

Continuing Legal Education Attendance Affidavit
2026 Annual Meeting

Program Location: Fairmont Georgetown, Washington, DC

Program Dates: September 17 & 18, 2026

Program Fee: \$1,795

Date	Session Title	Time	Hours Awarded	Hours Completed
Thursday, 9/17/2025	Session 1 Keynote –The Honorable Laura DiBella, Chair of the U.S. Federal Maritime Commission	2:00-3:00 p.m.	1.0	
	Session 2 The New Math of Law Firm Revenue and Practice Management: AI, Billing Best Practices, Pricing Strategy, Outsourcing and Fee Innovation	3:00-4:00 p.m.	1.0	
	Session 3 Doing Business in Latin America	4:15-5:15 p.m.	1.0	
Friday, 9/18/2025	Session 4 State Dynamics: The Ripple Effect on Federal Policy & Global Relations	9:00-10:00 a.m.	1.0	
	Session 5a M&A and Capital Markets Outlook: Trends, Risks, and Opportunities	10:15-11:00 a.m.	0.75	
	Session 5b Litigation in Focus: Navigating Complex Disputes	10:15-11:00 a.m.	0.75	
	Session 6 Bribery Works...Compliance Doesn't – A Conversation We're Not Supposed to Have	11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	0.75	
	Session 7 Fireside Chat Defense Industry: Navigating Government Contracts in a High-Stakes World	12:00-12:30 p.m.	0.50	
	Session 8 Fireside Chat The Changing Economics of Law in the AI Age	1:45-2:15 p.m.	0.50	
	Session 9a Rewiring Global Supply Chains with the New Trade Alliances in a Fragmented World	2:30-3:15 p.m.	0.75	
	Session 9b Game On: Legal Challenges Behind Global Sports and Entertainment Events	2:30-3:15 p.m.	0.75	
	Session 10 A View From the Client's Chair: How In-House Counsel Are Preparing for What Comes Next	3:45-4:45 p.m.	1.0	
Date(s) Attended:		Total Hours Attended:		

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Alina Gorokhovskiy, CEO, SCG Legal

Date:

September 18, 2026

AGENDA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Pre-function Foyer

WELCOME DESK | CHECK-IN & ON-SITE REGISTRATION

8:30 am – 11:30 am
Grand Ballroom I

WOMEN IN LAW WORKSHOP | OWN THE ROOM: PRESENCE, INFLUENCE, AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CONVERSATIONS

This complimentary, interactive, value-added workshop offers opportunities to gain insights, learn best practices, and share experiences while developing a business development approach that aligns with your personal style, comfort level, and professional goals.

Speakers

- **Enhance Your Executive Presence:** Christine Clapp, President, Spoken with Authority
- **Business Development Conversations That Build Trust and Drive Results:** Tasneem Khokha, GrowthPlay

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Dumbarton (3rd Fl)

PRACTICE GROUP MEETUP + LUNCH | CORPORATE/MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

This is an opportunity for participants to network while discussing industry trends and issues impacting their practice, firms, and clients.

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
*Imperial II (Ballroom Fl) and
 Sulgrave (3rd Fl)*

INFORMAL LUNCH | PRACTICE GROUP NETWORKING

Join colleagues for an informal lunch and connect with attorneys across practice groups to discuss **industry trends, business development opportunities, and potential areas for collaboration.**

In Imperial II (Ballroom Level) | Connect with attorneys from:

- Cybersecurity/Data Protection Practice
- Doing Business in Latin America Panel
- Energy/Environment Practice
- The New Math of Law Firm Revenue and Practice Panel

In Sulgrave (3rd Floor) | Connect with attorneys from:

- Intellectual Property Practice
- Litigation Practice
- Open Tables for All Attorneys Not Included in the Practices Listed Above

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Pre-function Foyer

COFFEE, CONFECTIONS & CONNECTIONS | NETWORK WITH FELLOW SCG MEMBERS

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1:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Grand Ballroom II

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

- **Fabio Guzmán Saladín, Guzmán Ariza (Dominican Republic) | Board Chair**
- **Alina Gorokhovsky, CEO, SCG Legal**
- **Diana Shaw, Wiley (US: Washington, DC)**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Grand Ballroom II

KEYNOTE | **THE HONORABLE LAURA DIBELLA, CHAIR OF THE U.S. FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION (FMC)**

Chair DiBella leads the FMC, the independent U.S. agency responsible for regulating international ocean transportation. She oversees the Commission's efforts to promote fair competition, ensure compliance with maritime shipping regulations, investigate complaints and disputes involving shipping rates, fees, detention and demurrage charges, and monitor supply chain issues affecting ocean freight transportation to and from U.S. ports.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Grand Ballroom II

SESSION | **THE NEW MATH OF LAW FIRM REVENUE AND PRACTICE MANAGEMENT: AI, BILLING BEST PRACTICES, PRICING STRATEGY, OUTSOURCING AND FEE INNOVATION**

AI, changing client expectations and new approaches to pricing and staffing are reshaping the economics of law firms. This panel will explore practical strategies for improving revenue and profitability, including AI-driven efficiency, billing best practices, pricing strategy, outsourcing, alternative fee arrangements and innovative approaches to measuring and delivering value.

