

## WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH

### 19:00 – 21:00 **EARLY ARRIVALS | NO HOST DINNERS**

**Local Restaurants**  
If you arrive in time for dinner, SCG Legal will coordinate the opportunity for you to dine with fellow network members from around the globe. Please contact Membership Coordinator Erin Kane ([ekane@scglegal.com](mailto:ekane@scglegal.com)) to be included in reservations.

## THURSDAY, 26 MARCH

### 8:00 – 17:00 **WELCOME DESK | CHECK-IN & ON-SITE REGISTRATION**

### 10:00 – 11:30 **PRACTICE GROUP MEETING | CORPORATE/MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS (M&A)**

*All Corporate/M&A attorneys—as well as anyone interested in updates in this area of law—are welcome to attend.*

### 11:30 – 13:00 **INFORMAL NETWORKING LUNCH | CATCH UP WITH SCG LEGAL'S BOARD & TEAM**

*Join us for this pre-event networking lunch, especially if it is your first SCG Legal meeting! Several tables will be reserved to host practice group meetups, offering you the opportunity to connect and catch up with attorneys who share a similar focus. **Advance registration is not required.***

### 13:00 – 13:30 **CATCH UP WITH MEMBERS | COFFEE, CONFECTIONS & CONNECTIONS**

### 13:30 – 14:00 **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

- Fabio Guzmán Saladín | Guzmán Ariza (Dominican Republic) | Board Chair, SCG Legal
- Alina Gorokhovskiy | CEO, SCG Legal
- Mark Dunphy | Hall & Wilcox (Australia: Melbourne)

### 14:00 – 15:00 **SESSION | DOING BUSINESS IN ASIA: NAVIGATING OPPORTUNITY & COMPLEXITY**

Asia remains one of the world's most dynamic regions for investment, innovation, and growth—but it also presents distinct legal, regulatory, and cultural challenges for foreign businesses. This panel brings together leading lawyers from across Asia to discuss emerging trends shaping the region including shifts in trade and investment policy, local market entry strategies, cross-border dispute resolution, and evolving corporate compliance expectations. Panelists will share practical insights and case examples to help firms and their clients successfully navigate the region's complexity and capitalize on new opportunities.

### 15:00 – 16:00 **KEYNOTE | ALEX MOFFAT**, NeuroLeadership practitioner and award-winning magician.

In his presentation, **Client Illusions: How the Brain Shapes Trust, Expectations & Legal Judgment**, Alex reveals how neuroscience and illusion can transform the way lawyers engage clients, sharpen business development instincts, and elevate decision-making. A globally recognized speaker, Alex blends decades of senior corporate leadership with more than 30 years as a cognitive illusionist. He has advised Fortune 500 companies and boutique firms alike, earning praise for turning complex concepts about mindset, trust, and human behavior into clear, memorable insights that stick long after the applause.

### 16:00 – 16:15 **BREAK | NETWORKING**

- 16:15 – 17:15**      **SESSION | THE WORLD OF DEALS: MASTERING M&A ACROSS JURISDICTIONS**  
This panel brings together leading M&A practitioners to discuss the latest trends, risks, and strategies for executing transactions across multiple jurisdictions. Panelists will share insights into navigating regulatory landscapes, cultural and legal differences, and practical approaches to structuring cross-border deals. Whether managing large-scale international transactions or advising clients on strategic expansions, this session provides actionable guidance for lawyers operating in a global market.
- 17:15**              **CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT**
- 17:45 – 18:15**      **MEETUP | WOMEN IN LAW**  
**Hall & Wilcox**      Buses will depart from hotel lobby @ 17:30.
- 18:15 – 19:15**      **BUSINESS MADE SOCIAL RECEPTION | ALL MEMBERS**  
**Hall & Wilcox**      Buses will depart from hotel lobby @ 18:00.
- 19:30 – 21:30**      **NO HOST DINNERS | ALL MEMBERS**  
**Local**  
**Restaurants**      SCG Legal organizes No Host Dinners at local restaurants to encourage networking and foster fellowship among members while enjoying the culture of our host city. If you have opted for this activity, please refer to the calendar invitation you received for details related to your specific dinner reservation. Restaurant details are also available in the SCG Legal mobile app under **Events > 2026 Midyear Meeting: Melbourne > Venues**. If you did not receive an invitation to participate or a reservation confirmation, please contact Membership Coordinator Erin Kane ([ekane@scglegal.com](mailto:ekane@scglegal.com)).

