

**WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY**

**19:00 – 21:00**  
*Local Restaurants* **EARLY ARRIVALS NO HOST DINNERS**  
 If you are arriving 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, 16 MAY**

**8:00 – 17:00**  
*Marker Conf Reception Area* **WELCOME DESK | CHECK-IN & ON-SITE REGISTRATION**

**8:30 – 11:30**  
*Beauchamps* **MEETING | BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**10:00 – 11:30**  
*Shannon Room* **PRACTICE GROUP MEETING | MERGERS & ACQUISITION (M&A)**  
*All M&A attorneys are welcome to attend.*

**11:30 – 13:00**  
*Forbes Street* **INFORMAL NETWORKING LUNCH | CATCH UP WITH SCG LEGAL’S BOARD & TEAM**  
 Please join us for this pre-event networking lunch, especially if it is your first SCG Legal meeting. **Advance registration is not required.**

**11:45 – 13:00**  
*Shannon Room* **PRACTICE GROUP WORKING LUNCH | LITIGATION**  
*All Litigation attorneys are welcome to attend.*

**13:00 – 13:30**  
*Marker Conf Reception Area* **CATCH UP WITH MEMBERS | COFFEE, CONFECTIONS & CONNECTIONS**

**13:30 – 14:00**  
*Marker Conf Room* **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

- Paul Plunkett, Larkin Hoffman (US: Minnesota) | Chair, SCG Legal
- Alina Gorokhovskiy | CEO, SCG Legal
- John White, Beauchamps (Ireland) | Board Member, SCG Legal

**14:00 – 15:00**  
*Marker Conf Room* **GLOBAL DIPLOMACY KEYNOTE | FIRESIDE CHAT WITH BERTIE AHERN, FORMER IRISH TAOISEACH (PRIME MINISTER) & LIZ O’DONNELL, FORMER GOVERNMENT MINISTER OF STATE**

- John White, Beauchamps (Ireland)

**15:00 – 15:20**  
*Marker Conf Room* **#RAPIDINSIGHTS | BEYOND THE CLICK: EXPLORING THE INTERSECTIONS OF TARGETED ADVERTISING AND PRIVACY REGULATIONS**

- Frederik Kromann Jespersen, Skau Reipurth (Denmark)

15:20 – 15:40

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**#RAPIDINSIGHTS | KEEPING IT REAL: THE CHALLENGE OF AUTHENTICITY IN THE DEEPPFAKE ERA**

- Darren Cahr, Scharf Banks Marmor (US: Chicago, IL)

15:40 – 16:00

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**NETWORKING BREAK**

16:00 – 17:00

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**SESSION | INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE DYNAMICS: NAVIGATING ARBITRATION vs. LITIGATION**

Arbitration and litigation stand as prominent methods frequently delineated in dispute resolution clauses. Despite their shared objective – to resolve disputes – these processes diverge fundamentally. This session will offer valuable insights into the nuanced intricacies of each method, providing practical perspectives for effective dispute resolution strategies.

- Guillermo Bayas Fernández, AGM Abogados (Spain)
- Mark Davison, Mills & Reeve (UK)
- Verónica Esquivel-Patiño, Sánchez Devanny (Mexico)
- Porfírio Moreira, Ferreira Pinto Cardigos (Portugal)
- Thomas O'Dwyer, Beauchamps (Ireland)

17:00

**ADJOURN**

17:45 – 18:15

*Beauchamps*

**MEETUP | WOMEN IN LAW**

18:15 – 19:15

*Beauchamps*

**WELCOME RECEPTION | ALL MEMBERS**

19:30 – 21:30

*Local Restaurants*

**NO HOST DINNERS | ALL MEMBERS**

SCG Legal organizes No Host Dinners at local restaurants to encourage networking and foster fellowship while enjoying the culture of our host city. If you have opted in for this activity, please refer to your calendar invite for details related to your specific dinner reservation. Restaurant details are also available in the SCG Mobile App under Events > 2024 Midyear Meeting: Dublin > 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, 17 MAY**

8:00 – 17:00

*Marker Conf  
 Reception Area*

**WELCOME DESK | CHECK-IN & ON-SITE REGISTRATION**

8:00 – 9:00

*Forbes Street*

**NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

9:00 – 10:00

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Conf Room*

**SESSION | THE INTERSECTION OF BUSINESS OF LAW AND TECHNOLOGY**

From the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to automating repetitive tasks, the practice of law is not what it used to be...and there is no turning back. The impacts of new technologies in the legal industry are now being experienced everywhere. A November 2023 Wolters Kluwer's Future Ready Lawyer Report notes that 73% of lawyers globally are either using AI or expect to be using AI in the next 12 months, indicating a willingness to embrace a wide range of technologies to practice law more efficiently. This session will focus on the intersection of technology and law, explaining how innovative tech platforms can offer more sophisticated professional development and business development opportunities.

- **Shane Branagan, Thread Legal Software (Ireland)**
- **Alina Gorokhovskiy, SCG Legal (US: Washington, DC)**
- **Duane Pozza, Wiley (US: Washington, DC)**
- **Simon Thompson, Mills & Reeve (UK)**

10:00 – 11:00

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**SESSION | NAVIGATING EXCELLENCE: INSIGHTS FROM LEGAL INDUSTRY LEADERS**

Esteemed leaders from global law firms will offer their perspectives on a range of topics from navigating the landscape of innovation to administrative excellence to transformative cultural shifts within firms as well as address challenges prevalent in the legal industry. This discussion will include a strategic perspective on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) programs; optimal practices for managing hybrid workforces; initiatives to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI); establishment of meaningful community partnerships; and a review of programs and events recently launched or enhanced that bolster and support mentorship and professional development activities with firms.

