

Bulletin

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Dear Daniela,

Another year almost behind us, with an increasing number of challenges awaiting. The revolutionary developments in artificial intelligence that we have witnessed in 2023 are nothing short of spectacular and we cannot hold our excitement in properly implementing and normalising them with our workflows. The profession is truly transforming, and it is doing so at an excellent time - businesses have never been more complex. International capital flows, digital regulations, heightened tensions in all parts of the World - lawyers need to be at their best for the businesses to thrive. There are way too many pitfalls today that companies can fall into - someone has to watch over them to ensure that both short-term and longterm viability are maximised.

Our activities for this year are coming to an end - we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who participated in any way, shape, or form. Ultimately, our activities are only as good as the interest that European company lawyers have towards them and this year we have had some truly memorable moments. Thank you!

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:

- Legal Operations Roundtable Copenhagen
 - o Date: 22-23 April
 - o <u>Register here</u>
- General Counsel Roundtable London
 - **Date:** 13-14 June
 - o <u>Register here</u>
- General Counsel Roundtable Rome
 - **Topic**: Antitrust and Competition Law
 - Location: Rome Cavalieri Hotel
 - Date: 21-22 November
 - o 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.

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.



Last chance in 2023: become an expert in international commercial environments

Our popular Drafting International Contracts one-day course will have one more session this year in December. The course is ideal for people who would need to excel in understanding commercial contracts in an international environment. This certified course enables you to gain lucidity and precision in your legal work. The one-day Negotiating International Contracts course addresses the other challenge that English-speaking commercial environments bring for lawyers. It will improve your negotiation tactics and comprehension when operating in a global environment with foreign counterparts.

DRAFTING INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS

• 7 December (09:00-16:00) CET

NEGOTIATING INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS - ONE DAY CRASH COURSE

• 14 December (09:00-16:00) CET

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

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The Dance of Law and Business: Finding Rhythm in Corporate Sectors

Wojciech Dziomdziora, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer at NEXERA, has been kind enough to summarise his presentation at our 2023 Anniversary Conference in Frankfurt. His discussion touches on the ever-increasing challenges that corporate lawyers face, most notably concerning ESG, technological advancements, and ethics/populism.

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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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