

SCG Legal Announces 2025 Board of Directors

October 7, 2024 (Washington, DC) – SCG Legal, a global network of 123 independent law and lobbying firms providing legal, regulatory, and public policy services in 63 countries and every U.S. state, proudly announces its new Board of Directors, including newly appointed Officers and four new Directors. The Board was elected during SCG Legal’s 2024 Annual Meeting on September 19 in Los Angeles, California. Each Board member, serving a three-year term, was chosen from among the network’s more than 12,000 attorneys and is a recognized leader within their firm and practice area. The new leadership is focused on driving global expansion and enhancing member benefits to strengthen the organization’s impact and influence.

“The new Board brings together a wealth of experience and vision, positioning SCG Legal for continued growth and innovation in an ever-evolving legal and public policy landscape,” said SCG Legal CEO Alina Gorokhovskiy. “I am confident that this leadership team will steer the network toward greater global collaboration and increased value for our members, clients, and communities.”

SCG Legal’s 2025 Board of Directors

Officers

- **Chair:** [Celeste Bruce](#), Partner, Rifkin Weiner Livingston (US: Maryland)
- **Vice Chair:** [Fabio Guzmán Saladin](#), Partner, Guzmán Ariza (Dominican Republic)
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Directors

- [Kenneth Baldwin](#), Partner, Robinson+Cole (US: Massachusetts)
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- [John White](#), Managing Partner, Beauchamps (Ireland)

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About SCG Legal

SCG Legal, a worldwide network of 123 independent law and lobbying firms, was founded in 1989 and includes firms—80% of which are Chambers ranked with Chambers-ranked attorneys in the balance—that house legal, regulatory, and, in many countries, public policy practices. Members serve clients in major commercial centers and capitals in more than 63 countries as well as every U.S. state and the District of Columbia. The 2024 edition of Chambers Global Guide has recognized the network as a Global Elite. Firms in the network are unified by a culture of premier legal practices and industry leadership; an elevated dedication to client service and responsiveness; a commitment to diversity and inclusion; and a devotion to transparent, innovative, and fair billing practices. For more information, please visit scglegal.com.