

Press Release

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Top In-house Counsel Recognized at the International Law Office.com Global Counsel Awards in association with the Association of Corporate Counsel

London, UK – The International Law Office (ILO) and the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) hosted the inaugural Global Counsel Awards in New York’s prestigious Cipriani 42nd Street last night. The gala event celebrated the achievements of in-house counsel recognized by their peers as excelling in their chosen fields.

“These awards pay no heed to the column inches generated by deals. Instead, they are based on hard opinions gleaned from the people who really know quality when they see it: senior in-house counsel and law firm partners,”

explained Susan Hackett, Senior VP and General Counsel, ACC.

To identify the winners the ILO team conducted in-depth analysis of in-house lawyers and legal departments worldwide, receiving over 2,300 individual nominations. Respondents were asked to focus on criteria such as effective communication, legal understanding, commercial awareness, depth and strength of team, and management skills.

Awards were presented to both individuals and legal teams working in the following areas: competition, employment, general commercial, intellectual property, litigation and regulatory (financial and non-financial). Daniel Desjardins of Bombardier Inc was named General Counsel of the Year and National Australia Bank Limited received special recognition for its pro bono programme.

Award sponsors included Sullivan and Cromwell LLP (Competition), Morrison & Foerster (General Commercial), Intellectual Asset Management magazine (Intellectual Property), Sidley Austin LLP (Litigation), Simmons & Simmons (Regulatory—Financial Services) and Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP (General Counsel of the Year).

For more information and complete list of winners, visit www.globalcounselawards.com.

About the International Law Office

Launched in 1998, the International Law Office (ILO) is one of the leading online legal update services for major companies worldwide. With over 33,000 subscribers, it represents a key portal through which law firms communicate with their clients. Recognized for the pre-eminent service it provides, ILO became the Official Online Media Partner to the International Bar Association in 2002, an International Online Media Partner to the Association of Corporate Counsel in 2005 and European Online Media Partner to the European Company Lawyers Association in 2006.

About the Association of Corporate Counsel

The Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC), the in-house bar association, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2007. ACC serves the professional needs of attorneys who practice in the legal departments of corporations and other private sector organizations worldwide. The association promotes the common interests of its members, contributes to their continuing education, seeks to improve understanding of the role of in-house attorneys, and encourages advancements in standards of corporate legal practice. Since its founding, the association has grown to 21,000 members in more than 65 countries who represent over 8,500 corporations. ACC has 47 chapters and 14 committees serving the membership. Its members represent all of the Fortune 100 companies. Internationally, its members represent 42 of the Global 50 and 74 of the Global 100 companies. For more information, go to www.acc.com.

Winners



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Brian Henry
The Coca-Cola Company

Team

Endesa SA

Employment

Individual

Chuck Coleman
Raytheon Company

Team

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Individual

Terry Groff
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Team

Shell Companies

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Individual

Paul Coletti
Johnson & Johnson

Team

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Individual

Jonathan Eisenberg
Merrill Lynch & Co, Inc

Team

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Individual

Michael Helfer
Citigroup Inc

Team

General Re Corporation

Regulatory (Non-financial Services)

Individual

Antonio Garcia Martinez
COLT Telecom España SAU

Team

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Bombardier Inc

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