

Continuing Legal Education Attendance Affidavit
2025 Midyear Meeting

Program Location: InterContinental Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
Program Dates: May 15 & 16, 2025
Program Fee: \$1,795

Date	Session Title	Time	Hours Awarded	Hours Completed
Thursday, 5/15/2025	Session 1 Global Litigation: Emerging Trends, Challenges & Client Strategies	2:00-3:00 p.m.	1.0	
	Session 2 Keynote > A New Decade of Supercomputing	3:00-4:00 p.m.	1.0	
	Session 3 Navigating Change: Forecasting the Trump Administration's Impact on the U.S. & the Global Landscape	4:15-5:15 p.m.	1.0	
Friday, 5/16/2025	Session 4 Preparing for AI: Practical Considerations for Law Firms and Clients	9:00-9:45 a.m.	0.5	
	Session 5 Normalizing Uncertainty	9:45-10:15 a.m.	0.5	
	Session 6 The Global Reach of U.S. Technology	10:15-10:45 a.m.	0.5	
	Session 7 Fireside Chat > Partnering for Success with Clients: Cross-Border Collaborations & Matter Management Opportunities	11:00-11:30 a.m.	0.5	
	Session 8 M&A Panel: Navigating Opportunities in a Shifting Market	1:30-2:30 p.m.	1.0	
	Session 9 #RAPIDiNSIGHTS > Understanding SB21: Delaware's Impact on Global Business	2:30-3:00 p.m.	0.5	
	Session 10 Employment Law in a Changing World: Adapting to New Realities & Emerging Risks	3:15-4:15 p.m.	1.0	
	Session 11 #RAPIDiNSIGHTS > Cyber Threats & Cyber Resilience in the Legal Sector: A Step-By-Step Presentation on How Not to Get Hacked	4:15-4:45 p.m.	0.5	

	Session 12 Fireside Chat > Shifting ESG Priorities: Regulatory Compliance & Sustainability in a Changing Landscape	4:45-5:30 p.m.	0.5	
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Date(s)
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Total Hours Attended:

Attorney
Name: _____ State: _____

Bar Member
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Firm Address: _____

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the above information is complete and accurate.

Attorney

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Date: May 16, 2025

Alina Gorokhovsky, CEO, SCG Legal

WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY

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) to be included in reservations.

THURSDAY, 15 MAY

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

Hall 1

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

Room: Cristal

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

Room: Coral

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**

Room: Zafir

*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**

Hall 1

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

Room: Rubi

- Celeste Bruce | Rifkin, Weiner, Livingston (US: Maryland) | Board Chair, SCG Legal
- Alina Gorokhovskiy | SCG Legal
- Guillermo Bayas Fernández | AGM Abogados (Spain) - Host Firm

14:00 – 15:00 **SESSION | GLOBAL LITIGATION: EMERGING TRENDS, CHALLENGES & CLIENT STRATEGIES**

Room: Rubi

As the global business environment grows increasingly complex in response to shifting political, economic, and regulatory dynamics, litigation matters across the globe are becoming more sophisticated...and challenging. In this session, panelists will examine the evolving landscape of litigation within and across their respective jurisdictions, sharing insights on emerging trends as well as the nuances of navigating differing legal systems, cultural considerations, and regulatory frameworks. The discussion will also explore innovative approaches to matter management, including the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools in litigation strategy and practice, and how alternative fee arrangements (AFAs) can provide greater predictability and cost control for clients engaged in complex disputes.

Moderator: Sergio López, AGM Abogados (Spain)

Panelists:

- Thomas Amico, Veil Jourde (France)
- Chad Shandler, Richards, Layton & Finger (US: Delaware)
- Katherine Silverman, Berman Fink Van Horn (US: Georgia)

15:00 – 16:00

Room: Rubi

KEYNOTE | A NEW DECADE OF SUPERCOMPUTING

Speaker: Josep Maria Martorell > Associate Director | Barcelona Supercomputing Center

Q&A Moderator: Guillermo Bayas Fernández, AGM Abogados (Spain)

Supercomputing is rapidly transforming industries across the globe—and the legal profession is no exception. In this insightful keynote, Mr. Martorell will explore the latest advancements in supercomputing technology and its profound implications for the legal industry. From data analysis to artificial intelligence (AI) predictive modeling and the processing of complex information, supercomputing is unlocking new opportunities for law firms to enhance efficiency, accuracy, and decision-making.

