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Attorney Mr. Victor Domínguez,
President of BBCA Legal

A Word from Our President

Fall has begun bringing new and exciting changes to our firm. We have a series of upcoming events that promise success and positive feedback from our clients and friends. A celebration is also called for as our firm commemorates 35 years of outstanding legal professionalism. BBCA Legal is proud to look back at all the satisfied clients and businesses it has helped shape and advise throughout the years as pioneers in the Maritime and Transport Law fields in the city of Barcelona. New and important liaisons are also allowing the firm to expand and gain added exposure.

Take a look at what we have in store for this fall and winter season. We trust everyone will find something

that will especially pique their interest.



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Upcoming Events

BBCA Open House

Following the positive experience and warm reception we had during our first Open House this year, we are pleased to announce an encore coming up next November 15th from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Barcelona Bar Association, located at Mallorca 283, Hall 42, 4th Floor.

Do not forget to set the date for a one-on-one with one of our lawyers to get that trusted legal advice you need completely free of charge. Be sure to make a reservation so that the most qualified and experienced attorney in a given field can sit with you and provide you with the best counsel available.

On this occasion we have kept in mind the difficulty many new clients have making it to our daytime events, so we have conveniently planned to hold this event during the evening hours.

Many interesting topics will be discussed during the event, including invaluable investment strategies, the

ins and outs of importing and exporting, and other fascinating matters.

We would like to give a big Thank You to our friends and sponsors at the British and Italian Chambers of Commerce in Barcelona for lending us a helping hand with this event's organization. More details on our Open House may be obtained by visiting the British Chamber of Commerce website: www.britishchamberspain.com

50th Annual International Barcelona Boat Show



Come and enjoy a memorable event at the 50th Annual International Barcelona Boat Show and take advantage of a one-of-a-kind opportunity to meet leading boat manufacturers and other yachting enthusiasts. Members of our firm will also be present to assist both presenters and visitors alike with Maritime Law and contractual issues.

Recent Events

European Business Drinks

BBCA is a proud member of the British and Italian Chambers of Commerce and was happy to attend the latest informal gathering hosted by these and other European

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Chambers located in Barcelona. The European Business Drinks event was held at Asador del Mar Restaurant on Thursday, October 20th.

Members of our firm and special guests had the chance to network with leading businessmen and women and other members of the various Chambers of Commerce in a delightful and friendly ambience conducive to enriching business alliances.



European Business Drinks event held at Asador del Mar Restaurant

Celebrating Turkey's rich cultural and historical heritage with the Consulate General of Turkey

As an international firm, BBCA has always had strong ties with Turkey. This October 28th we were very honored to receive a special invitation from His Excellency, the Vice Consul of Turkey in Barcelona, to attend Turkey's National Celebration at the gorgeous Princesa Sofia Hotel in Barcelona.

The event began with a friendly reception, allowing members of our firm to mingle with the illustrious attendees. This reception was followed by a lovely meal and a vibrant fashion show featuring traditional Turkish garb.

New Alliances

Working hand-in-hand with the French and Belgian Consulates General in Barcelona

Our French Legal Department (Bureau des Affaires Françaises) has joined forces with the French and

Belgian Consulates in Barcelona to offer quality legal services in both French and Spanish to all French and Belgian nationals and businesses working with French and Belgian companies. It is indeed an honor to have both consulates backing us up as their attorneys of choice and recommending us in their listings.

Welcoming a new member of our Accounting Team

Last October 7th, Ms. Raquel Blanco became a part of the BBCA Accounting team, led by Finance Director Ms. Natalia Mur. Raquel will be in charge of managing the Accounting system in place at our law firm as well as providing personalized financial services to our clients. Her greatest asset is her solid academic preparation at the University of Barcelona School of Business. Welcome to the team, Raquel!



Raquel Blanco and Natalia Mur of our Finance Department

Legal News

Amendment to the Arbitration Act

Worthy of note is the amendment recently made to Act 60/2003 of December 23, 2010 on the matter of Arbitration and Institutional Arbitral Regulation in General State Management. This amendment was published in May 20, 2011 in the Spanish BOE (*Boletín Oficial del Estado*) as Act 11/2011 and includes the following highlights to keep in mind regarding jurisdiction:

- Acknowledgement of foreign arbitral awards will now be the jurisdiction of the Civil

and Penal Halls of the High Court of Justice of each autonomous region.

- The Civil and Penal Halls of the High Courts of Justice will also have jurisdiction over the annulment of arbitral awards and the judicial designation and removal of arbitrators.
- First Instance Courts will retain their jurisdiction over compulsory enforcement of arbitral awards or resolutions, both at the national and international levels.
- The Court belonging to the geographical area in which the award was granted will have jurisdiction over the enforcement of national awards.
- Mercantile Courts will no longer have jurisdiction over the enforcement of arbitral awards.
- The possibility of parties conferring the duties of management and the designation of arbitrators in favor of Public Legal Corporations and other public entities is maintained within the confines of institutional arbitration.



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