

# Press Release

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## **Top In-house Counsel Recognized at the International Law Office European Counsel Awards in association with the Association of Corporate Counsel Europe**

London, United Kingdom – The International Law Office (ILO) and the Association of Corporate Counsel Europe (ACC Europe) hosted the inaugural European Counsel Awards in London’s magnificent Victoria and Albert Museum last night. The gala event celebrated the achievements of in-house counsel recognized by their peers as excelling in their chosen fields.

**“The very nature of in-house work often means keeping the name of your company out of the press – and generally keeping yourself personally out of the limelight. This is one of the rare occasions when it’s appropriate to step into the limelight. It’s a time to celebrate the achievements of the in-house legal profession,”**

explained Tony Wales, president of ACC Europe.

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).

Carol Hui of Amey plc was named General Counsel of the Year after receiving 27 individual nominations from law firm partners at no fewer than 10 law firms.

**“This excellent and inspirational leader, who has earned the respect of both the board and her team, has the amazing ability of juggling a thousand balls while always remaining totally in control and unfazed,”**

ACC President Fred Krebs quoted from one such law firm nomination.

The event sponsors were Ashurst LLP (Litigation award), Baker & McKenzie (Competition award), Slaughter and May (General Commercial award), Intellectual Asset Management magazine (Intellectual Property award), as well as Herbert Smith LLP and Lovells LLP.

**For more information and a complete list of winners, visit [www.europeancounselawards.com](http://www.europeancounselawards.com).**



### **About ILO**

Launched in 1998, ILO is one of the leading online legal update services for major companies worldwide. With over 34,000 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 ([www.ibanet.org](http://www.ibanet.org)) in 2002, an International Online Media Partner to the Association of Corporate Counsel ([www.acc.com](http://www.acc.com)) in 2005 and European Online Media Partner to the European Company Lawyers Association ([www.ecla.org](http://www.ecla.org)) in 2006.

### **About ACC Europe**

ACC Europe serves the needs of lawyers practising in corporations and other organizations throughout Europe. ACC Europe promotes the common interests of its members, contributes to their continuing legal education and seeks to improve the understanding of the role of in-house counsel. ACC Europe is a chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC), which since its founding in 1982 has grown to over 23,000 members in 74 countries, representing more than 10,000 corporations and organizations. Headquartered in Washington, DC, its members represent all of the Fortune 50 and Fortune 500 companies. Internationally, its members represent 42 of the Global 50 and 74 of the Global 100 companies. Membership in ACC Europe includes membership in the ACC. Additional information on ACC Europe can be found at [www.acce.com](http://www.acce.com).

### **About the European Counsel Awards**

In January 2008 ILO, in association with the Association of Corporate Counsel Europe, launched the European Counsel Awards to recognize the excellent work done by corporate in-house legal teams and individuals. The primary aim is to reward lawyers for demonstrable achievements across the full spectrum of in-house responsibility, and not simply those who have acted on high-profile transactions. Winners have performed above and beyond the usual requirements of their profession and position. The ILO research team focused on criteria such as effective communication, legal understanding, commercial awareness, depth and strength of team, and management skills, in addition to any significant projects or transactions. While based on thorough and coherent research, the results remain the subjective views of the ILO team.