16:00 – 16:15

Hall 1

BREAK | NETWORKING

16:15 – 17:15

Room: Rubi

SESSION | NAVIGATING CHANGE: FORECASTING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S IMPACT ON THE U.S. & THE GLOBAL LEGAL LANDSCAPE

In this timely and thought-provoking session, U.S. Government Relations experts will explore the potential—and potentially lasting—influence the Trump administration will have on the global political and legal landscape. Panelists will delve into how U.S. federal policies have shaped legal frameworks at the state level and reverberated across international borders. They will also discuss key areas of change—including regulatory shifts, trade and foreign policy decisions, and constitutional challenges—offering insight into how these transformations may continue to shape the legal environment in the U.S. and abroad.

Moderator: Don Bolia, Peachtree Government Relations (US: Georgia)

Panelists:

- Chad Causey, Rose Law Firm (US: Arkansas)
- Heather Harris, Barnes & Thornburg (US: Indiana)
- Robert Rieger, Adams & Reese (US: Louisiana)

17:15

Room: Rubi

CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

17:45 – 18:15

AGM Abogados

MEETUP | WOMEN IN LAW

Buses will depart from hotel lobby @ 17:30.

18:15 – 19:15

AGM Abogados

BUSINESS MADE SOCIAL RECEPTION | ALL MEMBERS

Buses will depart from hotel lobby @ 18:00.

AGM Abogados address for anyone not taking the bus: Carrer de Pau Clarís, 139, 08009

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 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 > 2025 Midyear Meeting: Barcelona > Venues**. **If you did not receive an invitation to participate or a reservation confirmation, please contact Membership Coordinator Erin Kane (ekane@scglegal.com).**

FRIDAY, 16 MAY

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

Hall 1

8:00 – 9:00 **BREAKFAST | NETWORKING**

Room: Zafir

9:00 – 9:45 **SESSION | PREPARING FOR AI: PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR LAW FIRMS AND CLIENTS**

Room: Rubi

From automating repetitive tasks to transforming how we deliver services, AI is poised to significantly reshape not only the legal industry, but every sector around the globe. While the impacts of AI are already being felt, we're only at the beginning of this technological shift. This session will explore what law firms and their clients should consider at each stage of AI adoption—from preparation to implementation—highlighting key issues such as ethical compliance, intellectual property, and risk management. The focus will be on establishing the right protocols to ensure responsible, strategic use of AI tools in a fast-evolving landscape.

Panelists:

- Vanesa Alarcón, AGM Abogados (Spain)
- Brian McGinnis, Barnes & Thornburg (US: Indiana)
- Jason Vitullo, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler (US: New York, NY)

9:45 – 10:15 **#RAPIDiNSIGHTS | NORMALIZING UNCERTAINTY**

Room: Rubi

Speaker: Judith Jacob > Client Lead | Forward Risk

In today's fast-paced, ever-evolving world, uncertainty is no longer a rare occurrence—it is a constant. Whether in business, politics, law, or daily life, we are all faced with unpredictable challenges and opportunities requiring a new approach to decision-making and strategy. Ms. Jacob will explore how organizations and individuals can learn to not only cope with uncertainty but to normalize it as a powerful force for growth and innovation. Drawing on real-world examples and proven strategies, she will demonstrate how embracing uncertainty can lead to greater resilience, agility, and success. This presentation will challenge traditional views of risk and provide actionable tools for navigating uncertainty with clarity and purpose.

10:15 – 10:45 **#RAPIDiNSIGHTS | THE GLOBAL REACH OF U.S. TECH POLICY**

Room: Rubi

As the U.S. continues to shape its regulatory landscape for technology, the impact of its policies has far-reaching implications for domestic companies operating internationally. From AI governance and data privacy laws to antitrust enforcement and digital trade regulations, this presentation will share how U.S. tech policy decisions increasingly influence global markets, corporate strategies, and compliance requirements.

