



## BBCA LEGAL NEWSLETTER



**Our people make the difference**

### A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Welcome to the spring-summer edition of the BBCA Legal Newsletter.

Over the course of the past few months BBCA Legal has continued to fulfill its principle aim

of providing the highest quality legal counsel. We are always proud of the service we offer our clients and are delighted when they recommend us to others because it lets us know that we are doing our job well. This encourages us to stick with our high quality standards and continue to find ways to improve.

The past few months have been very exciting and busy. There has been a series of important business events that have allowed us to make new friends and business partners. There has been a little bit of everything for everyone. We have also proudly seen our founder and two of our finest attorneys contribute their expertise by writing an informative article on the arrest of ships.

We continue to make improvements on our new website as we want to make sure that clients can find the help they require in a clearly structured manner. Work has gone into the launching and maintenance of our own LinkedIn and Twitter pages, and we take great pride in informing our 'followers' of the latest Maritime news.

Enjoy this issue and I look forward to providing you with another update in three months' time.

**Victor Dominguez Santaló**  
**Attorney & President of BBCA**

### iDISC GALA Event



GALA Event group photograph courtesy of Xavier Maza i Cid, Language Services Manager at iDISC

On April 17<sup>th</sup> BBCA LEGAL representatives attended the iDISC Information Technologies GALA Networking event, held at the beautiful terrace of the Grand Hotel Central in Barcelona.

It was an evening abundant with opportunities to mingle with representatives of many businesses and organizations, especially those dedicated to language services.

As one of the few law firms present, it was an excellent chance to share what we have to offer as lawyers and legal translators and how we might be able to collaborate with other professionals in the future.

### Alef Innovative Financial Platform Solution

Alessandro Spinnato, Head of the Italian Legal Department at BBCA Legal, played an important role in representing BBCA Legal at an evening seminar and conference held by the Italian Chamber of Commerce in London on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Seminar was entitled 'The Alef Innovative Financial Platform Solution' and presented an overview of Alef, the platform for financial analysis, which offers solutions to many of the financial problems encountered by public and private firms.

It was a brilliant occasion to reaffirm links with other Chamber members and to receive expert knowledge and advice from the speakers present.

With only a few days in the British capital, Mr. Spinnato had a full schedule and a number of meetings with potential clients and valued collaborators in the Shipping, Transport, and Insurance fields.

### The British Chamber of Commerce Spain Spring Cocktail

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, two members of our team, Attorney, Eva Saracho and Marketing Supervisor, Charlotte Berman, attended the Spring Cocktail organized by the British Chamber of Commerce. The event was set on the grounds of the Hotel Confort Golf, a hidden gem in the heart of Barcelona's city centre. A side passage and a staircase off Travessera de Gràcia led to an unexpectedly tranquil setting, dimly lit, and housing a small golf course, where guests were able to put their putting to practice!



BCCS Spring Cocktail at Hotel Confort Golf. Courtesy of Photographer Gareth Lloyd-Evans (garethfoto@gmail.com)

The event was attended by many other Chamber members and acted as an opportunity for the newly-elected Governing Council to be unveiled. It was a wonderful event with a pleasant atmosphere that provided a chance to rekindle old acquaintances and reaffirm business alliances.

### BBCA Legal Open House

On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, founder of the firm, Dr. Luis Berenguer, held an informal Open House and Question & Answer session at the BBCA Legal head offices for forty visiting law students from the University of Comillas in Madrid.

The Open House enabled students to gain valuable insights into Admiralty Law. Listening to Dr. Berenguer's specialist

knowledge on the subject was an opportunity not to be missed and all the students were delighted to have had a chance to meet and speak with such an esteemed authority in the fields of Maritime and Transport Law.

### European Business Drinks

Organized by the French Chamber of Commerce, this year's European Business Drinks Event was held on May 24<sup>th</sup> at the stunning terrace of Restaurante 1881 Per Sagardí, within the Historical Museum of Catalonia, a lovely location only a short walk from our offices in Barcelona.

The European Business Drinks event has proven to be a brilliant occasion for networking amongs top businessmen and women, and plays an important part in forming new business acquaintances and friendships in a warm and comfortable atmosphere.

### SIL Annual Exhibition



BBCA staff photograph. SIL 2012.

From the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, BBCA LEGAL took part in the annual International Logistics Exhibitions ("Salón Internacional de la Logística," SIL). The event, which spanned over three days, featured a complete schedule of lectures, seminars, lunches, business coaching, presentations, and evening drinks.

BBCA Legal was delighted to attend and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to meet and speak with many different Transport and Logistics companies, directly related to our line of legal expertise.

### European Professional Women's Network gathering

The European Professional Women's Network (EPWN), an organization that aims to encourage women's leadership and professional growth, hosted a delightful informal gathering in the stunning outdoor gardens located at Hotel Mandarin in Passeig de Gràcia on June 12<sup>th</sup>.



BBCA staff photograph. Hotel Mandarin, Barcelona.

Our firm was delighted to experience this wonderful opportunity and welcomed many other esteemed business associates, who also had the chance to enjoy a delightful chat with other successful female entrepreneurs while getting to know this outstanding organization, which is dedicated to enriching women's lives.

If you are interested in learning more about EPWN, please visit [www.europeanpwn.net](http://www.europeanpwn.net) and stay tuned for future events in 19 cities around Europe. Also, feel free to attend the upcoming EPWN networking event on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Networking at Sea



Photograph courtesy of Photographer Gareth Lloyd-Evans (garethfoto@gmail.com)

Last June 15<sup>th</sup>, three members of our legal and accounting team had the unique opportunity to meet fellow members of various European Chambers of Commerce, while enjoying a delicious five-star business lunch and tour of the MSC Fantasia cruise liner. This delightful event was organized by the British Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Belgian and Swedish Chambers of Commerce and aimed to present the European Chambers of Commerce with the first Business Networking Cruise launched by BCN Blue.

The event proved to be a delightful one-of-a-kind experience. Our staff had the opportunity to see the spectacular cruise ship from every angle, thanks to an extensive tour of the facilities. The setting proved to be absolutely exquisite and our staff walked away from the event feeling like they had enjoyed a fantastic cruise

among friends and business acquaintances.



Raquel Blanco, Mercedes Torné, and Eva Saracho onboard the MSC Fantasia. Courtesy of photographer Gareth Lloyd-Evans (garethfoto@gmail.com).

### Official Presentation of the Spanish-Turkish Chamber of Commerce

Our firm received a warm invitation from the President of the recently-founded Spanish-Turkish Chamber of Commerce in Spain to attend a delightful presentation and cocktail at Caixa Forum last June 28<sup>th</sup> and it was our great privilege to attend. Our founder, Dr. Luis Berenguer and Attorney and Head of the Corporate Law Department at our firm, Mr. Luis Navarro Serrate, were present at the event, which offered them the chance to meet with members of the Chamber as well as many businessmen and women conducting business in Spain and Turkey.

### Legal News

We would like to dedicate this special section of our newsletter to commend our founder, Dr. Luis Berenguer, as well as fellow Maritime Law specialists, Attorney and Vice-President, Jacobo Peris Llull, and Attorney and Head of the Italian Legal Department, Alessandro Spinnato, for brilliantly putting together an article on the fascinating topic of ship arrests.

The article, which is titled "Come è cambiato il sequestro della nave in Spagna" (How Ship Arrests in Spain Have Changed) was published in Italian in L'Angolo Legale of Ship2Shore Magazine on June 18<sup>th</sup> and discusses the many changes that have taken place recently in Spanish legislation regarding the arrest of ships.



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