



## **BBCA LEGAL NEWSLETTER**



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### **A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT**



Greetings from sunny Barcelona! Summer is quickly approaching and although many law firms in Spain close during the month of August, we would like our clients and friends to know that BBCA Legal will remain open most of the month and will have lawyers on call 24/7 during the firm's short recess. At a time when tourism and foreign investment in Barcelona are at their highest point of the year, our firm strives to cater to an ever-growing international clientele that chooses to make our wonderful city their home, place of business or favorite vacation spot.

BBCA LEGAL has been looking to expand its scope of activity and has joined forces with other associates and entrepreneurs who share a clear vision of the future and what it takes to be the very best. We are glad to announce new and exciting partnerships which will be for the benefit of our esteemed clients and the growth of our large network of professionals and business associates worldwide.

BBCA LEGAL continues to be at the forefront in legal practice and has recently been invited to host a wide array of conferences to be held in the near future and also to compose articles on Maritime Law, which is one of the firm's main areas of specialization. BBCA LEGAL's tradition of excellence in practice and in academia have made it number one in this field, something that continues to motivate us to exceed our clients' expectations.

Stay tuned and follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter for future events and other news.

**Victor Domínguez Santaló**  
**Attorney & President of BBCA LEGAL**

### **Barcelona-Paris Networking Conference**

Last May 16<sup>th</sup> members of our French Department (Bureau des Affaires Françaises) had the great privilege of attending the Barcelona -Paris Networking Conference held at the Barcelona Bar Association's modern and newly-renovated Training Center.



Barcelona-Paris Networking Conference at the Barcelona Bar Association. Photograph courtesy of the Barcelona Bar Association.

The event began with a panel discussion headed by the Honorable Dean of the Barcelona Bar Association, Mr. Pedro L. Yúfera, Mr. Jean Marc Sánchez, President of the Franco-Spanish Commission at the Paris Bar Association, Mr. Enrique Zapata, President of the Business Advocates Commission of the Barcelona Bar Association, and Mr. Carlos Fatás, Spokesman of the Socio-Professional Perspectives Commission of the Barcelona Bar Association.

Following a brief Q & A session in which those present had the opportunity to address the speakers directly, the event was taken to the reception area to enjoy a glass of cava and hor d'oeuvres amidst a friendly environment conducive to establishing strategic business alliances and helpful contacts.

Our law firm is proud to house a French Department Directed by Attorney Ms. Mercedes Torné Terol, who is a bilingual advocate recommended by the Consulates General of France and Belgium. Our French Department handles International Civil and Business cases with the help of other specialized attorneys and correspondents in various French and Belgian cities.

### **Made in USA – Contemporary Art MACBA Tour with the American Society of Barcelona**



Made in USA – Contemporary Art MACBA Tour with the American Society. Photograph courtesy of the American Society of Barcelona.

Members of our US Legal Department had the great privilege of attending this one-of-a-kind event organized by the American Society of Barcelona. The event brought together American citizens living in Barcelona and art lovers alike to explore the wonderful works of art housed at the MACBA (Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art).

The event opened with a warm welcome and greeting delivered by the President of the American Society of Barcelona, Mr. Victor Horcasitas. Visitors were then divided into small groups for tours of the museum, focusing on art created by American artists or those who have lived in the United States during their artistic careers. Following the tours, visitors were reunited in the lobby to enjoy a lively networking cocktail where they were able to share the experience with other supporters of the arts.



Photograph courtesy of the American Society of Barcelona.

The American Society of Barcelona is a non-profit organization that works to unite the United States and Spain by fostering international business and social contact. The American Society often hosts interesting cultural events open to its members as well as the general public. The American Society will soon be having a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm at *Fábrica Moritz*. For more details on the American Society, upcoming events, and how you can contribute to the *Casa Ronald McDonald Foundation*, visit the American Society website at: [www.amersoc.com](http://www.amersoc.com)

We would like to thank the American Society, and especially its President, Mr. Victor Horcasitas, for kindly contributing to this edition of our newsletter.

#### Logistics and Commercialization in Miami-Dade: Business Opportunities Conference

Our US Legal Department was graciously invited by *Foment de Treball Nacional* to attend a fascinating conference on June 13<sup>th</sup>, which was organized by Foment de Treball Nacional, Miami-Dade County, and the Miami-Dade County Economic Development & International Trade commission.



The Honorable Mr. Carlos A. Giménez, Mayor of Miami-Dade County. BBCA LEGAL staff photograph.

The conference began with a keynote address by the Mayor of Miami-Dade, the Honorable Mr. Carlos A. Giménez, followed by an informative presentation delivered by the Miami-Dade County Economic Development & International Trade commission, the Port of Miami, the Miami Airport, and Beacon Council.

On the following day, those business professionals in attendance at the conference were allowed a one-on-one meeting with representatives of various companies from Miami visiting *Foment de Treball Nacional*.

BBCA LEGAL's US Legal Department is dedicated to assisting American and other English-speaking clients in various

international civil and common law cases. The department is headed by Ms. Eva Saracho, a bilingual Spanish-American attorney recommended by the Consulate General of the United Kingdom.

#### Strategic Alliance with ESOLVE Consulting & Environmental Engineering

ESOLVE is an environmental and engineering consulting firm located in Barcelona that specializes in the proper management and solution of all types of environmental risks.

ESOLVE's goal is to assist its clients in complying with their environmental responsibilities, calculate the economic value of environmental liabilities of every issue, and carry out the necessary actions and preventive and corrective measures.



Logo courtesy of ESOLVE Consulting & Environmental Engineering.

This consulting and engineering firm covers activities in various areas, such as: Chemistry, Pharmaceuticals, Petrochemicals, Fuel Distribution, Logistics, and Transportation, and it also advises investment groups and real estate agents in the purchase, rent, or sale & leaseback transactions.

BBCA LEGAL is pleased to join forces with ESOLVE and with its Associate and Founder, Mr. Ricard Mora. This welcome alliance allows both firms to assist clients, tending both to all their legal and technical needs in regards to environmental issues by offering prompt and effective solutions.

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For further information, please visit the ESOLVE website: [www.esolve.es](http://www.esolve.es)

#### SIL 2013 – International Logistics Fair

Members of our various international departments as well as the Department of Maritime and Transport Law were present at this year's SIL (*Salón Internacional de la Logística y de la Manutención*) International Logistics Fair held at Fira Barcelona.

The SIL International Logistics Fair unites Logistics and Transportation professionals, businesses, and government agencies under one roof to take part in a series of enlightening conferences catering to their specific interests and needs, while offering a chance to make new acquaintances and business partnerships by visiting informative stands.

Each year BBCA LEGAL is honored to participate in this event, which has led to many fruitful partnerships and business opportunities, and this year the SIL International Logistics Fair was no different, as it provided our team with the unique opportunity to meet with so many others dedicated to the fascinating fields that have made our law firm the number one choice for so many businesses and professionals working within the fields of Transportation and Logistics.



SIL 2013. BBCA LEGAL staff photograph.

BBCA LEGAL was the very first law firm specialized in Transport and Maritime Law to open its doors in the city of Barcelona and continues to excel in these areas, often participating in conferences, seminars, and offering courses at universities and institutions of national and international repute. Our Transport and Maritime advocates often lend their knowledge to the community by publishing useful articles in various publications. Most recently our Vice-President and one of our foremost Maritime Law experts, Attorney Mr. Jacobo Peris Lull, published two articles in the *Diario Marítimas*, a daily publication dedicated to Maritime issues, on the topics of shipmanagers and the arrest of vessels as well as insurance.



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