



Bulletin

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Our team and I would personally like to thank everyone who joined us last week in Frankfurt for our European General Counsel Forum, celebrating ECLA's 40th anniversary. We had an excellent time discussing the latest trends and challenges in such a high-level setting. Sharing best practices amongst peers on a European platform enables lawyers to gain comparative and unique insights to their profession that we believe is absolutely essential for Europe to be a strong and globally competitive market. We hope to see you all again soon!

We have a few high-level certification courses upcoming this year, specifically on compliance and contracts drafting in international settings. Links are available below - all courses are certified and accredited.

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! Registration 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 compliance or in drafting contracts in international environments

We are excited to host another compliance course this Fall! This intensive course, taking place in Frankfurt, Germany, offers a unique training experience that will update attendees on the hot topics and current issues in international corporate compliance. Attendees receive practical advice and recommended best practices on essential strategies for risk management. The teacher excels in explaining complex concepts in a highly interactive manner.

Our popular Drafting International Contracts courses will also resume, both the 7-week 12-hour version and the 1-day intensive crash course. Furthermore, we have two new courses to offer - the Negotiating International Contracts is a one-day course aimed at improving your confidence and clarity when participating in negotiations in an English-speaking setting.

The dates are the following:

COMPLIANCE

- 15-17 November 2023 (Frankfurt, Germany)

DRAFTING INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS

- [12 October - One-day crash course](#)
- [26 October - 13 December - 7-week course](#)
- [14 November - One-day crash course](#)
- [7 December - one-day crash course](#)

NEGOTIATING INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS - ONE DAY CRASH COURSE

- 19 October (09:00-16:00) CEST
- 22 November (09:00-16:00) CET
- 14 December (09:00-16:00) CET

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

→ [Learn more](#)



Blurring Boundaries - Exploring the convergence of life sciences and law

CMS will be organising their annual Global Life Sciences & Healthcare Forum 2023 on '**Blurring Boundaries - Exploring the convergence of life sciences and law**' on 12 October in Amsterdam.

In a world where technology and society rapidly shape the life sciences landscape, there exists a significant gap between these advances and the existing rules and regulations. 'Blurring Boundaries - Exploring the convergence of life sciences and law' brings together esteemed legal professionals, visionary life scientists, and influential industry leaders to bridge this gap and explore the challenges and opportunities arising from this convergence.

On behalf of Nick Beckett and Jens Wagner, Global Co-Heads of the CMS Life Sciences & Healthcare Sector, CMS brings you a programme focused on:

- **Uncovering the latest breakthroughs:** Dive into the forefront of life sciences advances, including biotechnology, genetics, pharmaceuticals, and medical devices
- **Addressing the regulatory gap:** Engage in interactive workshops to bridge the divide between rapid innovation and the development of legal frameworks
- **Navigating global challenges:** Explore the impact of globalisation, ethical considerations, privacy concerns, and societal implications on the life sciences sector
- **Fostering collaboration:** Connect with legal and scientific minds, exchange ideas, and build valuable relationships.

[Click here to view the full programme, including speakers from Holland Bio, Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer.](#)

[→ Register 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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