



## BBCA LEGAL NEWSLETTER

### SPECIAL EDITION – International Boat Show 2013



Our people make the  
difference

#### A Word From Our President



We would like to wish you all a warm welcome back from the summer! During the month of August, a time when most law firms in Spain are closed for the summer holidays, BB CA LEGAL has been working around the clock to provide its clients with unfaltering support. Our commitment to our clients is complete availability and an open-door policy that allows clients to reach us at any time.

BBCA LEGAL'S new partnership with ESOLVE is proving to be a great success and we have been looking to create new and exciting alliances with other businesses and attorneys around the world who share its views and passion for a job well done. Unity not only gives us strength, but more importantly, it gives our clients a more comprehensive service.

Our firm has also been actively working on a one-of-a-kind historical project based on the life of Father Junípero Serra. This historical endeavor aims to produce a book on the life of this historical figure, while bringing together participants from the United States and other countries where Father Serra carried out his ministry.

This year we once again had the privilege of participating in an event that has already become a tradition at our firm: the Barcelona International Boat Show (*Salón Náutico*). Our advocates were present at the event to address Maritime Law questions raised by nautical sports enthusiasts and visitors alike.

We hope you enjoy this special edition of our newsletter and follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter for future events and news.

**Víctor Domínguez Santaló**  
Attorney & President of BB CA LEGAL

#### ADIN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Last July 17<sup>th</sup> members of our Department of Maritime Law and our Department of Yachting and Nautical Sports had the honor of attending ADIN's General Assembly held at the Maritime Museum of Barcelona.



ADIN General Assembly 2013. BB CA Staff Photograph.

BBCA LEGAL is a member of ADIN, the Association of Industries, Commerce, and Nautical Services. ADIN is a non-profit organization that brings together businesses dedicated to the field of nautical sports, while fostering business development and the growth of this fascinating industry. ADIN also expertly organizes the Barcelona International Boat Show each year.

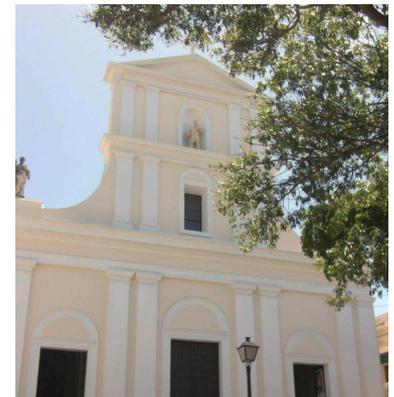
BBCA LEGAL has had the privilege of being a member of ADIN for the past two years and as renowned experts and pioneers in the field of Maritime Law, is one of the very few law firms that boasts membership. As an esteemed member of ADIN, BB CA LEGAL was invited to this year's General Assembly, which took place at the Maritime Museum of Barcelona, in itself a site to see when in Barcelona.

During the Assembly, many important issues were covered, including important proposals, actions currently being taken by the association, and future plans. Preparing this year's International Boat Show was key to the assembly and those present had the opportunity to voice their ideas and concerns in a friendly and laidback setting conducive to brainstorming and cooperation.

#### Historical Project on the Life and Work of Father Junípero Serra

Dr. Luis Berenguer, founder of BB CA LEGAL, attorney at law and Captain of the Mercantile Marine, has been working on an historical project regarding the life of Father Junípero Serra, who just like our founder, was born and raised in Mallorca.

Father Junípero Serra was a Franciscan monk, who traveled to the Americas and in 1769 founded the first Catholic Mission in California. He was an avid adventurer and intellectual. His biography is now a matter of studious investigation by Dr. Luis Berenguer with the help of the Historical Archives of the Archdiocese of San Juan, Puerto Rico.



Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in San Juan, Puerto Rico. BB CA Staff photograph.

This historical project has the objective of bringing together professors, students, and all those interested in the life of Junípero Serra from around the globe, as well as conducting extensive research and composing a biography on his fascinating life and legacy.

