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Top In-house Counsel Recognized at the International Law Office Global Counsel Awards in Association with the Association of Corporate Counsel

London, United Kingdom – The International Law Office (ILO) and the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) hosted the third annual Global Counsel Awards in New York’s magnificent Cipriani 42nd Street last night. The gala event celebrated the achievements of in-house counsel recognized by their peers as excelling in their chosen fields.

“While tough times have doubtlessly rendered us all more cautious, the core skills required to make great counsel have not changed. During bust as well as boom, great businesses need great in-house and external counsel, and we are fortunate to have both represented here tonight,”

explained Rosemary Nelson, President of the ACC – Greater New York Chapter and Deputy General Counsel, Operations, of Colgate-Palmolive.

To identify the winners the ILO team conducted in-depth analysis of in-house lawyers and legal departments worldwide, receiving over 3,000 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, corporate tax, general commercial, intellectual property, litigation, M&A and regulatory (financial and non-financial). Hans Peter Frick of Nestlé SA was named General Counsel of the Year after receiving numerous nominations from law firm partners and prominent in-house counsel peers.

“Hans Peter is an extraordinarily worldly individual who understands the cultural differences and practical challenges that a global company like Nestlé faces. His ability to understand and manage these challenges makes him a leader among multinational general counsel,”

enthused one respondent.

Sponsors of the event included Bingham McCutchen LLP; Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP (Competition and Intellectual Property awards); Carroll, Burdick & McDonough LLP (Regulatory (Non-financial Services) award); Hogan & Hartson LLP (General Commercial and Pro Bono awards); Kim & Chang (Regulatory (Financial Services) award); Mayer Brown LLP (General Counsel of the Year and Litigation awards); Ogilvy Renault LLP (M&A and Best Training Programme awards); and Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP (Corporate Tax award).

For more information and a complete list of winners, visit www.globalcounselawards.com.



About the International Law Office

Launched in 1998, ILO is one of the leading online legal update services for major companies worldwide. With over 40,000 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) in 2002, an International Online Media Partner to the Association of Corporate Counsel (www.acc.com) in 2005 and European Online Media Partner to the European Company Lawyers Association (www.ecla.org) in 2006.

About the Association of Corporate Counsel

The ACC is the in-house bar associationSM, serving the professional needs of attorneys who practise in the legal departments of corporations and other private sector organizations worldwide. The ACC promotes the common interests of its members, contributes to their continuing education, seeks to improve understanding of the role of in-house attorneys and encourages advancements in standards of corporate legal practice. Since its founding in 1982, the ACC has grown to over 23,000 members in 74 countries who represent more than 10,000 corporations, with 47 chapters and 14 committees serving the membership. For more information, visit the ACC website at www.acc.com.