](#)
- Speak Legal English
 - Tuesdays 27 March - 22 May 13:00-14:00 CEST
 - 9 weeks/9 hours
 - [Learn more here](#)
- Personal Branding for the In-House Counsel
 - Unlock Your Executive Presence and Master Personal Branding For Career Success
 - Thursday, 4 April 2024 09:00-17:00 CET
 - [Learn more here](#)
- Negotiating International Contracts - One Day crash course
 - 22 April OR 3 June 09:00-16:00
 - 6 hours
 - [Learn more here](#)
- AI For In-house Counsel
 - 26 April OR 21 June OR 19 July 09:30-13:00
 - 3 hours
 - [Learn more here](#)

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

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ExxonMobil sues investor activists for “micromanaging”

ExxonMobil has recently filed a lawsuit against Follow This, an Amsterdam-based investor activist group, and Arjuna Capital, a registered investment adviser. The suit claims that the activist proposal violates SEC rules for investor petitions, which disallow resubmitting proposals that do not gain investor support over time.

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Europe remains a global leader in innovation, ability to commercialise lagging

On 14 February 2024, the European Commission published its 2024 Annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report. The report, following established KPIs that define competitiveness based on nine distinct drivers, aims to give a comprehensive overview of both positive and negative trends within the Single Market. As part of the report, the Commission also produced a staff working document on the key findings from the European Monitor of Industrial Ecosystems. Part of this document characterised the position of EU industries in the global technology race and how the EU has fared against its global competitors, in particular the US and China.

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OECD two-pillar global tax framework at risk

On 1 January 2024, the global minimum tax went into effect in several jurisdictions, with OECD estimating annual tax revenue increases up to 9%, or \$220 billion. These include the EU, UK, Norway, Australia, South Korea, Japan, and Canada. However, there has been increasing opposition towards the two-pillar framework - the US political climate and their upcoming elections however have complicated and potentially even killed any further progress on, at the very least, the first pillar, if not also for the second.

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ECLA Annual Conference SAVE THE DATE: 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.

More information will be sent out shortly. The event website [is accessible here](#)

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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