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Message from our President

Dear Friends, just as Chambers and Partners is about to launch its second annual edition of Legal Networks, I'm pleased to report that not only has FLI been ranked once again as among the leading networks in the world but, for the second year running, Chambers has asked me yet again to write the [introductory](#) overview. Considering the tremendous potential of capturing new business opportunities given that Chamber is by two-to-one the most consulted and trusted guide by corporate counsel to look for outside counsel, writing the introduction is an honor I take very seriously. I hope you share my enthusiasm when you take the time to read it. It has also been very gratifying for us that individually over 85% of our members have been independently ranked by Chambers, Legal 500 or other accredited organization as being among the leading firms in your national jurisdiction. To those of you who consistently make the mark every year, we honor you in this Newsletter. And for those of you who are working very hard to make the mark, we commend and support your efforts.



Special Issue: FLI NET Partners' Achievements

We take pride in publishing our 32nd edition of FLI's [Monthly Newsletter](#). In this edition, we feature the awards and peer-recognition accolades of some of our Partners. A similar special issue will be published later on in the course of the year to feature other renowned achievements by more FLI members as we could not include them all in this edition.

The awards confirm the quality of the work carried out by our Partners as well as the reliability of FLI NET's selection process' criteria instituted by our headquarters since the date of FLI's inception. These impressive achievements speak highly of the Partners as well as FLI as a whole since by banding together, our flock of geese "gets there faster and further."



SK&S, Poland (www.skslegal.pl)

For many years, SK&S and its attorneys have been recognized prominently in international specialist publications, such as: Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, IFLR 1000, WTR 1000 or PLC Which Lawyer? and in the local league tables of law firms by "Rzeczpospolita", "Dziennik Gazeta Prawna" and "Forbes" monthly.



- ✓ **Client Choice Award 2010 and 2012** in Poland awarded by the *International Law Office*, the official media partner of the International Bar Association;
- ✓ **National Law Firm of the Year in Poland 2009** from *Chambers and Partners*;
- ✓ The *International Legal Alliance Summit & Awards* recognized SK&S as the **Best Polish Law Firm 2009**.



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MGRA & Associados, Portugal (www.mgra.eu)

MGRA has international practice standards and capabilities, being referred by most renowned independent legal guides and directories (e.g. Legal500, Chambers and PLC) and honoured with various international awards recognizing its activity.

- ✓ **Law Firm of the Year** – Corporate & Finance – Portugal 2011 (*Lawyers World*)
- ✓ **Law Firm of the Year** in Portugal 2011 – *Corporate INTL*
- ✓ **Most Trusted Law Firm of the Year** – Mozambique 2011 (*ACQ Magazine*)



Atsumi & Sakai, Japan (www.aplaw.jp/en)

Atsumi & Sakai has a reputation for providing meticulous and high-quality legal services in matters ranging from local Japanese matters, to large and complex cross-border transactions (especially the US).

- ✓ **Tier 2 "Banking & Finance"** – *Chambers Asia Pacific 2012*
- ✓ **Tier 2 "Real Estate"** – *Chambers Asia Pacific 2012*



SKW Schwarz, Germany (www.skwschwarz.de)

SKW Schwarz focuses in all major areas of national and international commercial law through its several offices in all principal German business hubs. Being referred to as a mid-sized, independent German firm, SKW Schwarz has been awarded various recognitions from several legal guides and directors.

- ✓ **IT Law Firm of the Year for 2011** – *JUVE Awards*
- ✓ **Top 100 Employers 2012** – *Azur 100* (Career – Based Magazine of JUVE)



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Dacheng Law Offices, China (www.dachengnet.com)

Founded in 1992, **Dacheng Law Offices** stand as one of the first and largest law firm partnership in China. Dacheng's extensive accomplishments are reflected on its long history of honours and awards by several regional and global legal actors.

- ✓ **"China's Fastest Growing Law Firm of 2011" Award, ALB 50** – *Asia Law Business* (Recipient for 3 consecutive years)



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Habib Al Mulla, UAE (www.habibalmulla.com)



With knowledge of local business, culture and over 25 years of legal experience within the UAE, the GCC and the MENA region, **Habib Al Mulla** is a distinctive firm in the legal industry. Its reputation is reflected upon the many awards and recognitions received by major independent legal guides.

