

# First Law International

## NEWSLETTER



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For the busy, successful lawyer on the go!

### FLI secures a collaboration agreement with London Renowned Law Firm – Mishcon de Reya!



FLI is very proud to announce that a top-rated London city firm - Mishcon de Reya - ([www.mishcon.com](http://www.mishcon.com)) has joined FLI as its 34th world-wide partner member!

Founded in 1937, Mishcon de Reya (“MdR”) is a premier London law firm with an enviable reputation, offering a wide range of legal services to corporate clients and high net worth individuals.

Mishcon de Reya’s expertise covers five areas: analysing risk, protection of assets, managing wealth, resolving disputes and building businesses. An entrepreneurial spirit - where candour and involvement are key - characterises Mishcon’s ability to develop and execute the strategies required to achieve their clients’ goals in all these areas.

After significant internal review, MdR concluded that its internal cross-border requirements would be better served by benefiting from the structure developed by FLI over the past ten years with a very successful track record and an impressive list of top-rated firms worldwide.

Mischon and FLI plan to host their kick-off meeting in London in January as a way to start their collaboration, MdR will welcome FLI’s Executive Management to the occasion in order to agree on a number of policy initiatives. FLI NET Partners from Austria, Spain, France, Ukraine, Malaysia as well as the United States will be expected to participate in the momentous event.

*(Picture on left: O. Casares – FLI Principal, with Mr. Gary Miller, Head of Litigation Partner, at Mishcon de Reya’s offices in London).*

### Message from the President

Dear Partners,

As we close out the year and usher FLI’s first ten years of existence, I’ve been reflecting over the lessons we’ve all learned together.

From the remarkable growth among our FLI NET Partners, to the Conferences we’ve held, to the Fortune Company clients we’ve managed to attract, we are left with a very encouraging prospect for yet better things to come.

The past 10 years have flown by but the legacy we now have in place is something to be very proud of.

*Orlando J. Casares*



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### FLI awarded a Greenfield EUR 50M project!

FLI successfully concludes a beauty parade and is awarded the contract to act as local counsel for an US Fortune Company in the alternative energy industry in a 50M Euros Greenfield M&A opportunity in the Czech Republic. After throughout research in several EU countries, FLI's client opted for the Czech Republic for a number of reasons including a series of attractive investment incentives and well-developed infrastructure. Due to FLI NET Czech Partner, **Havel & Holasek's** top performance, FLI clinches the deal just before the holidays.

### FLI focuses its growth in the Americas by launching its first FLI NET South American Partner.

FLI is very proud to announce its first FLI NET Partner in South America by securing collaboration with a top-rated Brazilian firm **CASTRO, BARROS, SOBRAL, GOMES – CBSG** ([www.cbsg.com.br](http://www.cbsg.com.br)). With CBSG's joining, FLI NET' world-wide coverage now expands to 35 (!) countries! With offices in Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo and Brasília and Lisbon, CBSG is one of Brazil's most respected law firms.



### HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

FLI NET Ukrainian partner - Konnov & Sozanovsky - is, once again, ranked among the **Ten Best Law Firms** in the annual rating of the leading legal publication «The Yuridicheskaya Practika», in the context of its independent research study, «TOP 50 Leading Law Firms of Ukraine 2009.» Konnov & Sozanovsky has been among the top ten leading law firms for 13 consecutive years and, thus, fixed its position on the list of the best Ukrainian law firms. This annual research study, carried out since 1997, is the only independent study related to the Ukrainian legal services market. The results of the rating were published in The Yuridicheskaya Practika, issue No 50, dated December, 15 2009 and are available on its official web site:

<http://yurpractika.com/inform.php?50>. (Picture on left: Mr. Sergei Konnov, Senior Partner).

