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Dear ECLA Members and Guests,

It is an exciting time to work in corporate legal departments. Many teams are well underway in their digital transformation process and are already reaping the benefits that the efficiency and quality gains bring. The makeup of a legal team a decade ago and now differ considerably and it will be fascinating to see how this transformation continues.

Legal Education

Upcoming course on Drafting International Contracts - starts 17 May

Our well-received 7-week language course on how to draft contracts in an international environment will start again on 17 May. The weekly classes will cover the terminology and structure and give practical insights as to how to improve your drafting skills. View more about the agenda by clicking the link below!

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Legal Profession

Attorneys must be “independent” to represent before courts in the EU

The General Court of the European Court of Justice recently clarified the definition of independence in the legal profession and demonstrated how the viewpoint has evolved since the AM&S and Akzo Nobel decisions.

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Digitalisation

Legal Departments on the Move

We have published our latest study! Legal Departments on the Move gives a detailed look into the digitalisation journey across European corporate legal departments and provides for a concise and easy-to-access reference point.

The study has three major chapters covered:

- The current digitalisation status of legal departments
- The impact and influence of ESG projects for legal teams
- The effect of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

The study can be downloaded for free below!

[Download for free](#)

ESG

Embedding the 'S' in ESG in the workplace - 11 May 16:00 CEST

Attracting and retaining talent has become more challenging following the Covid-19 pandemic. However, employers with a clear and genuine commitment to the 'social' aspects of ESG are more likely to maintain a stable and productive workforce, and deliver higher performance in the long term. CMS has organised a session to help employers navigate these new demands and find a way of turning the ESG requirements to their advantage.

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Putting the 'S' in 'ESG' – a corporate guide

The 'Social' element of ESG has become increasingly important in recent years. This seeks to detail or assess how your company treats the people it interacts with, including employees, customers, suppliers, and local communities. CMS has put together a comprehensive lexicon on to explain the terms and phrases that are most important to understanding and taking action on the Social element of ESG.

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