Moderator: Katherine Silverman, Berman Fink Van Horn (US: Georgia)

Panelists:

- Martin Dell, RosholmDell (Sweden)
- Matt Felten, TransPerfect Legal (US: Pennsylvania)
- Jack Weinberger, Ajax

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm
Pre-function Foyer

BREAK | **NETWORKING**

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm
Grand Ballroom II

SESSION | **DOING BUSINESS IN LATIN AMERICA**

Doing business in Latin America and the Caribbean requires navigating shifting governments, political uncertainty, and diverse, fast-changing economies. This panel will explore the region's evolving opportunities and risks, with practical insights on managing legal and regulatory complexity, understanding cultural dynamics, and capitalizing on key economic trends.

Moderator: Victor Salgado, Robinson+Cole (US: Massachusetts)

Panelists:

- Guillermo de la Rosa, Torres, Plaz & Araujo (Venezuela)
- Nicolás Jaca Otaño, Barreiro (Argentina)
- Héctor Ramírez, Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría (Colombia)
- Claudia Soares Garcia, Peixoto & Cury Advogados (Brazil)

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5:15 pm
Grand Ballroom II

CLOSING REMARKS/ADJOURN

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Wiley Law Firm
2050 M Street NW
Washington, DC

RECEPTION | BUSINESS MADE SOCIAL

HOSTED BY WILEY, ADDRESS: 2050 M Street NW, Washington, DC

Wiley is about a 7-minute walk from the hotel. However, from 6:00–7:00 p.m., we will have a Sprinter van making continuous loops between the hotel and Wiley for anyone who would prefer not to walk.

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Local Restaurants

DINNER | NO HOST NETWORKING

*Please refer to the calendar invitation emailed to you for final details/directions. Restaurant information is also available in SCG's mobile app under **2026 Annual Meeting: Venues**.*

9:30 pm – 11:30 pm
Colonnade
Lobby Level

NIGHTCAP & DESSERTS | OFF THE RECORD

Step "Off the Record" for an evening of cocktails, bourbon tasting, and candid conversation. Inspired by Washington's long tradition of diplomacy, this after-hours reception brings together SCG Legal insiders and special guests, including the Washington Nationals' Racing Presidents, for relaxed conversation, new connections, and ideas shared off the record.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:45 am – 8:45 am
Colonnade

BREAKFAST | NETWORKING

8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Pre-function Foyer

WELCOME DESK | CHECK-IN & ON-SITE REGISTRATION

9:00 am – 10:00 am
Grand Ballroom II

SESSION | STATE DYNAMICS: THE RIPPLE EFFECT ON FEDERAL POLICY & GLOBAL RELATIONS

As the U.S. approaches the midterm elections, state-level political shifts are increasingly shaping national policy and global dynamics. This panel will examine election forecasts and how state politics influence the federal agenda, key industries, trade policy, and international relations. Panelists will offer insights into the ripple effects of state decisions on economic stability and the broader geopolitical landscape.

Moderator: Robert Rieger, Adams & Reese (US: Louisiana)

Panelists:

- Alexis Glascock, Fennemore (US: Arizona)
- Jonathan McCardle, Featherstonhaugh & McCardle (US: Albany, NY)
- Grace Pennerat, Poyner Spruill (US: North Carolina)

10:00 am – 10:15 am
Pre-function Foyer

BREAK | NETWORKING

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10:15 am – 11:00 am
Grand Ballroom II

BREAKOUT | M&A AND CAPITAL MARKETS OUTLOOK: TRENDS, RISKS, AND OPPORTUNITIES

Leading corporate, M&A, and capital markets attorneys will examine the forces shaping today's transaction landscape, including market trends, regulatory developments, deal structuring, financing strategies, and due diligence. The panel will provide practical insights into managing risk, identifying opportunities, and successfully executing domestic and cross-border transactions in an evolving global market.