- Duane Pozza, Wiley (US: Washington, DC)

10:45 – 11:00 **BREAK | NETWORKING**

Hall 1

11:00 – 11:30

Room: Rubi

FIRESIDE CHAT | PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS WITH CLIENTS: CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATIONS & MATTER MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

In today's interconnected world, law firms must navigate the complexities of cross-border legal issues while providing seamless and strategic counsel to clients. This 'best practices' fireside chat will offer valuable insights on building stronger client partnerships, ensuring efficiency, compliance, and delivering value.

Host: Tatiana Sainati, Wiley (US: Washington, DC)

Guest: Ana Morales Ramos > Senior Counsel | Aramco Overseas Company

11:30 – 11:50

Room: Rubi

#RAPIDINSIGHTS | LEVELING THE LEGAL PLAYING FIELD: AI, AGILITY & ACTUAL VALUE

What if the future of law doesn't belong to the biggest but instead to the boldest? AI is tearing down old hierarchies. Small, highly skilled, agile teams continue to outpace the traditional giants when it comes to the most complex clients and cases. Through relatable examples of impactful AI success stories in the legal field, this session looks at how AI can be a great equalizer. It will also offer how to identify the right opportunities, what guardrails lawyers must put in place, and the abundant opportunities AI is providing for junior lawyers and leadership alike.

- Al-Karim Makhani > Vice President, EMEA & APAC | TransPerfect Legal

11:50 – 12:15

Room: Rubi

FIRESIDE CHAT | LEGAL FINANCE LITIGATION FUNDING: UNLOCKING FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAW FIRMS

This session will focus on the growing role of legal finance and litigation funding, including its potential benefits for law firms. As legal expenses continue to rise, this resource provides an innovative financial solution that allows firms to pursue complex and high-value cases without bearing the financial risk. Through real-world case studies—illustrating how law firms have leveraged legal finance and litigation funding to successfully manage costs and access greater opportunities for clients—panelists will discuss the mechanics, including the financing process, selection criteria, and strategic considerations for law firms and clients. They will also explore advantages such as improved cash flow, enhanced case portfolios, and the ability to take on more ambitious litigation without financial strain.

Host: Frederik Kromann Jespersen, Skau Reipurth (Denmark)

Guest: Stefan Kirsten > Founder | KRD Kirsten. Risk & Disputes (Germany)

12:15 – 13:30

Room: Zafir

LUNCH | NETWORKING

13:30 – 14:30

Room: Rubi

SESSION | M&A PANEL: NAVIGATING OPPORTUNITIES IN A SHIFTING MARKET

While recent fluctuations in mergers & acquisitions activity have tempered overall deal volume, the landscape is showing signs of resurgence, presenting valuable opportunities for companies seeking to expand their market reach. This session will offer a deep dive into the latest trends, highlighting key considerations and challenges businesses face today.

Moderator: Maxime Colle, Lydian (Belgium)

Panelists:

- Alex Carbonell, AGM Abogados (Spain)
- Massimo Di Terlizzi, Pirola Pennuto Zei & Associati (Italy)
- Kate Newman, Mills & Reeve (UK)
- Michael Wirvin, Robinson+Cole (US: Massachusetts)

14:30 – 15:00

Room: Rubi

#RAPIDiNSIGHTS | UNDERSTANDING SB21: DELAWARE'S IMPACT ON GLOBAL BUSINESS

Delaware is a top destination for international businesses to incorporate in the U.S. as evidenced by more than 60% of Fortune 500 companies incorporated there and more than 80% of U.S. IPOs in 2023 being with Delaware corporations. In a win for Delaware corporations and its stockholders, the state's General Assembly recently passed Senate Bill 21 (SB 21). With an eye toward limiting unnecessary and wasteful corporate litigation in the Delaware courts, SB 21 amended the Delaware General Corporation Law (DGCL) to clarify the corporate governance and approval process for transactions with controlling stockholders and interested directors and officers. It also limits the scope of corporate records stockholders are entitled to in a DGCL Section 220 Demand. This session will explore how SB21 will have broad implications for U.S. and international businesses that select Delaware as their corporate home, allowing these entities to focus more on running their businesses and less on Delaware courtroom battles with shareholders, and will also explore how the Delaware legislature was able to efficiently pass SB 21, enabling Delaware to maintain its edge as a preferred U.S. jurisdiction for forming corporations and other business entities.