- ✓ **Arbitration Law Firm of the Year in UAE, 2011** - *Corporate International Magazine*
- ✓ **Commercial Litigation, Dispute Resolution, Construction Firm of the Year in UAE, 2011** - *Finance Monthly Magazine and Lawyers World Law*
- ✓ **2011 Emirian - ADR Law Firm of the Year** - *Global Law Experts Practice Area*

Zang, Bergel & Vines Abogados, Argentina (www.zbv.com.ar/)



Zang, Bergel & Viñes Abogados is recognized initially for its expertise in insolvency and restructuring, as well as for real estate, where it continues to be widely recommended and advises some of Argentina's leading players, the firm has considerably broadened its focus in recent years, with M&A, capital markets and banking among the areas of practice keeping the firm's lawyers busy. Senior partner Saul Zang has established a strong reputation, described by one client as a "business's lawyer" and has built up an impressive team of highly capable young lawyers with excellent international credentials.

- ✓ **2011 Real Estate Law Firm of the Year in Argentina** - *Corporate International Magazine*
- ✓ **Best Law Firm in Argentina** - *Apertura*
- ✓ **Argentina Leading Firm of 2011** - *Latin Lawyer 250*

Anjarwalla & Khanna, Kenya (www.africalegalnetwork.com/)



Anjarwalla & Khanna is one of the largest law firms in Kenya. It is ranked first in Kenya by various legal guides, including *Chambers Global*, *Legal 500*, *PLC Which Lawyer?* and *Euromoney Guide to the World's Leading Project Finance Lawyers*. According to the 2011 edition of IFLR 1000, "It might share the top tier, but Anjarwalla & Khanna is close to becoming Kenya's sole leading firm". The firm has offices in both Nairobi and Mombasa and is unique in providing a broad range of legal services in Kenya's main commercial centres.



- ✓ **Leading Law Firm, Corporate and Commercial Law, PLC Which Lawyer? 2011**
- ✓ **British Legal Awards 2010 and 2011, Middle East and African Law Firm of the Year (finalist)**



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Maniega & Soler, Spain (www.maniegasoler.com/)



Maniega & Soler is a multidisciplinary legal firm with vast experience in the field of law for businesses. They have a network of offices in Spain located in Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia, Seville, Las Palmas and Tenerife, as well as an international office in Bosnia Herzegovina. They are high-ranked in Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners.



- ✓ **Best Spanish Firm in Arbitration and Litigation**, 2010-2011, *Intercontinental Finance Magazine*
- ✓ **Best European Managing Partner**, *The Lawyer* (Finalist)

Havel, Holásek & Partners, Czech Republic (www.havelholasek.cz/en)

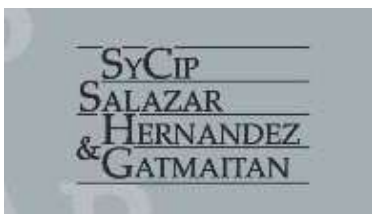


Established in 2001 by experienced lawyers from top international and Czech law firms, **Havel, Holásek & Partners** has quickly become one of the most respected and the fastest-growing independent law firms in the Czech and Slovak Republics. They provide prominent Czech, Slovak and international clients with comprehensive legal services and relevant tax advice on all aspects of their business activities.



- ✓ **Who's Who Legal Award – Czech Law Firm of the Year (2011)**
- ✓ **No. 1 Local Law Firm (2011)** – *Practical Law Company*
- ✓ **ILO Client Choice Award 2010** – *International Law Office*

SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan, Philippines (www.syciplaw.com)



SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan (SyCipLaw) has been awarded

- ✓ **"National Law Firm of the Year"** for the Philippines at the *International Financial Law Review Asia Awards* in Hong Kong last February 23, 2012.



This is the 7th year in a row and the 11th time that SyCipLaw has received the recognition from IFLR. The IFLR is one of the leading publications in international finance laws, including banking, regulatory, corporate, and capital markets. The awards recognize the best and most innovative work in both private legal practice and in-house departments.