



ACC Advocacy Update

March 2026



Agenda

- Intro to Advocacy
- Exciting LPP News from France and South Korea
- Advocacy Needs You!

Policy

- ACC members have valuable insight to share with regulators, the courts and other stakeholders on a variety of issues that affect in-house counsel practice.
- From its inception, ACC recognized the importance of advocacy by, and for, its membership. Advocacy may occur in courts, before legislative bodies and regulatory agencies, and in media and professional journals.
- ACC's advocacy activities focus on issues that directly affect the practice of law by its members in their capacity as in-house counsel.

ACC's Advocacy

Issue Advocacy

- Attorney-client/Legal Professional Privilege
- Multi-jurisdictional Practice
- Gatekeeper Liability

Best Practices

- Seat at the Table



Breaking LPP News in France & South Korea



Breaking News!

France Passes Legislation Recognizing Privilege for In-house Counsel

- Senate passed legislation January 14, which was signed into law February 23
- Legal consultations drafted by in-house counsel will be confidential, subject to certain conditions.
- The privilege can be invoked only during commercial, civil, and administrative proceedings or litigation.
- The privilege cannot be invoked during criminal or tax proceedings and cannot be opposed to EU authorities that are exercising investigative powers.
- Lawyer must be “qualified” – based on education and/or experience
- Continuing education required

France – LPP Legislation: ACC Resources

Media

- “Le 'legal privilege' français : une réalité, mais pour quelle effectivité ?” *Village de la Justice*, Interview with ACC Board member Sandrine Auffret
- LinkedIn posts:
 - [Sandrine Auffret interview](#)
 - [ACC Resource – 10 Implications](#)
- [Press Release](#) January 16

Resource Library/CCN

- [France’s New In-house Legal Privilege: 10 Implications for Global Businesses](#)
- [France’s New In-house Counsel Privilege: What Outside Lawyers Are Saying](#)



Le secret professionnel permet aux juristes d’entreprise d’engager des discussions ouvertes et transparentes, d’établir une relation de confiance avec les parties prenantes commerciales[.]

Sandrine Auffret
ACC Global Board Director
EVP, CLO & Company Secretary at
ASML



South Korea enacts Attorney-Client Privilege Legislation

- Enacted January 29, 2026
- NEW: Legal consultations and written legal opinions between lawyers and their clients are protected under the attorney-client privilege.
- PREVIOUSLY: lawyers were only obligated to refrain from disclosing professional secrets, with no "right" to confidentiality.
- Lots of unanswered questions
- Korean Bar Association taking the lead in crafting guidelines

National Assembly Approves Attorney-Client Privilege in Revised Attorney Act

Law protects consultations, excludes crimes; legal community hails global standard adoption

By Yoo Hee-kon

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Scene of the National Assembly plenary session on the 29th. /News1

A revised Attorney Act, introducing the attorney-client privilege (ACP) between lawyers and clients, passed the National Assembly plenary session on the 29th.

Advocacy Needs You!



- Appoint an advocacy liaison for your chapter
- Promote advocacy news and events to chapter members
- Invite ACC Advocacy staff or members to speak at your event or host an advocacy event

ACC Advocacy Liaison Activities

- Subscribe to alerts from state bar/Supreme Court for proposed changes to professional conduct rules
- Sign up for relevant law firm alerts
- Watch for cases involving privilege, gatekeeper liability, multi-jurisdictional practice
- Assist ACC advocacy on providing information and insights for articles and other resources on advocacy matters
- Participate in media interviews on behalf of ACC on advocacy developments
- Participate in all Advocacy Chapter/Network calls (quarterly) and the Advocacy Community online

Connecting with ACC Advocacy

Next Chapter/Network Advocacy Calls: April 22, 2026

April 22 – 10:00 AM EDT, 4:00 PM CEST,
10:00 PM HKT

Chapter/Network Advocacy Call – [Register](#)

April 22 – 8:00 PM EDT / April 23 – 8:00 AM HKT,
10:00 AM AEST

Chapter/Network Advocacy Call – [Register](#)

ACC Advocacy Community

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Advocacy Issues



[Legal Privilege](#) →



[ACC Joins TechNet in Filing Amicus Brief on Legal Privilege](#) →

ACC filed an amicus brief with TechNet urging protection for "dual purpose communications," where legal and business advice is intertwined.

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