- Mark Kurtz, Richards, Layton & Finger (US: Delaware)

15:00 – 15:15

Hall 1

BREAK | NETWORKING

15:15 – 16:15

Room: Rubi

SESSION | EMPLOYMENT LAW IN A CHANGING WORLD: ADAPTING TO NEW REALITIES & EMERGING RISKS

The world of employment law is undergoing rapid transformation, influenced by shifting political landscapes, economic conditions, evolving workplace dynamics, and legislative changes. This session will examine the practice area's latest developments, highlighting how law firms can help clients adapt to the new challenges arising from local and global shifts in the workforce. Panelists will explore key topics such as remote work regulations, workplace safety, diversity and inclusion efforts, and the impact of recent legislative changes globally on employment rights. The discussion will also address emerging risks as well as the increasing role of technology and AI in the workplace.

Moderator: Lea Dearing, Berman Fink Van Horn (US: Georgia)

Panelists:

- Minu Dwivedi, JSA Advocates & Solicitors (India)
- Christof Kleinmann, GvW Graf von Westphalen (Germany)
- Aaron Makovka, Dunton Rainville (Canada: Quebec)
- David Mills, Mills & Reeve (UK)
- María Royo, AGM Abogados (Spain)

16:15 – 16:45

Room: Rubi

#RAPIDiNSIGHTS | CYBER THREAT & CYBER RESILIENCE IN THE LEGAL SECTOR: A STEP-BY-STEP PRESENTATION ON HOW NOT TO GET HACKED

- Marek Laskowski, Domański Zakrzewski Palinka (Poland)

16:45 – 17:30

Room: Rubi

FIRESIDE CHAT | SHIFTING ESG PRIORITIES: REGULATORY COMPLIANCE & SUSTAINABILITY IN A CHANGING LANDSCAPE

Driven by regulatory demands and stakeholder expectations, Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) priorities have become critical focal points for businesses worldwide. As the global focus on sustainability intensifies, law firms are increasingly tasked with helping clients navigate the complex and evolving landscape of regulations, compliance obligations, and sustainable business practices. This session will explore the latest shifts in ESG priorities, examining how regulatory frameworks are changing across industries and regions, and how businesses can adapt to these developments.

Speakers:

- Marta Salvador, AGM Abogados (Spain)
- Diana Shaw, Wiley (US: Washington, DC)

17:30

Room: Rubi

CLOSING SESSION & REMARKS

18:30

Hotel Lobby

TRANSPORTATION TO RECEPTION & CLOSING BANQUET

18:45 – 22:00

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Barcelona**

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Future In-Person Meetings

2025

Canada Regional Meeting in Calgary ❖ 19 – 20 June

Asia & Pacific Rim Regional Meeting
in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) ❖ 10 – 11 July

Annual Meeting in Austin, TX (U.S.) ❖ September 18 – 19

2026

Midyear Meeting in Melbourne (Australia) ❖ March
Annual Meeting in Washington, DC (US) ❖ September 17 - 18

Vanessa Alarcón, Partner, AGM Abogados (Spain): Vanessa is a lawyer in the firm's Technology, Media, and Telecommunications practice. Her areas of expertise also include New Technologies, Data Privacy, Electronic Commerce, Intellectual Property, and Anti-Money Laundering compliance. She collaborates with several universities, including Universidad Europea, ISDE, Instituto Químico de Sarriá (IQS), and Carlos III University. Vanessa is a member of ENATIC, DENAE, and the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), and serves as President of the Friends of the UAB Association.

Thomas Amico, Partner, Veil Jourde (France): Thomas focuses his practice on white-collar crime, representing companies and their executives in a wide range of criminal proceedings in France and internationally. His work encompasses all business-related offences, including corruption, cybercrime, and criminal labor law. He also has strong expertise in compliance and criminal risk management.

