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## IBM and the International Lawyers Network Collaborate

by Lindsay Griffiths



In December of 2004, IBM announced their decision to sell their worldwide personal computer division to Beijing-based Lenovo Group, Ltd., taking a minority stake in the former rival in a deal valued at \$1.75 billion US.

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## ILN Specialty Group Update

by Lindsay Griffiths



Beirne Maynard & Parsons host the first face to face meeting of the Medical Device Litigation Group in Houston, Texas. The International Lawyer's Network Specialty Groups provide all member firms with the ability to pool their resources and take advantage of the tremendous strength and depth of their combined expertise.



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## **Arnstein & Lehr - Chicago's Top Businesswomen Show Support for New Chicago WNBA Team**

### **Arnstein & Lehr**



Chicago's Top Businesswomen Show Support for New Chicago WNBA Team WNBA Star and Two-Time Olympic Gold Medalist, Nikki McCray, Joins April 5 Luncheon

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## **Special Tax Regime in the North of Spain**

### **BROSA Abogados y Economistas, Barcelona**

On 1 September 2004 the Bankruptcy Act 22/2003 of 9 July came into force. The new Insolvency Act regulates the insolvency situations of both, legal entities and individuals.

The aim of the new Act is to modernize the Spanish bankruptcy law that was ruled by old and disordered norms, which could not provide appropriate solutions to the bankruptcy situations of the XXI century's economy. In order to adapt to the new needs of the economy, the bankruptcy proceedings have been simplified.

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## **A Case Study: The Exclusion of FDA Materials from the FDA's Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising and Communications, and Adverse Event Reports**

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*by Jeffrey B. Shapiro & Neville M. Leslie*

FDA controls how pharmaceutical companies label and promote prescription drugs [FOR FULL ARTICLE CLICK HERE \(PDF\)](#)

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## **Legal Project Management** **Gadens Lawyers, Brisbane, Australia**

*by Roger Quick & Philip Reed*

Legal Project Management adapts traditional project management principles to the purchase and management of legal services to create a complete management approach calculated to match and exceed the client's expectations of his or her lawyer. After a brief consideration of the principles of project management this article considers the purchase of legal services by a client the incidents of



that purchase and their management. The contract by which the purchase is required to be recorded in is usually described in Anglo Australia jurisdictions as a retainer. A solicitor's freedom to agree upon the terms of the retainer, particularly terms as to costs, is relatively recent and still subject to regulatory restraints.

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## **Ryley Carlock & Applwhite Opens Denver Office**

**Starts regional expansion with Denver office**

Ryley Carlock & Applewhite (RCA), one of Arizona's ILN members and one of Arizona's oldest and most respected law firms, opened an office in Denver on February 1, 2005, as part of a strategic plan to grow the firm's presence and expertise in the Southwestern and Rocky Mountain regions of the United States.

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## **Merton E. Marks, PC, Scottsdale - Merton Marks Appointed to International Arbitration Panel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre**

Merton Marks Appointed to International Arbitration Panel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre

ILN member Merton E. Marks, arbitrator and mediator, has been appointed to the International Arbitration Panel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre. There are ten other members of the panel in the United States. His appointment was based on his experience and credentials in U.S. and international commercial, construction, securities and insurance arbitration.

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## **Riga, Latvia April 11, 2005 - Grunte & Cers Announce Merger** **Grunte & Cers**



With effect from May 2005, two of the leading and most experienced Latvian law firms - Loze & Partners and Grunte & Cers, will merge forming the largest law firm in Latvia, Loze, Grunt & Cers.

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## **Philadelphia, PA - April 20, 2005 - WolfBlock's David Gitlin Elected President of the Delaware Chapter of the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce**

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WolfBlock partner David Gitlin has been elected President of America-Israel Chamber of Commerce (AICC), Delaware Valley Chapter. The AICC, which was founded in 1987, is the only organization in the Delaware Valley region dedicated to promoting investment and trade between the United States and Israel.

