LEGAL COMMUNITY WEEK: GCS MUST 'REALLY PARTICIPATE' IN BUSINESS, SAYS TOYOTA MEXICO COUNSEL

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In-house lawyers should make the maximum effort to understand the business they work for as this will enable them to communicate better with the other members of the business, according to Luis F. Lozano Olivares, senior legal director at Toyota Mexico.

Lozano Olivares was speaking at the Legal Community Week event in Milan, which brings together general counsel and lawyers in private practice from across Europe and Latin America.

"I encourage young lawyers to really particpate in the business," he said. "We send lawyers to work on the production line so they undestand the business."

Lozano Olivares was speaking at the opening conference of Legal Community Week entitled 'Innovation, intelligence and legal tech'. The conference was organised in partnership with Deloitte Legal and Intesa Sanpaolo. The conference followed introductory speeches from the managing director of LC Publishing Group Aldo Scaringella, the Municipality of Milan councilor for sport, tourism and leisure Roberta Guaineri and of the president of the Milan Bar Association Vinicio Nardo. The conference included speeches by Ferruccio De Bortoli, journalist of the Corriere della Sera and Carlo Gagliardi, managing partner of Deloitte Legal Italy.

Lozano Olivares participated in the roundtable "Past future, no excuses", along with: Nicolas Burgener, Audemars Piguet group chief legal officer; Alexandre Marcotte, group legal director - commercial AzkoNobel; Sandra Mori, data privacy officer Coca Cola; Jacques Moscianese, executive director, group head of institutional affairs Intesa Sanpaolo; Sibilla Ricciardi, CEO and co-founder, in2law.

The Legal Community Week event will bring together professionals from the legal, tax, in-house and finance worlds in Milan. The event includes more than 10 thematic conference sessions with over 80 speakers discussing the challenges facing the legal profession.

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