- **Wayne Egan, WeirFoulds (Canada: Ontario)**
- **Douglas Gold, Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp (US: Los Angeles, CA)**
- **Ooi Bee Hong, Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership (Malaysia)**
- **Justin Ripman, Mills & Reeve (UK)**

11:00 – 11:15

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**NETWORKING BREAK**

11:15 – 12:15

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**SESSION | MERGING WORLDS: M&A ACTIVITY AND TRENDS**

Despite a recent dip in overall M&A activity, the landscape has seen a resurgence, signaling opportunities for growth via a business and legal tool that has become pivotal for companies looking to broaden their market reach. This session will offer an insightful discussion about the latest trends in M&A while addressing key considerations and challenges companies encounter in these ventures. Gain valuable insights on navigating the complexities of cross-border deals and strategies for successful deal management.

- **Laura Gilbride, PwC Ireland**
- **Debby McKey-Durán, Sánchez Devanny (Mexico)**
- **Shaun O'Shea, Beauchamps (Ireland)**

12:15 – 13:30

*Forbes Street*

**NETWORKING LUNCH**

13:30 – 14:15

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*Conf Room*

**SESSION | LEGAL PRACTICES IN HIGHER EDUCATION WORLDWIDE**

The higher education sector is one of the world's largest global industries, characterized by ongoing collaborations and investments among the Asia-Pacific, U.S., and Europe. Educational institutions uniquely straddle the realms of public, private, and nonprofit sectors, giving rise to a distinctive set of legal and regulatory challenges. This session will delve into the unique legal landscape shaping higher education institutions worldwide. Discussion points will include an exploration of legal structures and regulations influencing these institutions, shedding light on crucial aspects such as international partnerships, collaborations, and joint academic initiatives as well as the legal considerations surrounding digital and online learning initiatives.

- **Vinita Bahri-Mehra, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter (US: Ohio)**
- **Pat McInerney, Beauchamps (Ireland)**
- **Martin Priestley, Mills & Reeve (UK)**
- **Maxime Seno, Veil Jourde (France)**

14:15 – 14:45

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**FIREMOUNT CHAT | CYBERSECURITY INSIGHTS: LESSONS LEARNED FROM LAW FIRM BREACHES**

- **Erika Carrasco, Field Law (Canada: Alberta)**
- **Stephan Menzemer, GvW Graf von Westphalen (Germany)**

14:45 – 15:30

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**SESSION | DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION EXCELLENCE: IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT**

- **Michele Bisceglie, SCG Legal (US: Washington, D.C.)**
- **Celeste Bruce, Rifkin Weiner Livingston (US: Maryland)**
- **Sophia Makris, McGinnis Lochridge (US: Texas)**
- **Tom Pickthorn, Mills & Reeve (UK)**

15:30 – 15:50

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**#RAPIDINSIGHTS | REBUILDING UKRAINE: ADVANCEMENTS IN ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

- **Sergiy Oberkovych, GOLAW (Ukraine)**

15:50 – 16:10

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**NETWORKING BREAK**

16:10 – 16:30

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**#RAPIDINSIGHTS | INSIDER'S VIEW: NAVIGATING ISRAELI BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AMIDST POLITICAL CHALLENGES**

- **Stephen Barak Rozen, Amit, Pollak, Matalon & Co (Israel)**

16:30 – 17:30

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**SESSION | POLITICAL DYNAMICS: U.S. ELECTIONS AND THE SHIFTING POLITICAL LANDSCAPE**

This session will feature a vibrant discussion unraveling the intricate connections between U.S. elections and the ever-evolving global political scene. Delving into the profound impacts of political shifts, the conversation will expand to examine how changes in political parties in the US resonate within the global business community. Gain valuable insights into the complex interplay that shapes global political and economic landscapes.

- **Don Bolia, Peachtree Government Relations (US: Georgia)**
- **Chad Causey, Rose Law Firm (US: Arkansas)**
- **Steve Tugend, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter (US: Ohio)**

17:30 **CLOSING SESSION & REMARKS**

18:30 **TRANSPORTATION TO RECEPTION & CLOSING BANQUET**  
*Departs from lobby of Anantara The Marker Dublin Hotel*

18:45 – 22:00 **RECEPTION & CLOSING BANQUET**  
*The Shelbourne*  
*Hotel Great Room*  
The Shelbourne Hotel is a historic hotel situated in a landmark building on the north side of St Stephen's Green, one of the largest green squares in Europe. It was named for William Petty, 2nd Earl of Shelburne. In 1922, the Constitution of the Irish Free State was drafted in room 112, now known as The Constitution Room. The facade was refurbished in 2016, winning an award from the Irish Georgian Society.

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**Registration Open**

[2024 Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA \(U.S.\) ❖ September 19 – 20](#)

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**Future In-Person Meetings: Save the Details**

**2025**

Midyear Meeting in Barcelona (Spain) ❖ May 15 – 16  
Annual Meeting in Austin, TX (U.S.) ❖ September 18 – 19

**2026**

Midyear Meeting in Melbourne (Australia) ❖ March 19 – 20  
Annual Meeting in Washington, DC (US) ❖ Dates TBA