## **FRIDAY, 27 MARCH**

- 8:00 – 17:00**      **WELCOME DESK | CHECK-IN & ON-SITE REGISTRATION**
- 8:00 – 9:30**        **BREAKFAST | NETWORKING**
- 9:30 – 10:30**      **SESSION | U.S. POLICY GLOBAL REACH: NAVIGATING GOVERNMENT IMPACT WORLDWIDE**  
Explore how U.S. government policy shapes business, trade, and legal landscapes across the globe. This panel will dive into the strategies, challenges, and opportunities that arise when U.S. regulatory and legislative actions intersect with international markets. Our expert speakers will provide insights into navigating government relations, understanding policy implications for cross-border clients, and anticipating global trends that impact legal practices and business strategy.
- 10:30 – 10:50**      **#RAPIDiNSIGHTS | FROM BREACH TO POLICY: MANAGING CYBERSECURITY & LIABILITY** This session explores the intersection of cybersecurity, legal liability, and insurance solutions. Expert speakers will discuss emerging cyber threats, regulatory implications, and best practices for managing risk. Attendees will gain insights into how insurance can complement legal strategies, mitigate exposure, and support clients in an increasingly digital and high-risk world.
- 10:50 – 11:10**      **#RAPIDiNSIGHTS | GAME ON GLOBALLY: NAVIGATING LEGAL ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS & EVENTS**

This session will address the unique legal and regulatory challenges involved in organizing and managing international sporting events and global entertainment projects. Topics to be covered include contract negotiation, intellectual property, sponsorship agreements, compliance with local laws, and risk management strategies.

**11:10 – 11:30**     **BREAK | NETWORKING**

**11:30 – 11:50**     **FIRESIDE CHAT | THE ART OF CLIENT LISTENING: INSIGHTS & BEST PRACTICES**

This session will explore how law firms can design and implement effective client listening programs to enhance service, strengthen relationships, and uncover new business opportunities. Practical approaches to gathering client insights, interpreting feedback, and translating it into meaningful action that drives client satisfaction and firm growth will be shared.

**11:50 – 12:15**     **FIRESIDE CHAT | HARNESSING AI: INSIGHTS FOR MODERN LEGAL PRACTICE**

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) is rapidly transforming the practice of law. This session will explore how law firms and legal professionals are leveraging GenAI today, the opportunities and challenges it presents, and its potential impact on the legal labor market. Panelists will discuss how AI is reshaping legal workflows, enhancing strategic decision-making, and driving innovation in client service. The conversation will also address practical applications, ethical considerations, and risk management strategies as firms integrate AI into their operations.

**12:15 – 13:30**     **LUNCH | NETWORKING**

**13:30 – 14:30**     **SESSION | LITIGATION IN FOCUS: NAVIGATING COMPLEX DISPUTES**

Examine the latest trends and best practices in litigation, including managing complex disputes, leveraging technology, and navigating regulatory and cross-border challenges. Speakers will share insights on effective strategies, risk mitigation, and achieving successful outcomes for clients in today's evolving legal landscape.

**14:50 – 15:15**     **BREAK | NETWORKING**

**15:15 – 16:15**     **FIRESIDE CHAT | IP IN FOCUS: INSIGHTS FROM THE FRONT LINES**

As innovation accelerates and markets become more interconnected, intellectual property (IP) disputes are becoming more frequent, complex, and international. This panel will explore the latest developments shaping IP practice—from shifting enforcement strategies to the implications of high-profile cases and headline-making entertainment disputes. This panel will examine emerging flashpoints such as AI-generated content, new technologies, and evolving forum-selection tactics. Panelists will also offer practical strategies for safeguarding IP assets, managing litigation risks, and anticipating future challenges across patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets.

**14:30 - 14:50**     **#RAPIDINSIGHTS | NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS & TRADE SECRETS: LEGAL TOOLS FOR RISK MANAGEMENT**

This session will explore strategies for protecting sensitive business information through trade secrets and nondisclosure agreements. Legal frameworks, practical drafting tips,

enforcement considerations, and risk management strategies to safeguard proprietary information in a competitive and global business environment will be addressed.

**16:15 – 17:15**

**SESSION | CORPORATE COUNSEL IN FOCUS: NAVIGATING LEGAL & BUSINESS PRIORITIES**

This highly anticipated session offers direct access to the minds of leading corporate counsel as they share perspectives on managing legal risk, driving business strategy, and building effective relationships with outside counsel. Topics will include legal department priorities, operational challenges, and strategies for delivering value in a rapidly evolving corporate and regulatory landscape.

**17:15 – 17:30**

**CLOSING SESSION & REMARKS**

**18:30**

**TRANSPORTATION TO RECEPTION & CLOSING BANQUET**

**Hotel Lobby**

**18:45 – 22:00**

**RECEPTION & CLOSING BANQUET | The Iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground**

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