



Bulletin

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Dear Daniela ,

The clocks have been turned and the days are darker. With just weeks away from another round of holiday music, it is evident that the challenges that European legal teams are only increasing and becoming more diverse. Against the backdrop of the evolution of the company lawyer's role within corporate structures, it is very hard to predict how the dynamics will evolve throughout this decade.

Considering this, our upcoming European Company Lawyers Review, released at the end of this year, will provide a pan-European legislative overview of the profession. Though some major steps forward have been made across several EU Member States in the last few years, the current EU-level regime still remains intact with no change in sight. This we hope to see changes sooner, rather than later.

General Counsel Roundtable

For General Counsel and Heads of Legal Departments, we have two sessions remaining for 2023 - a virtual discussion on directors' duties and an in-person session in Madrid on the EU digital regulatory environment.

The virtual roundtable on directors' duties covers the increasing role and responsibilities that company directors today are tasked with. In navigating the complexities of both their fiduciary duties and the strategic imperatives of restructuring, their decisions can determine the trajectory of a company, influencing its fortunes and shaping its future in an ever-evolving business landscape. It is this delicate balance between duty and strategy, responsibility and innovation, that makes the role of directors both challenging and indispensable.

The roundtable in Madrid will take place at the Hotel Riu Plaza España and covers the excitement and increasing complexity that the EU's regulatory package on digital goods and services will bring. Legal departments, traditionally perceived as reactive entities, are now at the forefront of this tsunami, playing a crucial role in ensuring that businesses navigate this digital wave compliantly and ethically.

Join us by registering at the link below! Participation is free of charge, restricted based on seniority.

- 22 November 10:00 CET (**Online**): Directors' Duties & Restructuring Options
- 27-28 November 16:00 - 14:00 CET (**Madrid**): The Digital Tsunami

[→ Learn more and register here](#)

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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Legal professional privilege developments: Belgian legal challenges, French reforms, and US procedures on privileged materials

Legal professional privilege and independence of in-house lawyers has made a considerable evolution in the last 40 years. The reasoning put forth by the European courts in several landmark cases, in particular the AM&S and the Akzo Nobel cases, has greatly influenced the profession in European civil law jurisdictions and, by some claims, hindered economic development by a lack of harmonisation across Europe and by enabling foreign-based companies to enjoy a higher level of protection concerning their own legal teams.

The article below is a summary of the discussions held on 10 October at a webinar organised by Concurrences, titled "Legal Privilege in the EU & US: What's new?" and aims to provide an expansive discussion on the main points emphasised.

[→ Read 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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