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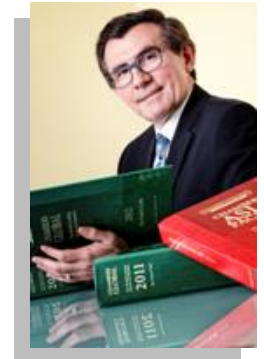
Message from our President

Dear Friends,

Having just completed a two-week whirlwind tour of Asia Pacific, I'm once again reminded what an incredible business model FLI has to offer. Whenever our FLI NET members come together to meet and train clients from various sectors of industry, the synergy created by our leading firms is a compelling force.

Watching clients benefit from these events is personally very fulfilling to me since similar events are normally put on by other law firms for a fee – ours is to lead through sheer value.

Our client's time is very valuable and when they agree to honor us with their presence we take it very seriously and aim to make the event time well-spent by anyone's standards. Shanghai's recent Conference was no different. It was also very nice traveling to meet once again with clients and our Partners from Australia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan and India.



Orlando Casares, FLI NET Principal

FLI NET Client Seminar – Shanghai 2013

First Law International hosted a successful client-driven seminar in Shanghai on November 7 - 8, 2013.

Represented in person by its Asian Partners from the Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Philippines, India, and the seminar's hosts - China; as well as via conference call by the Partners from Vietnam/Thailand, Malaysia, and Australia, FLI demonstrated (once again) its regional prowess to the participating VIPs and chief legal counsel representing their corporate clients.

Meeting at Dacheng Shanghai's prestigious premises, FLI NET Partners presented to the attending FLI clients various recent and current developments in the area of compliance as well as emerging topic of Shanghai Pilot Free Trade Zone.

This one-day event, packed with insightful discussions, client interactions, and networking opportunities, proved a timely success.

FLI extends its gratitude for the gracious hospitality of Dacheng Shanghai, all participating FLI NET Asia/PAC Partners, as well as VIP guests for joining FLI and showing its continuous support and trust in FLI's business model.





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FLI conducts **FCPA & Anti-Bribery Compliance Training** in Kuala Lumpur and New Delhi

First Law International is proud to be a pioneer in global compliance. Routinely, FLI conducts Compliance Certification Training for FLI NET Partners rendering support to US and UK multinationals concern on matters touching on Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and Anti-Bribery Act.

During FLI's recent Asia/PAC road show, FLI's principal, Mr. Orlando Casares, conducted the said compliance training with two of the FLI NET Asia partners:

- ☞ FLI NET Malaysia team of **Azmi & Associates** in Kuala Lumpur; and
- ☞ FLI NET India team of **Suresh A. Shroff & Co.** in New Delhi

Upon completion of the training, FLI NET local teams will be receiving an official certificate of successfully completing the required compliance training committing the firms to continue updating their individual knowledge bank until next training.

FLI Brussels will be expected to report to its respective clients on the progress of this important training.



FLI NET Indonesia – New Partner Firm

First Law International proudly welcomes to the flock of geese, Indonesia's law firm of the year (Chambers 2013).

Having vetted the firm in 2012, FLI NET Executive Management concluded the selection process during the plenary session of FLI Spring Conference in the Hague in May of this year).

Mr. Casares traveled to Jakarta on November 14th to meet with the firm's management members to memorialize our collaboration.

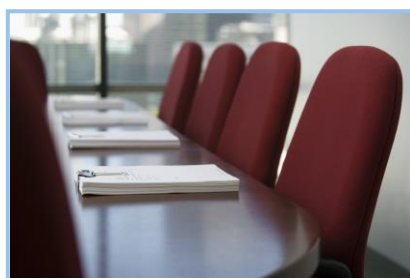
A formal press release announcement is scheduled following FLI NET's December Newsletter.

FLI NET Executive Board – Composition Changes

As FLI NET Executive Management Board fulfils a critical role to help manage our Network's constant growth, FLI HQ together with the currently serving Members of the Board are in process of reshaping the Board's composition.

The current thinking is to release two presently serving members of the Board (to be announced shortly) with a vote of gratitude for the dedicated support rendered on behalf of FLI in the course of the past years and give opportunity to two new members assume that responsibility.

Upon final agreement of the newly composed Board (anticipated prior to years end), FLI Brussels will make a press release announcing the changes.





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FLI NET Asia – Potential Panel Expansion

As announced in FLI NET’s July 2013 newsletter, FLI is adopting a Panel Expanding Strategy in a number of key markets. At present, the Panel of Law Firms approach is successfully operating in USA, UK, and Russia.

A similar approach is considered to be implemented next year in Asia.

The shift in the network’s traditional model (of only one firm per country) reflects FLI’s forward-thinking approach by offering its clients the best possible platform in areas where the legal market is very sophisticated through which their business objectives would be best realized.

FLI NET 2014 Semi-Annual Spring Conference Houston, USA

First Law International is pleased to announce that the 2014 Semi-Annual Spring Conference will be held in Houston, Texas, in May 2014.

The conference will be hosted by leading Texas firm, **Looper Reed & McGraw**.

This global event is expected to bring to Houston not only the leading law firms from all over the world, but also a number of VIP guests as well as FLI’s strategic clients.

FLI’s annual events are much anticipated and promise to deliver a vibrant atmosphere for networking and ample learning opportunities of current trends in the legal industry such as Data Protection/Retention, Compliance, Whistle-blower, e-discovery, outsourcing of legal services, work-life balance, globalization, alternative billing methods, etc.

FLI’s open invitation has been distributed to all FLI NET Partners and invitees and can be seen posted on FLI’s website.

We look forward to welcoming you all to Houston.

