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

London, United Kingdom – The International Law Office (ILO) and the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) hosted the second annual Global Counsel Awards in New York’s magnificent 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.

“I believe that tonight’s awards are unique in getting to the heart of how in-house lawyers really generate value for their businesses. They set out to identify and recognize the best in-house lawyers in the world – nothing more nor less,”

explained Fred Krebs, president of the ACC.

To identify the winners the ILO team conducted in-depth analysis of in-house lawyers and legal departments worldwide, receiving over 2,900 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). James Buda of Caterpillar Inc was named General Counsel of the Year after receiving 33 individual nominations from law firm partners at no fewer than 17 law firms.

“By personally fostering a sophisticated culture which promotes strong collegial relationships, James Buda has been able to provide a first-class service not only to the company, but also to the wider community at large,”

Mike Feagley, partner at Mayer Brown LLP quoted from one such law firm nomination as he presented the award.

Sponsors of the event included Baker & McKenzie (Competition award), Fitzpatrick Cella Harper & Scinto (Intellectual Property award), Hogan & Hartson LLP (Pro Bono award), Mayer Brown LLP (General Counsel of the Year), Ogilvy Renault LLP (Best Training Programme), Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP (General Commercial award), Sullivan & Cromwell LLP (Litigation and Regulatory (Financial Services awards) and Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP (Employment and Regulatory (Non-financial Services) award).

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



About ILO

Launched in 1998, the **International Law Office (ILO)** is one of the leading online legal update services for major companies worldwide. With over 35,000 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 ACC

The **Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC)** is the in-house bar associationSM, serving the professional needs of attorneys who practise 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 in 1982, the association has grown to over 23,000 members in 74 countries, representing more than 10,000 corporations. For more information, visit the ACC website at www.acc.com.