

# First Law International

## NEWSLETTER

For the busy, successful lawyer on the go!

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### FLI goes South – to South America!



After having welcomed its first FLI NET Partner in South America through the association of top-ranked Brazilian law firm **Castro, Barros, Sobral, Gomes Advogados** (CBSG) in December 2009, FLI just hosted a mini-conference on Friday (March 5th., 2010) under the auspice of CBSG at their Sao Paolo's offices with prospective partners from renowned law firms in Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Colombia, Peru and Chile (Chile could not attend due to the devastating impact of the recent earthquake).

During the meetings FLI Principal, Orlando Casares, discussed the importance for mid-tier, top firms such as the ones in attendance to be part of a global network which could introduce them to prospective multinational clients as well as enable them to assist their existing clients with cross-border global support which is becoming more and more the expectation from clients.

Following the conference, each individual prospective law firm will undergo Executive Management further evaluation. Invitations to join FLI will follow on a case-by-case basis.

*(Picture above: FLI Principal, Brazilian Hosts and participants from various South American countries)*

### Message from the President

Dear Partners,  
I'm pleased to report to you that our Czech hosts, Havel & Holasek recently welcomed me at their offices in Prague to review our joint plans for an exciting Spring Conference. It is always gratifying to see the efforts of a partner firm to optimize our time together during FLI featured events. With an anticipated attendance of 30 partner countries, multinational clients, dignitaries and renowned guests, Prague in the spring will be a real hit!

*Orlando J. Casares*

### FLI continues its strategic growth throughout the emerging economies in Southeast Europe!

FLI is very proud to announce that it has received membership requests from top-rated law firms from Macedonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, which are at this time carefully reviewed by FLI NET's Executive Management Board.

### FLI goes South – Part II

FLI is pleased to welcome to its rapidly growing family a well established and one of the leading firms from Argentina - **ZANG, BERGEL & VIÑES ABOGADOS** ([www.zbv.com.ar](http://www.zbv.com.ar)). With ZBV's joining, FLI's South America presence begins to gain more visibility and is expected to keep this growth momentum through anticipated expansion in additional three countries in the near future.

### HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH



Kurki-Suonio & Karhu has recently represented a significant Swiss client in arbitral proceedings that were conducted in St. Petersburg, Russia, resulting in a **4 million USD award** in favour of the client, followed by the pending enforcement proceedings in Finland.

*(Picture on the left: Mr. Panu Karhu, Partner).*

