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## MESSAGE FROM FLI HQ



15 YEARS! It is hard to believe that the upcoming conference will mark the 15-year celebration of FLI. From the simplest of beginnings to a full-fledged network that receives commendations in major world publications for the quality of its members. What a journey!

It is remarkable that the original concept that was so ahead of its time remains today a much written and talked about subject. Renowned authors are talking about the death of a law firm or the death of the lawyer. Disruptions such as we are seeing in other industries are questioning the very foundation of how legal work is performed. These are interesting times and it is so timely that we are now at such a height of strength that lets us look at the future with confidence. We all feel at FLI headquarters that we are at a tipping point both from the point of view of the potential growth of the network as well as for the opportunities that are presented to us because of who we have become.

The upcoming conference will be an opportunity for us to listen and learn from authoritative market experts specializing in the legal industry. We will listen, we will analyze, and united have unending possibilities open before us as to where we want to take FLI. We invite all of you to have a look at the program which is on the website so that you can see for yourselves the incredible program that has been put together. Many thanks to our Belgium partners Van Bael & Bellis who have been working relentlessly to make the entire three days a success. There is high-value and great insight to be gained from listening to the amazing speakers that have been lined up

We look forward to seeing you in Brussels and also to receiving your input on the subjects that will be discussed so that we can grow together and find the path that will keep us unique and forward thinking. That has been the moto for FLI during the past 15 years and will remain so for the next 15 years.

**Christian Bertacchini – FLI HQ**

## US CLIENT RETAINED A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL CROSS-BORDER ASSISTANCE



FLI is retained by a significant US client to draft a localized compliance & regulatory policy handbook. This project will encompass over 30 FLI NET members over the world and will include summaries in Company law, Data Privacy, IP, Tax & Treasury, Sales & Distribution, Labor & Employment. The first work products will be presented to the client during FLI NET's 2016 Spring Conference in Brussels.

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## CYTRON - IP WORK BEING DONE IN MEXICO



Basham, Ringe y Correa S.C., FLI NET member in Mexico, continues to deliver excellent services to a FLI-generated client in Mexico in relation to some patent work on a medical device invented by the client and assisting the client in navigating Patent Office in Mexico.

## ANALYSIS ON REFORM OF QFII FOREIGN EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATION AND ITS

China's foreign exchange regulator, the State Administration for Foreign Exchange, announced and implemented the Rules on Foreign Exchange Administration of the Domestic Securities Investments by Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors. The New Rules have introduced significant reform to the foreign exchange administration of the qualified foreign institutional investors ("QFII") scheme under the former Rules on Foreign Exchange Administration of the



Domestic Securities Investments by Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors which were issued in September 2009 and amended in December 2012, such as removing the total investment quota limit for each QFII and introducing a "base quota" mechanism; simplifying the administration of quota approval; removing the required time frame for QFIIs to make inbound remittance of investment principal; allowing subscriptions and redemption of QFII open-ended funds to be carried out on a daily basis; and shortening the lock-up period.

## FLI NET DRC SUPPORTED A MULTINATIONAL LOGISTICAL CLIENT

FLI NET partner in Democratic Republic of Congo has been engaged in providing litigation management support to defend multinational client in multiple claims. Local partner supported FLI valuable client during several litigation matters since beginning of 2015.



## US CLIENT ENGAGES AUSTRALIA FOR IP PROTECTION SUPPORT



Another client from the ACC Conference 2015 in Boston has come back to FLI for another IP protection project in Australia. FLI was asked to investigate a trademark denial and provide options for the client in moving forward with their mark in Australia. The client was given several options and are currently working on one of those options with our legal team in Australia.

## ANOTHER RENDERED ASSISTANCE IN AUSTRALIA

FLI was asked by its prominent client in the software industry to assist in investigating and sending cease and desist correspondence to an individual who allegedly obtained a pirated version of their software and was marketing and selling it in Australia.



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## GP STRATEGIES CORP CONSIDERS ACQUISITION IN INDIA



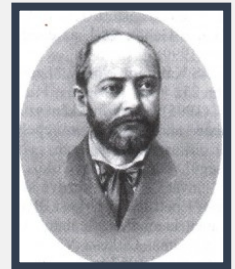
A new client that FLI met at the ACC Conference in Boston is looking at an acquisition in India and has requested a budget from Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co, FLI NET member in India. The engagement will involve legal due diligence, tax due diligence, negotiations and document production for the acquisition. This will be a good project for FLI and we are looking forward to developing further work with this client.

## FLI NET UNIVERSE - GLOBAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF FLI MEMBERS

### FLI NET HUNGARY - "KÁROLY EÖTVÖS" AWARD

The head of Oppenheim's dispute resolution practice and member of its management board, Tamás Éless was honoured with the "Károly Eötvös" award.

The plaque is the highest award by the Budapest Bar Association and could be considered as the "Academy Award" for Hungarian attorneys. It is named after the well-known writer and attorney-at-law, Károly Eötvös, who was instrumental in developing the rule of law in Hungary and acted as defense counsel in a number of high profile court cases in the 19th century.



### FLI NET POLAND - 14TH RANKING OF LAW FIRMS PUBLISHED BY "RZECZPOSPOLITA"

FLI NET partner in Poland, Sołtysiński Kawecki & Szlęzak, has once again shown itself to be ahead of the field in the 14th edition of the ranking of law firms published by "Rzeczpospolita", the most prestigious Polish economic daily.

Another great accomplishment for SK&S and their experts individually is being recommended by the highly recognized worldwide guide Legal500. In the latest edition of the rankings we have been recommended in the following categories, including 3 categories where they received the title Top-Tier Firm.



### FLI NET USA - BEST LAWYERS IN DALLAS OF 2016



We are pleased to announce that healthcare attorneys Ashley Johnston and Andy Meyercord from FLI NET USA partner, Gray Reed McGraw, have been named to D Magazine's Best Lawyers in Dallas list for 2016.

D Magazine identifies the best legal professionals in the Dallas-Fort Worth area by inviting nearly 9,000 attorneys to vote for their peers. Finalists are selected by an independent panel of anonymous lawyers and the magazine's editorial staff.

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## SYCIPLAW RECEIVES 2016 WHO'S WHO LEGAL COUNTRY AWARD

SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan once again received the Country Award for the Philippines at the 3rd Annual Who's Who Legal Awards on April 11 at The University Club, New York. Who's Who Legal's country awards recognize the firms achieving the highest number of nominations in a particular jurisdiction across Who's Who Legal's research, which involves collecting recommendations from private practitioners and in-house counsels.

