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ECLA BULLETIN, December 2020

Dear ECLA Members and Guests,

We would like to extend our warmest wishes to everyone, whether you are with your family, by yourself in another country, or quarantining to see your loved ones. The year has been challenging in its own right, even beyond the immediate impact of the pandemic. More of the same is to be expected from the following year as well. Nevertheless, our resilience shines through, with hope and positivity being the themes for 2021.

E-Learning

ECLA Corporate Counsel Academy

ECLA is taking a new step in its services for European company lawyers - the Corporate Counsel Academy is a collection of **online certification classes** tasked with making further education and improvement as accessible as possible for our members. The subject matters of the classes vary from **language courses** made for corporate lawyers to **practical courses on accounting** or on **improving your LinkedIn profiles** and network.

The courses are easy to access, with multiple time slots to choose from and are taught by highly qualified teachers based around the World. More information can be found on the website by clicking "Learn More" below.

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Webinar

ECLA Online Learning Centre - Brexit 14 January 2021 11:00 CET

Dr. Helena Raulus will join us to discuss the implications of the newly-reached deal on Brexit. She is the Head of the Joint UK Law Societies Office in Brussels and is an expert on EU legislative processes and institutional frameworks.

The discussion will be geared towards the interests of corporate counsel, including discussions on cross-border questions, commercial law, judicial recognition and more. We invite everyone to join this session to understand the intricate details what the Agreement entails.

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Legal Technology

Download study: Legal Departments in a Digital Era

ECLA and Wolters Kluwer published a free in-depth study into the digital status of legal departments across Europe. A pan-European study based on a comprehensive survey conducted in Fall 2019, the research aims to act as a starting point in establishing the status of various markets in Europe and to highlight how far in the digitalisation and digitisation process corporate legal departments are.

The study is very insightful in not only showcasing the status of in-house teams across various facets, such as the organisation and tools in use, digital strategies and budgets thereof, but also future plans and how corporate lawyers themselves see the legal departments evolving.

Click below to read more and to download the study for free!

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Legal Technology

Signs your corporate legal department needs a digital strategy

The Legal Departments in a Digital Era report, conducted by Wolters Kluwer and ECLA, found that half of legal departments have not started implementing a digital strategy. Furthermore, of those that have, 65% do not have clear goals and milestones set within their strategy.

Wolters Kluwer has put together a guide on how corporate legal departments should establish and implement a digital strategy. Further information on a topic that cannot be avoided by any legal department is always welcome! The aim of the guide is to demonstrate how to avoid any bottlenecks and gain the desired productivity that digital tools proclaim to bring.

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Social Media

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Ultimately, ECLA operates as an umbrella association for all our national member associations. The benefits that we offer are directly the benefits of all our member associations. By increasing our reach, we are able to generate more exciting services for our national members and reach our ultimate goal - to act as a pan-European networking and discussion ground for corporate lawyers in Europe. Our voices are always stronger together.

If you have any suggestions on how to specifically target the company lawyers in your area, feel free to contact us at marten.mannis@ecla.eu

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