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Dear ECLA Members and Guests,

Summer must have slept in this year. Or perhaps regular showers of hail are to be expected from May from here on out. With the ongoing pandemic taking all of our societal focus, we tend to forget just how extreme the weather patterns have become in recent years. How will us returning to the offices and 'normalcy' change our approaches in this regard remains to be seen.

The vaccination campaign is gaining steam across Europe as well, with many countries already offering vaccinations to their entire adult populations. Exciting news ahead - one can hope that countries can permanently start re-opening as more and more people get vaccinated. Unless we need another lockdown in winter, of course.

E-Learning

Corporate Counsel Academy courses - Fall 2021

Visit the Corporate Counsel Academy website to find out information about our upcoming courses in Fall! In addition to the return of our well-received courses such as *Legal English for Negotiation* and *Drafting International Contracts*, the selection also includes practical courses such as *LinkedIn for Lawyers*, *Engaging your Internal Client*, *Media Training*, *Cross-Cultural Negotiation*, *Legal Writing*, and much more!

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Legal Technology

Legal tech data security – a checklist for in-house counsel

Buying legal technology can be overwhelming enough without adding to the mix the challenge of ensuring your preferred software meets security requirements. This is probably why, anecdotally, we hear of legal tech projects where data security requirements are raised late in the game, usually when IT becomes involved in the project. The article includes a handy checklist of data security considerations for legal teams.

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Legal Privilege

Foreign in-house lawyers enjoy legal advice privilege under English law

In September 2020 the High Court of Justice Business and Property Courts of England and Wales Commercial Court (QBD) clarified the applicability of legal professional privilege for communication with foreign in-house counsel. The core issue in *Bogolyubov & Ors* [2020] EWHC 2437 concerned that the Russian legal system draws a legal distinction between officially registered advocates and in-house lawyers, similar to some other European jurisdictions.

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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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Webinar

The Future is Now: The New World of Work - A CMS Webinar Series

Our partner CMS has put together a comprehensive series of webinars with experts that address any relevant legislative or policy changes that employers need to be aware of and discuss the issues arising from the new prevalence of remote working in the short and potentially also longer term, including from a health & safety perspective.

The series covers 25 countries, and each 45-minute webinar will typically cover one country and will be conducted in English by CMS experts from the relevant jurisdiction.

Participation is free and we invite our members to check them out, as they will provide practical advice onto navigating the pandemic currently and in the near-future.

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