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The International Lawyers Network's 2009 European Regional Meeting was held in Athens, Greece, hosted by Dimitriou Law Office. On behalf of the Chairman, Board of Directors and the Administration, we would like to thank Mr. Dimitris Dimitriou, Mr. Philip Dimitriou and everyone at the firm for making this a very special event.

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New York (May 25, 2010) – It is with great pleasure that we announce the re-design and launch of Zen and the Art of Legal Networking on the LexBlogPlatform
<http://www.zenlegalnetworking.com>

The blog is authored by Lindsay Griffiths, who, as the Director of Network Development for the ILN, is responsible for facilitating member attorney relationships through marketing, events planning, and business development.

Working for the ILN presents an interesting set of challenges and projects, focused both on topics of interest to the legal industry and relationship-building within the Network. Zen and the Art of Legal Networking is designed to provide her thoughts on these topics.

The blog is also home to ILN-terviews, a series of interviews with ILN member firm attorneys, and highlights member firm blogs in the LexBlog network on the home page.

Zen and the Art of Legal Networking had its first post in February of 2009 and after 74 posts, Lindsay says "We're very excited to be joining the LexBlog network family and launching this re-design of our blog. We look forward to engaging further with the legal community through our blog and continuing to have fruitful discussions for the benefit of our readers and our member firm attorneys. A very special thanks to Kevin O'Keefe and LexBlog for all of their help with the design, hosting and launch!"

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An Important Decision: Employee's Right to Royalties in a "Service Invention"

Glusman Shem-Tov Chowers Broid & Co., Tel Aviv

by Miriam Hackmey and Kobie Refaeli

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On February 3, 2010, an important ruling was rendered affecting the employee-employer relationship with respect to patents in which the employees are inventors (hereinafter: the "Ruling"). The Ruling refers to patents that are considered "Service Inventions", which is defined in Section 132 of the Israeli Patent Law - 1967 (hereinafter: the "Law"). The Ruling was rendered by the Committee on Compensation and Royalties established by Section 109 of the Law (hereinafter: the "Committee").

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New Company Law in the Dominican Republic

Mejía-Armenteros & Abreu, S.A.

by Mr Santiago Mejía Ortiz



Executive Summary The new Commercial Societies and Individual Enterprises of Limited Responsibilities General Law (Law No. 479-08), substitutes and derogates the Third Title in the Commercial Code that is in effect, that includes the articles 18 to the 64 regarding the Commercial Societies. This new Law recognizes and maintains in effect the different types of societies known from the Commercial Code. Nevertheless, institutes two new classes of societies: the Societies of Limited Responsibilities (SLR) and the Individual Enterprises of Limited Responsibilities (IELR).

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Why Choose India as Destination For FDI Singhania & Company

by Krrishan Singhania and S.N. Verma



India is emerging as one of the most attractive business Destinations all over the Globe. No country aspiring to be global leader in business can afford to miss an opportunity of investing in India. Today, while almost the entire world has fallen prey to the worst ever Global recession and finding it difficult to get out of its trap, Indian economy continues to grow at the rate of 7-9% per annum. The whole world is keen on knowing as to what is that SECRET about India that has helped it in maintaining such a position on the global map in the present era and wants to follow India's foot prints in the global economy.

[FULL STORY]

What Can We Expect in Social Security If We Work in Another European Union Member State or Employ a Citizen of Another Member State After 1 May 2010?

PETERKA & PARTNERS v.o.s., Prague

by Magdalena Vyskovska



In addition to other formalities, all employers in the European Union who post their employees to other member states or employ citizens of other member states or the EEA are already used to dealing with the issue of which member state they must pay social security and health insurance contributions in on their behalf. Also. the self-

employed must deal with this problem when they decide to do business in one or more EU member states. Nevertheless, the correct interpretation of the relevant coordination regulation sometimes seems problematic for employers and the self-employed, and the incorrect application of the regulation or lack of information on the applicable legislation may result in many sanctions.

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Ecuador - The Impact of the Tax Reform of Late 2009

Ortega Moreira & Ortega Trujillo, Abogados, Guayaquil

by Gustavo Ortega Illingworth



During the last two years, the Ecuadorian tax system has suffered substantial changes intended to increase revenue and decrease evasion. There is no doubt about the legitimate intent behind the reforms. Notwithstanding, the content of the amendments go beyond expected by introducing or eliminating provisions that violate principles of equivalence and proportionality recognized in the Constitution and the Tax Code. The tax reform of 2008, for example, introduced the need to issue a collateral to secure the fiscal interest of the Internal Revenue Service as a condition to litigate a tax liability compromising the right of tax payers to a defense and eliminated the concept of the positive silence in administrative proceedings. The changes introduced in 2009 are no exception. In the following lines, we will discuss their impact and mechanisms to minimize it.

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Further Departure From Bank Secrecy in Latvia

Grunte & Cers / TLS Alliance, Riga

by Inese Hazenfusa

The Latvian Credit Institutions Law similarly like in many other countries establishes the principle of bank secrecy, which relates to

clients, their accounts, deposits and their transactions, setting out that such information subject to bank secrecy may be disclosed to the individuals themselves or the legal or authorised representatives of the legal persons.

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Bankruptcy Taxation in the U.S.

Arnstein & Lehr LLP, Chicago

by Robert E. McKenzie



1. CREATION OF THE BANKRUPTCY ESTATE 1.10 A separate taxable bankruptcy estate is created when an individual debtor files either a Chapter 7 or Chapter 11 Petition. [IRC 1398(a)]. In all other bankruptcy proceedings, including Chapter 7 or Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases dismissed by the Bankruptcy Court, the debtor continues to file income tax returns as though there were no bankruptcy and there were no separate taxable bankruptcy estate. When a separate taxable bankruptcy estate is created, the estate inherits and takes into account the following income attributes of the debtor [IRC 1398(g)]:

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New York (April 20, 2010) – On Tuesday, Fogler Rubinoff announced that they are sponsoring the IBA's Biennial Conference SEERIL: Challenges for Resources in a Changing World, held at the Four Seasons in Toronto on April 25-28, 2010. The conference, which is presented by the IBA's Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure Law, will focus on a wide range of issues affecting the industries represented by this section. The IBA says "The topics will be around the general theme of empowering the planet in a challenging environment. including access to

resources, energy and land, reduction of emissions and the associated legal framework.” It is recommended that private practitioners and in-house counsel at all levels of experience involved in environmental, international construction, mining, oil and gas, power or water law attend.

Fogler Rubinoff will sponsor the conference’s Welcome Reception. In addition, firm partner Charles Birchall is a member of the Host Committee and will also be the Chair of “The Arctic Paradox” session, to be held on April 26th. Fogler Rubinoff is a full service law firm in Toronto, Canada, providing legal services and advice to both established and emerging businesses and to individuals. Their team is comprised of 94 lawyers and 120 legal, administrative, and technical employees providing support to their clients through a wide range of practice areas.

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Fladgate LLP, London

The logo for Fladgate, featuring the word "fladgate" in a white, lowercase, serif font centered on a dark purple rectangular background.

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Fladgate LLP has acted for new client Metminco Limited on its

admission to the AIM market.

Metminco, an ASX listed mining exploration company, raised £12m by way of a placing of 103,795,569 ordinary shares.

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