Last August our US Legal Department visited the historical Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in San Juan, Puerto Rico. After receiving a warm reception, the department was given a tour of the facilities, including the ancient vault where priceless works of art and religious imagery are restored by local artist, Miguel Ángel "Uvita" Martínez.

BBCA LEGAL is grateful to the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in San Juan and to the Historical Archive of the Archdiocese of San Juan, especially to its Director Ms. Else Zayas León and Miguel Ángel “Uvita” Martínez, for their support with the project and for contributing to this edition of our newsletter.

### Go França

Our law firm is proud to house a French Department. The Department is known as the Bureau des Affaires Françaises and is 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. The Department’s goal is to assist clients who need assistance in French or in matters involving French and Spanish Law.

On September 12<sup>th</sup> our Bureau des Affaires Françaises had the privilege of attending Go França, an event hosted by the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber’s headquarters. The event had the goal of instructing Barcelona businessmen and women on the opportunities and tools required to export products and services to France. It also had the objective of offering information about the Go França program at the Chamber of Commerce, which assists companies with their introduction to the French market.



Barcelona Chamber of Commerce. BBKA Staff photograph.

The event began with a warm welcome from the Chamber of Commerce Staff, followed by a brief introduction to the French Market and an overview of business opportunities for Spanish entrepreneurs. The Go França Program was also introduced and those in

attendance had the chance to meet with presenters to foster new business connections and seek opportunities for their growing businesses.

### Barcelona International Boat Show 2013

BBCA LEGAL was the first law firm in Barcelona to dedicate itself to the exciting fields of Maritime and Transport Law, and continues to be the most respected firm in the city specializing in these areas. As leaders and pioneers in the fields of Maritime and Transport Law, BBCA LEGAL was proud to be present at this year’s edition of the Barcelona International Boat Show or the *Salón Náutico de Barcelona*, as it is known in Spanish.



BBKA Staff photograph.

The Barcelona International Boat Show is one of our favorite events, and we enthusiastically participate every year. This year was no exception. This year BBCA LEGAL representatives were at the Barcelona International Boat Show at *Port Vell*, Stand 588K, Street C, from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of September offering information on our firm as well as the many legal and business services it provides.

The Barcelona International Boat Show is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to meet individuals, businesses, and agencies involved in the nautical sports and maritime sectors. The show brings together nautical enthusiasts from all over the world, giving them the chance to network, make exciting purchases, and market their own products. The event is widely popular and attracts thousands of visitors of every year from all walks of life, who share a common interest in the sea and the exciting opportunities it provides, and of course, Barcelona is the perfect setting for this cheerful and lively seaside event.

Our law firm is proud to have been one of the very few law firms present at this year’s show. Having a stand at the show,

allowed prospective clients the opportunity to not only meet with BBCA LEGAL representatives, but also allowed them the chance to meet with Maritime Law experts to address their legal concerns free of charge.



BBKA Staff photograph.

Our advocates and representatives speak various languages, and thus, visitors from several countries were able to obtain expert counsel and explore business opportunities for collaboration in their very own language.

Information on our services can also be found on our website in Spanish, French, German, Italian, and Russian or may be requested by sending an e-mail message to [informatica@bbcalegal.com](mailto:informatica@bbcalegal.com).

### In Memoriam

Our law firm would like to dedicate this issue of our newsletter to the memory of renown University of Chicago law professor and economist, Ronald Coase. Coase wrote one of the most-cited law review articles of all time and passed away last September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the age of 102. His life and work have been an inspiration to this law firm.



**Bufete Berenguer Comas  
Advocates**

Paseo Colón 24, 1- 1  
08002 Barcelona, Spain  
Tel.: +34 933021143  
Fax: +34 934126117  
[abogados@bbcalegal.com](mailto:abogados@bbcalegal.com)  
[www.bbcalegal.com](http://www.bbcalegal.com)