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NEWSLETTER

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FLI concludes its 11th semi-annual conference!



On the occasion of FLI's 11th semi-annual world-wide conference, FLI NET partners from **24 countries** from around the world gathered together in Barcelona, home to our local FLI NET Spain Partners – **MANIEGA & SOLER Abogados** - to convene one of the finest and better attended FLI NET event yet.

FLI NET European core members along with Partners from US and Asia joined Mr. Casares and FLI's Executive Management in officially welcoming FLI's

new Partners from Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Kyrgyzstan. During the Conference a lively discussion ensued on how to better harness FLI's innovative business model in order to continue providing our clients world-wide with the desired solutions only FLI can offer. A panel of selected speakers from USA, Germany, and Spain, among which was Honourable Judge of the Commercial Court of Barcelona - Mr. Juan Manuel de Castro, offered an engaging presentation on cross-border insolvency and financial restructuring to the attending guests from the local business community. Through the presence of a number of FLI's key multinational clients, FLI NET partners enjoyed the networking sessions in a relaxed atmosphere, which provided clients with a unique opportunity to sample FLI's joint cross-border powerful capabilities. The next FLI NET conference will take place in Spring of 2010 and will be hosted in Asia.

FLI's gala dinner & awards ceremony was a splendid array of Spanish hospitality combined with a gastronomic experience and a superb social ambiance.

The Conference adjourned until next spring and the partners and their accompanying wives and guests enjoyed an informative tour of the exciting city and its architectural prowess.

(Picture above: FLI NET Partners after the concluding session of the conference).

Message from the President

Dear Partners,
I continue to be impressed by the talent and work ethic among our fellow member firms. Whether named the law firm of the year or some other accolade, we all take pride in sharing such success. However, when a Partner's vision for a stronger and better integrated FLI is matched by his/her personal zeal and devotes the energy to help us achieve such ideals, we would be remiss not to recognize such person. During our Barcelona conference, we were particularly inspired by the personal contributions of **Martin Preslmayr** whose vision for FLI continues to remind us all that greater things are yet to come.

Orlando J. Casares

If you are old enough to remember when Ronald Reagan was President of the United States, you will remember that America's funniest comedian was Bob Hope, and the most celebrated country western & blues singer was Johnny Cash.

Well, today's political pundits are saying that with Obama as President the US is without hope and no cash.

FLI is proud to announce the following prospective new Partners are being evaluated by the Executive Management: **Brazil, Chile, Hong Kong, Ireland, Latvia, and Tajikistan.**



HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

FLI NET CZ Partner - **Havel & Holasek** - has been awarded as the "**Law Firm of the year 2009!**"

The award was granted to a winning law firm through a competition organized by the prestigious Czech legal publishing company (*epravo.cz*) and based on the assessment of an independent jury of peer law firms, Czech and international corporations, as well as professionals selected by the publishing company.

(Picture on left: Mr. Marek Losan, Havel & Holasek, Partner).