



NEWSLETTER

for the busy, successful lawyer on the go

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Message from the President

Dear Friends,

As our tenth year anniversary partners' conference approaches after much anticipation and a great deal of planning, my thoughts go back to our early days when FLI was an idea with significant potential. We have withstood the test of time but I never doubted we would get here. Our Conference will be the best FLI-sponsored event in our history. With over forty-three members in the Network and thirty-one confirmed attending by the time of this Newsletter we are poised to deliver an outstanding event.



FLI to roll out a 70-countries telecommunication project!



FLI is asked by a multinational, blue chip US company in the alternative energy industry to roll-out a telecommunications project in 70 countries spanned over six Continents. The cross-border complexity of this project in interacting with the local authorities and virtually every single FLI NET Partner office and a number of correspondents offers FLI an invaluable opportunity to shine our central management capabilities out of Brussels and the US. The speed and consistency with which FLI NET has responded to the client's requests for information has been remarkable. In addition to rendering this support, FLI has a very good chance to remain the preferred legal provider for this client (for whom FLI is already acting in some jurisdictions) worldwide.

FLI sponsors HR & Employment Forum on "The UK Bribery Act – What are the practical implications for your business?"



At this exclusive BritishAmerican Business HR & Employment Forum briefing sponsored by First Law International and hosted by its UK Partner firm, **Lewis Silkin** (www.lewissilkin.com) the expert panel has examined how to implement and comply with the impending UK Bribery Act, avoiding any undesirable ill effects.

The panel of speakers, selected from New Scotland Yard; City of London Police; a large, multinational company; and Lewis Silkin's Employment team Partner, Ellen Temperton, discussed the technical aspects of the implementation of internal corporate procedures by HR and Finance departments, incorporating in-house training seminars, new or revised hiring policies, ongoing employee vetting and re-vetting procedures, and ensuring that data protection is respected vis-à-vis employees under surveillance for suspect behavior, etc.

This briefing has been well attended by over 30 companies and has created overwhelmingly positive feedback among all participants.



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FLI NET in the Media – CHAMBERS & PARTNERS



FLI is pleased to announce that FLI network has been recently ranked by **Chambers & Partners** (Global) among the leading networks in the world (www.chambersandpartners.com/global/legal-networks).

It has taken ten years to develop the business model, build the brand and secure the loyalty of an impressive number of top rated law firms, in now 44 jurisdictions. To be recognized and identified with the largest networks in the work - granted under completely different models - is a milestone achievement. FLI is the only true Assistant General Counsel model which explains why FLI is attracting more and more blue chip multinational clients.

This achievement is also earned through the individual contributions of each FLI NET Partner for which FLI would like to expressly thank and acknowledge.

FLI NET in the Media – CORPORATE INTL



In addition to being acknowledged by Chambers and Partners, FLI is being featured in April's edition of **Corporate INTL** magazine, which is a preferred publication for general counsel and business professionals where FLI is clearly highlighted as the only viable alternative to cross-border legal support in contrast with the usual, expensive franchise-type mammoth law firms. The publication of the magazine will take place this month and you can read this insightful article on the FLI website.

FLI NET – Emirates Expansion Efforts



FLI NET is currently in the advance stages of securing a FLI NET Partner in the Emirates.

To this effect, FLI's Managing Partner, Mr. Orlando Casares, accompanied by a member of the Executive Management Team, Mr. Jerome Saleur (FLI NET France, Lamy Lexel), traveled to Dubai to interview a number of short-listed firms.

The selection process is currently ongoing and will be concluded prior to FLI NET's 10th year anniversary conference in Lyon.