Moderator: Mariano Batalla, ALTA Batalla (Costa Rica)

Panelists:

- Peter Dalmay, Jonsson & Hall (Iceland)
- Michael Gieger, Barnes & Thornburg (US: Indiana)
- Ryan Hawley, Mills & Reeve (UK)
- Jean-Claude Lanza, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler (US: New York, NY)

10:15 am – 11:00 am
Grand Ballroom I

BREAKOUT | 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.

Moderator: Guillermo Bayas Fernández, AGM Abogados (Spain)

Panelists:

- Deborah Pollack-Milgate, Barnes & Thornburg (US: Indiana)
- Enbar Toledano, Wiley (US: Washington, DC)
- Chuck Van Horn, Berman Fink Van Horn (US: Georgia)
- Jason Vitullo, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler (US: New York, NY)

11:00 am – 11:15 am
Pre-function Foyer

BREAK | NETWORKING

11:15 am – 12:00 pm
Grand Ballroom II

SESSION | BRIBERY WORKS...COMPLIANCE DOESN'T— A CONVERSATION WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE

Governments have collected more than \$30 billion in anti-corruption fines over the past 15 years, while corporations spend more than \$50 billion annually on compliance. Yet Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index has barely moved. This panel will bring together perspectives on government investigations, white collar litigation, corporate compliance, and enforcement to explore what happens when allegations of bribery and corruption move from the boardroom to the prosecutor's office and the courtroom.

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

Panelists:

- Thomas Amico, Veil Jourde (France)
- Vinita Mehra, Kegler, Brown, Hill + Ritter (US: Ohio)
- John Moran, McGuireWoods (US: Virginia)

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12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Grand Ballroom II

FIRESIDE CHAT | DEFENSE INDUSTRY: NAVIGATING GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS IN A HIGH-STAKES WORLD

The growth and diversification of the defense sector are reshaping how companies compete, innovate, and engage with governments worldwide. This panel will explore the legal and business challenges of securing and managing government contracts in a high-stakes environment.

Moderator: Tom Pickthorn, Mills & Reeve (UK)

Panelists:

- Jon Burd, Wiley (US: Washington, DC)
- Bartosz Marcinkowski, Domanski Zakrzewski Palinka (Poland)

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Colonnade

LUNCH | NETWORKING

1:45 pm – 2:15 pm

Grand Ballroom II

FIRESIDE CHAT | THE CHANGING ECONOMICS OF LAW IN THE AI AGE

AI is rewriting the economics of legal work. In this session, Kyle Poe explores how firms can turn faster delivery, new client expectations, and pressure on the billable hour into stronger margins, smarter pricing, and new competitive advantages.

- Kyle Poe, VP of Legal Innovation and Strategy, Legora

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm

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BREAK | NETWORKING

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Grand Ballroom II

BREAKOUT | REWIRING GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS WITH NEW TRADE ALLIANCES IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD

As tariffs and U.S.-centric manufacturing policies—accelerated under Donald Trump—reshape global trade, companies and governments are building new supply chain pathways. This panel examines emerging sourcing strategies, critical minerals, and heightened diligence around labor, human rights, and compliance in an increasingly complex, multipolar landscape. The session will provide practical insights into how legal advisors can support clients in navigating this rapidly changing landscape—balancing resilience, compliance, and competitiveness in a new era of global commerce.

Moderator: Greta Peisch, Wiley (US: Washington, DC)

Panelists:

- Bettina Mertgen, GvW Graf von Westphalen (Germany)
- Kathy Porter, Robinson+Cole (US: Massachusetts)
- Alison Ross Eckford, Mills & Reeve (UK)

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Grand Ballroom I

BREAKOUT | GAME ON: LEGAL CHALLENGES BEHIND GLOBAL SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

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The sports and entertainment industry is evolving rapidly, bringing new legal, policy and regulatory challenges. This panel will explore key issues including government relations, sponsorships, talent mobility, compliance, AI, data use, and venue development, while gaining practical insights on managing risk and seizing opportunities in a dynamic business landscape.

Moderator: Colin Cloherty, Wiley (US: Washington, DC)

Panelists:

- Celeste Bruce, Rifkin Weiner Livingston (US: Maryland)
- John Latimer, Capitol Advocacy (US: California | Government Relations)
- Ashley Rotchford, Robinson+Cole (US: Massachusetts)

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm
Pre-function Foyer

BREAK | NETWORKING

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Grand Ballroom II

SESSION | A VIEW FROM THE CLIENT'S CHAIR: HOW IN-HOUSE COUNSEL ARE PREPARING FOR WHAT COMES NEXT

As technology, politics, and the legal profession evolve at an unprecedented pace, corporate counsel face a rapidly changing and increasingly complex environment. This panel will examine three forces reshaping the practice of law: the rise of AI and emerging technologies, shifts in the political and regulatory landscape, and the evolving partnership between in-house and outside counsel. Drawing on their experiences from the front lines, panelists will share practical insights on how legal departments and law firms can anticipate change, strengthen collaboration, and deliver value in an era of constant disruption.

