

# INTERNATIONAL *Legal Alliance Summit* & AWARDS



## 2015: Learning from top management executives, sharing experiences, and growing international network are the key words to describe this 8<sup>th</sup> edition

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On June 24, 2015 the *International Legal Alliance Summit & Awards* gathered more than 450 In-House counsel and Law Firms from all around the world at the prestigious Crowne Plaza Times Square Manhattan, New York. Organized by Leaders League, the highly interactive one-day program provided participants with major networking opportunities thanks to One-to-One meetings, roundtables led by world-class speakers, seated lunch and dinner and cocktail receptions. The General Counsel Awards recognized the best Legal, Tax and Intellectual Property In-House Departments, while the Law Firm Awards ceremony in the evening celebrated the best performing independent Law Firms. For eight years, the *International Legal Alliance Summit & Awards* has supported the players of the legal industry in the search of expertise, networking and achievement.

### INCISIVE DEBATES

The *International Legal Alliance Summit & Awards* was particularly proud to present its 4th edition of the Expert Insights conferences. Over 70 outstanding international speakers debated on the latest issues the industry is facing and highlighted the new challenges to overcome with their experiences, knowledge and analysis. Through three tracks dedicated to Managing the Legal Department, Intellectual Property and Cross Border Business & International Corporate Finance, participants got an overview of the 2015 market trends.

The 15 panels welcomed prestigious speakers such as Ricardo Anzaldúa, Executive Vice-President and General Counsel, **Metlife**; David Kraut, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, **Goldman Sachs**; Manny Schecter, Chief Patent Counsel, **IBM Corporation**; Mine Hifzi, Chief Legal Officer, **Virgin Media**; Timothy Collins, Director, Intellectual Property, **Bombardier Aerospace**; Frederick Kinsey Haffner, Vice President - Intellectual Property & Licensing, **Raytheon Company**; Suzanne Folsom, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer & Senior Vice President - Government Affairs, **US Steel Corporation**; Peter Wexler, Senior

Vice President & General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer; and many more...

### NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

The One-to-One platform, designed to connect each participant to the international legal community, offered the delegates the opportunity to enhance their international referral network. They were able to meet their peers and clients from around 40 different countries in one day without touring the globe. This year, 1,200 meetings were held.

### THE AWARDS CEREMONIES

The *International General Counsel Awards*, following the networking lunch, rewarded the Best Legal, Intellectual Property and Tax Departments worldwide. In order to elect the Gold Award winners, a Jury panel of high profile General Counsel, Chief IP Counsel and Tax Directors voted on the basis of their personal experience as well as on the exhaustive application forms provided by the distinguished In-House departments.

During the prestigious Gala Dinner, the *International Law Firm Awards* recognized the best Law Firms and IP Firms in their domestic market for their excellent annual results and lasting performance in management and leadership. The Gold Award winners of each category were elected upstream by specialist jury panels, with more than 100 General Counsel. So as to elect the Gold Award winner, the nominated firms filled in a submission file which was presented to the jury. The ceremony also recognized the Rising Stars & Special Distinctions. Full of promises, these firms are expected to become the future leaders in their field.

We congratulate the 2015 Gold Award Winners and take the opportunity to warmly thank our jury members, partners and sponsors.

To learn more about the *International Legal Alliance Summit & Awards*, please visit our website ([www.ilasummit.com](http://www.ilasummit.com)) or contact us directly, we would be pleased to answer any question you may have.



## 2015 RISING STARS



### Japanese IP Rising Star

Ryuka IP Law Firm

### Chinese IP Rising Star

HFG Law Firm & IP Practice

### French IP Firm Rising Star

Armengaud Guerlain