Guillermo Bayas Fernández, Partner, AGM Abogados (Spain): Guillermo has 20 years of experience in civil and commercial litigation, arbitration, and insolvency law, with a strong focus on international cases. Before joining AGM, he practiced at two major Spanish law firms: Gómez-Acebo & Pombo and Garrigues. In addition to his legal practice, Guillermo is a professor of International Litigation and Negotiation in the Master's Degree in Law program at Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

Alex Carbonell, Partner, AGM Abogados (Spain): Alex has over twenty years of experience advising clients in sectors such as private equity and venture capital, retail, new technologies, financial services and fintech, automotive, pharmaceuticals, and real estate on mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructurings, foreign investments, and international transactions in Spain. In addition to practicing law, Alex is an Associate Professor at ESADE Law School, specialising in International Business Law.

Chad Causey, Member, Rose Law Firm (US: Arkansas): Chad is the Principal of Rose Group Advisors and a Member of Rose Law Firm. He specializes in federal and state policy issues and their impact on businesses, advising a broad range of clients including Fortune 500 companies, farmers, and everyday Arkansans. Chad began his career in Washington, D.C., where he served as Chief of Staff to a Member of Congress and as a liaison to the House Appropriations Committee.

Maxime Colle, Partner, Lydian (Belgium): Maxime specializes in all areas of corporate law, with particular expertise in public and private M&A, private equity and venture capital transactions, joint ventures, corporate restructurings, equity capital markets, and corporate governance. He advises companies, private equity funds, investors, and entrepreneurs, with extensive experience in the private equity, technology, and life sciences sectors.

Lea Dearing, Shareholder, Berman Fink Van Horn (US: Georgia): Lea advises companies on a wide range of disputes that arise in day-to-day operations. She has experience assisting businesses with internal investigations, employment matters, business divorces, shareholder claims, real estate disputes, and construction-related claims.

Minu Dwivedi, Partner, JSA Advocates & Solicitors (India): Minu has over 19 years of experience in general corporate and commercial law, with a particular focus on labor and employment, white-collar crime, FCPA compliance, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters, disciplinary and workplace investigations, POSH compliance, ethics, HR, and corporate governance.

Heather Harris, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg (US: Indiana): Heather advises clients in the areas of government services, education, and healthcare law. She co-chairs the firm's Charter School and School Innovation group, where she focuses on education reform initiatives. Her work includes negotiating innovation network agreements with public school districts, developing charter school applications, assisting with nonprofit formation, drafting governing documents and bylaws, and supporting implementation and accountability efforts with charter school authorizers.

Judith Jacob, Lead, Geopolitical Risk & Security Intelligence Practice, Forward Risk (UK): Judith has over a decade of experience helping clients navigate and operate safely in complex environments. She has worked closely with companies in the extractives, insurance, finance, aerospace, and technology sectors, advising on how to anticipate and respond to geopolitical events and mitigate threats to personnel, assets, and reputations. Judith has also served as a consultant and trainer for international security organizations such as Interpol and regularly provides counsel to government officials.

Stefan Kirsten, Founder, KRD Kirsten. Risk & Disputes (Germany): Celebrated as “one of the best funders”, “a genius in the area” and “a real stand-out name” who is actively “pushing boundaries in the field”, Stefan is widely recognized as a global thought leader in legal finance. Having practiced in one of the world’s foremost litigation and arbitration firms for many years, he was among the first seasoned counsel to advise on third-party funding of disputes in continental Europe. He then continued to build from scratch the German and Nordic operations of a now top-ranked litigation funder and subsequently headed its global origination activities before returning to private practice. At his award-winning boutique law firm KRD, Stefan now blends his passions for high-end dispute resolution and legal finance advisory – to offer his clients the best of both worlds.

Christof Kleinmann, Co-Managing Partner, GvW Graf von Westphalen (Germany): Christof specializes in employment law, advising on a broad spectrum of employment-related matters. He has extensive experience in transformation procedures, labor disputes, and large-scale restructurings. In addition to his work at the firm, he serves as the head of the Task Force on the Working Time Act (Arbeitszeitgesetz) within the Federal Association of Commercial Law Firms in Germany.