Moderator: Diana Shaw, Wiley (US: Washington DC)

Panelists:

- Nick Carden, Director and Associate General Counsel, Coinbase
- Eric Estes, General Counsel, Xcaliber International
- Patricia Lee, General Counsel, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- Kim Shur, SVP and Associate GC + Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer, Marriott International

4:45 pm

CLOSING | WRAP-UP REMARKS

6:00 pm
Hotel Lobby

TRANSPORTATION | CLOSING RECEPTION & BANQUET

6:30 pm – 10:15 pm

CLOSING RECEPTION & BANQUET | AN EVENING OF GLAMOUR & ESPIONAGE @ THE INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM

Escape into a world of intrigue at Bond, James Bond: A 007 Experience. Enjoy a sophisticated evening of cocktails, exclusive museum tours, and covert conversation. Attire: Black tie opt.

AGENDA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Trolley Pick Up

Lobby of Fairmont Hotel

**NETWORK, CONNECT, EXPLORE | PRIVATE WASHINGTON, DC TROLLEY TOUR
FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL**

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2026

5 October | IBA > Copenhagen

2027

25 - 26 February | Team Asia & Pacific Rim > New Delhi

9 May | INTA Cocktail Reception > San Diego

13 – 14 May | Midyear Meeting > London

14 – 15 October | Annual Meeting > New York

15 November | IBA Cocktail Reception > Singapore

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Thomas Amico, Partner, Veil Jourde (France): Thomas specializes in white-collar crime and frequently represents companies and their executives in criminal proceedings both in France and internationally. His practice covers all business-related offenses, from corruption to cybercrime, as well as labor criminal law and press offenses. He also has strong expertise in compliance and criminal risk management. He assists French and foreign companies with sensitive internal investigations and helps them implement compliance programs, particularly in the areas of anti-corruption, money laundering, and counter-terrorism financing.

Mariano Batalla, Partner, ALTA Batalla (Costa Rica): Mariano leads the firm's Foreign Investment practice for Central America, facilitating business opportunities for the firm's clients throughout the region. He specializes in cross-border M&A, commercial law and strategic counsel for the establishment and restructuring of major companies in Central America, involving investments exceeding US\$XNUMX billion.

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.

Celeste Bruce, Partner, Rifkin Weiner Livingston (US: Maryland): Celeste is co-chair of the firm's Complex Civil and Commercial Litigation practice and has over 30 years of experience in broad-based commercial and complex civil litigation in state and federal courts, and before administrative and arbitral tribunals. Her experience includes litigating commercial, business, stockholder, and partnership disputes and dissolutions, health care issues, land use and zoning matters, contract disputes, fraud and fraudulent transfers, commercial bankruptcy adversarial proceedings, preferences disputes, derivative claims, employment disputes, appeals and appellate practice, and regulatory and agency adversary proceedings.

Jon Burd, Partner, Wiley (US: Washington, DC): Jon is Managing Partner-Elect of Wiley, where he works closely with firm leadership to identify and implement strategic priorities, with a focus on client service, cross-practice collaboration, and disciplined growth aligned with the firm's strengths. Jon's practice focuses on bid protests before the Government Accountability Office and the Court of Federal Claims; internal investigations involving allegations of contractor fraud or abuse in connection with Department of Justice and Inspector General subpoenas, suspension and debarment proceedings, and employee whistleblower claims; helping clients develop and maintain internal compliance and training programs; and advising buyers and sellers in mergers, acquisitions and other due diligence activities unique to government contractors.

Colin Cloherty, Partner, Wiley (US: Washington, DC): Colin is a former federal prosecutor and experienced trial attorney. Colin represents corporate and individual clients in complex criminal and civil government enforcement actions, internal investigations, regulatory enforcement actions, and administrative proceedings.

Peter Dalmay, Partner, Jonsson & Hall (Iceland): Peter's practice focuses on Commercial and Corporate Law, Competition Law, Consumer Law and Unfair Business Practices, Contract Law, Data Protection and Privacy Law, EEA and EU Law, and Intellectual Property Law.

