

FIRST LAW INTERNATIONAL received The Lawyer's Judges' Highest Commendation Award as the Runner-Up for "The Global Network of the Year".



Dear Partners,

On the occasion of the recent celebration of the Who-is-Who in our Industry, last week **The Lawyer** hosted in London (across from the Tower of London (at the iconic Grange Tower Hotel) its sumptuous 2018 Annual Awards for the best and brightest lawyers, law firms, in-house General Counsels and Global Networks.

The Lawyer's judges comprised an impressive peer list of powerhouse GCs including Head of Legal of **PayPal**, EMENA GC of **Airbnb**, GC of **Societe Generale**, European Legal Director **Northrop Grumman**; Chief Legal Counsel of **TSYS**, GC of **Orwell Group**, and European GC **Shiseido Group**; as well as managing partners of panel of leading law firms including Osborne Clarke, Hogan Lovells, and Mills & Reeve to mention just a few.

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This was FLI's first and only time to submit our profile. With very little time to dedicate to this process (unlike other networks who traditionally hire PR agencies to field this process), we're very proud to report as follows:

Among the eight featured short-listed finalists, **First Law International** was selected as the first runner up to the Global Network of the Year. In effect, FLI got the highest commendation for second place. Orlando attended the event accompanied by Ms. Yuhua Yang, partner of our Chinese member firm Llinks Law Offices, who is based in London proper; and Mr. Denis van den Bulke, managing partner of VANDENBULKE, FLI's Luxembourg firm, who too was nominated in the short-list of 8 contenders for European Specialist Law Firm of the Year.

During the proceedings, Orlando and his honour guests observed a couple of poignant insights: the other contenting networks were represented in force (one network had about twenty members in attendance) showing how important cinching this accolade means to our so-called competitors; and when the finalists were announced by name, the other networks, one-by-one, showed the photo of their managing director, CEO or something else, whereas FLI was the only network whose photo was our Advisory Board. This unequivocally showed to the audience where FLI placed its priorities, on **YOU**, our valued and esteemed Partners.

On behalf of our Board, join us at HQ congratulating FLI's Management Team without whose dedication to FLI's unique business model, this industry recognition would not have been achieved: **Mr. Pete Larsen** (USA-South West), **Mr. Scott Blackmer** (USA-Midwest), **Ms. Carol Creel** (USA-Central) and **Ms. Marisa Martos** (Iberian market), not to mention FLI's HQ Manager, **Mr. Martin Nemecek**.

Congratulations to you all and see you all in Abu Dhabi very soon.

Best Regards,



Orlando Casares
FLI Principal