Frederik Kromann Jespersen, Partner, Skau Reiurth (Denmark): Frederik specializes in commercial litigation and international arbitration and heads the Specialized Dispute Resolution department at Skau Reipurth. He acts as legal counsel to both Danish and international clients in a wide range of disputes, including those related to commercial contracts, intellectual property law, competition law, M&A disputes, management liability, marketing practices, and corporate criminal liability. Frederik also has extensive experience in mediation proceedings.

Mark Kurtz, Director, Richards, Layton & Finger (US: Delaware): Mark provides advice and legal opinions on limited liability companies, limited partnerships, corporations, and other Delaware entities, focusing on formation, authority, and security issues. His transactional experience includes mergers and acquisitions, bankruptcy Section 363 sales, and master limited partnership (MLP) asset drop-down transactions. Mark also advises on financings, including secured transactions, securitization, structured finance, and cross-border transactions.

Marek Laskowski, IT Director, Domański Zakrzewski Palinka (Poland): Marek currently oversees multi-departmental IT infrastructure at DZP's offices in Warsaw, Poznań, and Wrocław. He has spearheaded the firm's implementation of a Legal IT digital transformation strategy, designed and executed digital transformation processes, and developed a robust security infrastructure. This includes anti-APT and offensive security systems, organized in collaboration with entities across multiple countries. The transformation also involved significant upgrades to the data center environment, ensuring high availability, geographic clustering, and the integration of AI solutions.

Sergio López, Partner, AGM Abogados (Spain): Sergio has extensive experience in civil and commercial litigation. Over his 20 years of professional practice, he has advised a diverse range of clients, from multinational corporations to small businesses, in various business disputes. Whether working with legal directors of large companies or individuals with little knowledge of Spanish litigation law, he strives to provide the best defense of their interests in challenging and often uncomfortable situations, where uncertainty and unease are common.

Al-Karim Makhani, VP of Consulting & Information Governance, TransPerfect Legal (UK): Al-Karim leads TransPerfect Legal's UK, EMEA, and APAC divisions, overseeing industry-leading eDiscovery teams that manage hundreds of complex, high-profile cases globally. TransPerfect Legal was involved in half of The Lawyer's Top 20 Cases of 2024 and is recognized as a 2024 Band 1 Chambers provider of eDiscovery in the UK and APAC. Al-Karim advises law firms and corporations on data-centric issues, focusing on optimizing automation, analytics, and AI. Prior to joining TransPerfect, he was a senior disputes practitioner at Stephenson Harwood's London and Hong Kong offices, bringing nearly a decade of experience in both practice and technology. This unique combination enables him to deeply understand and address clients' needs and goals. Passionate about leveraging technology to improve access to justice, he was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Tower Hamlets Law Centre in January 2024.

Aaron Makovka, Partner, Dunton Rainville (Canada: Quebec): Aaron specializes in labor, employment law and administrative law. As a skilled negotiator with particular expertise in labor standards, employment contracts, grievance arbitration and occupational health and safety, Aaron regularly represents his clients before various labor tribunals and other administrative bodies across Canada, as well as before the civil courts. He has considerable experience in claims made under the Act Respecting Industrial Accidents and Occupational Diseases, as well as in those involving human rights issues and labor and employment standards.

Josep Maria Martorell, Associate Director, Barcelona Supercomputing Center (Spain): Josep Maria Martorell has a degree in Physics from the University of Barcelona (UB) and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Ramon Llull University (URL). He has developed his career in the field of academic and scientific management, both in university and government institutions. He was director-general of research of the Government of Catalonia for five years. Since April 2016 he is the associate director of the BSC. Josep Maria has also taken a few programs on business and executive training in ESADE (VV-2004) and IESE (PDD-2009) and has ample experience as a Business Angel and mentor of a few technological start-ups created in Barcelona.

Brian McGinnis, Barnes & Thornburg (US: Indiana): Brian is a founder and co-chair of Barnes & Thornburg's Data Security and Privacy Law practice group. He is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US), and the firm's chief privacy officer (CPO). With nearly 20 years of experience, Brian's practice is strategically focused at the critical intersection of law and technology, providing comprehensive guidance to clients navigating the complex digital landscape.