## **Anti-Trust Reform in Europe - A year in practice**

**GÖHMANN WREDE HAAS KAPPUS & HARTMANN**

*by Ralf Stötzel, Hanover (Germany)*

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RECHTSANWÄLTE

The Council of the European Union adopted on 16. 12. 2002 the new Council Regulation (EC) No. 1/2003 on the implementation of the rules on competition laid down in Article 81 and 82 of the Treaty Establishing the European Community. The new Council Regulation, which came into force on 1. 05. 2004, replaces the 40 years old Antitrust-Regulation No. 17, thus bringing fundamental changes in the application of European competition law. The new Regulation is designed to respond to the current requirements of the competition policy of an enlarged and more mature European Union and to overcome the inefficiencies present in the old antitrust enforcement system. The European Commission also adopted a series of documents, regarded as the Modernisation Package, which complete the landmark modernisation of the European Union's antitrust enforcement rules and procedures. Not surprisingly, such a radical reform raises a number of questions of interpretation and as to how the new rules will work in practice. After a brief discussion of the legislative history, we will, in particular, look at what the system of legal exception will mean for the legitimate demands of undertakings for legal certainty.

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## **AMPLA president: dry continent's water initiative to impact on projects**

**Gadens Lawyers**

*by Kym Livesley*



The Australian Government's National Water Initiative (NWI) is an

issue of critical importance for Australian industries, according to Mr Kym Livesley, National President of AMPLA, the peak Australian energy & resources law association. Mr Livesley is also a corporate partner at Gadens Lawyers and national leader of the firm's energy & resources group.

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## **Registration of Marks Containing the Name of a Foreign Location**

**Lehman, Lee & XU**

*by Jordi Llopis & Grace Wang*



The present "Trademark Law" was first adopted on August 23rd, 1982, and implemented from March 1st, 1983. After the amendments of the PRC Trademark Law in 1993 and 2001, the renewed text of the law has come to meet the basic principles and the minimum requirements in the TRIPS agreement and those in some other international conventions, such as the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, and the Madrid Protocol. It can be said that the legal scope and level of trademark protection in China has gradually become compatible with international standards.

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## **The International and Domestic Implications of Electronic Discovery on Litigation and Business Practices**

**Beirne, Maynard & Parsons, L.L.P.**

*by Timothy J. Hogan*



Businesses in the United States face rapidly increasing operating and legal concerns, plus potentially rising costs, related to electronic discovery requests and responses. For those readers who have not yet had an e-discovery encounter, it involves searching computer networks to locate and produce all electronically stored items of relevance. including e-mail. attachments. spreadsheets. drawings.

and other electronic data, and may include the production of metadata (hidden data about the authors, modifiers and times of creation of an e-document). Seminars and articles on e-discovery issues are proliferating. This article attempts to describe some of the domestic and international implications of e-discovery on businesses and their counsel, and to summarize some of the main topics in the new e-discovery wars.

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## **Loan Participation: Getting It Right**

**Arnstein & Lehr**

*by R. Kymn Harp*



A "loan participation" is a transfer or acquisition of a lender's interest in a loan.

Typically, the interest transferred or acquired will be less than 100%, with the originating bank retaining a percentage interest in the loan and, often, retaining responsibility for servicing the loan and maintaining direct interaction with the borrower as the "lead bank". The acquiring bank, often referred to as the "participant", will (if the transaction is properly structured) become an "owner" of a portion of the loan with all benefits of full performance and all associated risks of loss, as if the participant had originated the loan itself.

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## **Corporate Blogging: Seize the Opportunity, but Control the Risks**

**Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Falk & Rabkin**

*by Raymond Haas*



When Sun Microsystems President Jonathan Schwartz wanted to send a message that IBM wasn't doing enough to make the two companies' product lines compatible, he turned to a new and increasingly high-profile method of corporate communication: a corporate weblog, or "blog." But Schwartz's open letter to IBM, which appeared on the Sun-sponsored blog that he writes, is just the tip of the iceberg.

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