

# First Law International

## NEWSLETTER

For the busy successful lawyer on the go!

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### **FLI NET CIS Regional Meeting – Kiev, UKR**

On the occasion of the 4<sup>th</sup> CIS Local Counsel Forum held in Kiev Ukraine on June 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, Orlando Casares met with the FLI NET partners from the CIS states to explore potential business development opportunities in their respective regions.



Hosted by our FLI NET Ukrainian Partners, *Ms. Yevgeniya Derbal and Mr. Borys Lobovyk* (Konnov & Sozanovsky), Orlando was delighted to meet up with *Ms. Tatyana Suleyeva* (Aequitas – FLI NET Kazakhstan), *Ms. Gulnara Kalikova* (Kalikova & Associates – FLI NET Kyrgyzstan), and *Ms. Liliya Vlasova and Mr. Konstantin Mikhel*

(Vlasova Mikhel & Partners – FLI NET Belarus). During the meeting, held at the Opera hotel all partners shared their views on best practices to increase cross-border business activities among FLI in the region and in general. During the meeting, Ms. Gulnara Kalikova recommended a client-sharing program should be developed to find business synergies; also a list of distressed assets portfolio list should be circulated amongst FLI; Ms. Derbal and Mr. Lobovyk reminded us that Ukraine is hosting the European Football Cup in 2012 which if explored in good time should result in some files for FLI NET Partners.

### **Message from our President:**

Dear Partners,  
Following our best attended Partners Conference in Istanbul; FLI's passion and resources are as committed as ever to continue to build the number one cross-border network in the world. I've since been contact with just about everyone due to business opportunities and will have the chance to meet with our partners in Portugal, CIS, Austria and UK, just to mention a few, by the time you read this Newsletter . Our business model is truly international in scope and I have no doubt that by time we reach Barcelona in the Fall we will be even stronger.

Orlando J. Casares

### **FLI NET – New Partner**

FLI is very proud to welcome its 29th new Partner!

**Kalikova & Associates** ([www.k-a.kg](http://www.k-a.kg)), a top-rated Kyrgyz law firm, has officially joined FLI and is looking forward to providing high-quality services for FLI and FLI NET Partners' clients.



### **FLI NET EXPANSION ACTIVITIES**

To provide multinational clients with a truly global coverage of legal services, FLI is currently in advanced discussions with the top-ranked law firms in following countries of strategic importance :

EURORE : *Denmark, Hungary, Norway*

CIS : *Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan*

ASIA PACIFIC : *Hong Kong, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines and Australia*

### **HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH**

FLI has successfully been able to secure a mandate from a blue-chip chemical and pharmaceutical company to engage all FLI NET Europe Partners (20 countries in all) in assisting the client with standardizing their existing employment agreements both for regular employee as well as in-country manager executives.