David Mills, Mills & Reeve (UK): David leads the firm's employment group, which has experienced consistent growth over the past 10 years. His leadership role has provided him with valuable insights into business growth and the challenges faced by business leaders, insights he enjoys discussing and sharing with clients. David works with clients across the Technology, Mid-Market, International, and Insurance sectors.

Ana Morales Ramos, Senior Counsel, Aramco Overseas Company (Spain): Anchoring the legal strategy for ESG initiatives at Aramco Overseas Company B.V., Ana's role as Senior Counsel leverages deep expertise in dispute resolution and environmental, social, and governance principles. The journey here has been carved through a dedicated focus on international dispute resolution and a recent passion for sustainability in corporate practices.

Kate Newman, Partner, Mills & Reeve (UK): Kate is a specialist in competition law with over 22 years of experience. She heads up our competition law practice across the firm. Kate's expertise includes advising corporate clients on how to structure their commercial strategies and trading practices to be compliant with competition law; achieving clearances for complex transactions; and steering clients through investigations by the competition authorities.

Duane Pozza, Partner, Wiley (US: Washington, DC): Duane is a Co-Chair of Wiley's Privacy, Cyber, and Data Governance practice. He advises clients on complex regulatory and enforcement matters, including successfully representing clients in Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and other consumer protection investigations and enforcement proceedings. His practice includes a focus on advising on emerging technology, including artificial intelligence (AI), digital assets, and financial technology.

Rob Rieger, Partner, Adams and Reese (US: Louisiana): Rob advises clients in government relations and related litigation matters in Louisiana. He focuses his practice on the needs of individuals and companies in the public utility, telecommunications, electricity generation, and health care industries as well as addressing corporate law, governmental ethics, campaign finance and general administrative law issues. He devises and implements legislative and litigation strategies and solutions designed to curb agency overreach and promote a level playing field for entities subject to governmental or professional licensing or regulation.

María Royo, Partner, AGM Abogados (Spain): María is an employment and labor lawyer specializing in strategic advice to senior management on restructurings, collective dismissals, litigation, and labor-related M&A. She began her career at Uría Menéndez and has also gained extensive in-house experience with multinational companies, including Procter & Gamble, Globalvia, and Gestamp Renewable Industries, where she led Employment & Labour Relations.

Tatiana Sainati, Partner, Wiley (US: Washington, DC): Tatiana leverages her expertise in international, comparative, and human rights law to assist clients involved in complex, multijurisdictional disputes positioned in domestic and international courts and tribunals across a range of industries. She specializes in developing a comprehensive understanding of her clients' business goals and needs to craft tailored strategies to win high-stakes, bet-the-company litigations, adhere to internal and external stakeholder expectations, and avoid incurring reputational or operational risk.

Marta Salvador, Head of ESG and Regulatory Compliance, AGM Abogados (Spain): Marta leads the ESG – Regulatory Compliance and Sustainability department at AGM Abogados, offering advisory and preventive services to companies on all matters related to ESG criteria and sustainability. She helps companies navigate ESG issues, providing clarity and legal certainty. In addition to her work in ESG, Marta also has an immigration practice, advising clients on residence and work permits, nationality and international protection proceedings, administrative appeals, and deportation cases.

Chad Shandler, Director, Richards, Layton & Finger (US: Delaware): Chad has achieved significant victories in all of Delaware's courts, including the Delaware Supreme Court and Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He is an experienced litigator with expertise in a variety of areas, including complex financial and commercial litigation, trusts and estates litigation, intellectual property litigation, and insurance litigation. Chad has litigated several high-profile trust disputes in the Delaware Court of Chancery, and he has counseled numerous trust companies on fiduciary and regulatory matters.

Diana Shaw, Partner, Wiley (US: Washington, DC): Diana joined Wiley following a distinguished career in government. As the former Acting Inspector General of the U.S. Department of State and a former senior official at the Department of Homeland Security, she brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to clients facing challenging public policy and other matters that combine legal and political risks and opportunities. Diana's experience spans the full scope of congressional and executive branch investigations — from targeted information requests triggering little public attention, to some of the most high-profile and contentious investigations and oversight hearings posing significant legal, political, and reputational risks.

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