



## **ECLA** European Company Lawyers Association

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### **Dear ECLA Members and Guests,**

Another year, another set of challenges. Remote working has become the norm, with many European governments even mandating working from home as much as possible. Imagine the thought even just a year ago, that corporate lawyers would have the opportunity to extensively work remotely. How something so unfathomable can become a reality in such a short amount of time really shows how unexpected our world can be.

After almost five years, Brexit has also finally taken effect and the first reactions have been as expected, with people complaining about very high import duties that they have incurred while purchasing items from the other side of the Channel. The effects of the decision to leave the EU will slowly, but surely be felt throughout the decade on both sides. What the conclusion will be however, remains to be seen.

Our association has taken great strides throughout these multiple challenges as well. We have adapted and launched multiple great products for our members, such as our online webinar series that has been getting great feedback and engagement. Furthermore, our certification courses launch this year, providing corporate lawyers the opportunity to gain further knowledge from the convenience of their own homes. We invite everyone to come join us in these high-level courses and gain further knowledge.

## E-Learning

# Corporate Counsel Academy this Spring!

ECLA has taken a new step in its services for our European company lawyer members - the Corporate Counsel Academy is a collection of online certification classes tasked with making further education and improvement as accessible as possible, especially in times of a pandemic. The subject matters of the classes are diverse, varying from courses on drafting international courses or improving your negotiation skills in legal English to practical courses on accounting and on improving your LinkedIn profiles and network. Check out the website below - we are certain that we have something to offer to everyone!

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## Webinar

# ECLA Online Learning Centre - 2021

Our online webinar series continues right where we left off, with a wide variety of sessions planned for this year. We start off with two exciting sessions by Knowliah, titled as following:

\*25 February - How to create the perfect digital workplace? For enterprise legal management

\*23 March - KPI's for legal departments: from defining to achieving

Both sessions will start at 11:00 CET

Please note that we will continuously update our schedule, with new sessions to be announced soon!

Don't wait - register and join for free by clicking below!

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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!

[Download](#)

### Legal Technology

## Robots and humans go hand-in-hand with legal tech

The article asks the opinions of several individuals knowledgeable about the legal tech field and how they see legal technology impacting the work of lawyers. The opinions vary and can be rather informative to understand what the expectations of people involved with legal tech are. Nevertheless, everyone sees legal tech overall as a benefit for corporate lawyers.

[Read more](#)

## Social Media

# Follow us on LinkedIn!

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](mailto:marten.mannis@ecla.eu)

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