Guillermo de la Rosa, President Partner, Torres, Plaz & Araujo (Venezuela): Guillermo's professional practice extends to both advising business clientele and individuals in their day-to-day affairs. He has been very active in national and international negotiations of mergers, acquisitions, project finance; public and private issues; consortia, joint ventures and other forms of associations; negotiations of contracts with government institutions and other State-owned entities, including real estate developments; structuring and placement of investments for domestic and foreign investors; protection of assets and investments; interpretation and application of bilateral and multilateral investment treaties.

Martin Dell, Partner, RosholmDell (Sweden): Martin is a co-founder of RosholmDell Law Firm. His practice focuses primarily on Rail & Public Transport, Startups, Growth & Ventures, and M&A.

The Honorable Laura DiBella, Chair of the U.S. Federal Maritime Commission: As head of the independent federal agency responsible for regulating international ocean transportation, Chair DiBella oversees efforts to promote fair competition in global shipping, enforce maritime regulations, resolve shipping disputes, and address supply chain challenges affecting U.S. ports and international commerce. Her perspective on global trade, transportation, regulation, and supply chain resilience will offer valuable insights into the forces reshaping international business.

Matt Felten, Managing Partner, TransPerfect Legal (US: Pennsylvania): Matt has been with TransPerfect Legal since 2007. He oversees global business development efforts, technology strategy, and client experience. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh, Matt started his career as a litigation paralegal for an IP litigation firm in Washington, D.C. He then opened a litigation support firm in Philadelphia that was later acquired by TransPerfect. Matt has built long-standing relationships with most of the Fortune 100 companies that trust TransPerfect Legal to safeguard their eDiscovery strategy and cost-reduction plans, along with the AM LAW 200 law firms who are looking for the same services.

Michael Gieger, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg (US: Indiana): Michael advises companies, private equity sponsors, boards, founders, investors, and senior executives on M&A, strategic investments, capital raises, and corporate governance matters. He has closed M&A transactions with an aggregate value in excess of \$3 billion and provides practical, business-focused counsel to clients evaluating growth opportunities, structuring investments, and planning exits.

Alexis Glascock, Director, Fennemore (US: Arizona): Alexis is chair of the Government Relations and Regulatory practice group, where she focuses on assisting businesses and associations to achieve their goals by advocating for or opposing changes to laws at the Legislature, agency, county and municipal level. Alexis has worked in both private practice and in senior staff positions in state government. She has served both as counsel to the President of the Arizona Senate and Assistant to the General Counsel of the Legislative Council.

Alina Gorokhovskiy, CEO, SCG Legal (US: Washington, DC): Alina is responsible for the strategy, oversight, and management of SCG Legal's tactical direction, business planning, and day-to-day operations. She has more than 25 years of diverse U.S. and international experience – including as one of the legal industry's first chief strategy officers – building and leading creative service-oriented operations, marketing and business development teams, developing and executing global strategic business plans, managing social media campaigns, and designing targeted and innovative brand campaigns and marketing programs.

Fabio Guzmán Saladín, Co-Managing Partner, Guzmán Ariza (Dominican Republic): Fabio is SCG Legal's Board Chair, and is also the Chair of his firm's corporate practice. He represents large American, Latin American, Canadian, European and Asian corporations and investment funds in a wide range of corporate and finance transactions, cross-border acquisitions, joint ventures and affiliations.

Ryan Hawley, Partner, Mills & Reeve (UK): Ryan is a partner in the corporate finance team. He helps clients, including multinational corporations, to affect their acquisition strategies, and advises owner managers on the sale of their businesses. As co-head of the private equity group Ryan also works closely with private equity houses and management teams on management buyouts.

Nicolas Jaca Otaño, Partner, Barreiro (Argentina): Nicolás practice focuses on corporate projects and M&A, from leading due diligence teams, structuring and negotiating SPAs and related contracts, to loan agreements, guarantees, commercial agreements, and shareholders' agreements, among others.

Jean-Claude Lanza, Partner, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler (US: New York, NY): Jean-Claude "JC"'s practice is primarily focused on international capital markets & corporate finance. JC represents institutional banking clients in a wide variety of transactions related to cross-border financings & reorganizations. These generally involve the structuring & negotiation of public & private offerings of equity, debt & hybrid assets, along with the development of novel & first-of-a-kind financial instruments, in most cases offered, listed for trading & settled in connection with interjurisdictional transactions in both mature & emerging/frontier markets.

John Latimer, Managing Partner and Founder, Capitol Advocacy (US: Sacramento, CA): John is recognized year after year as one of Sacramento's most influential lobbyists. Known for his strength in strategic planning and coordinating lobbying campaigns, John's ability to shape and deliver messaging in a clear and convincing manner gets results for clients. This talent has allowed John to build Capitol Advocacy into one of the most successful lobbying firms in Sacramento.

Bartosz Marcinkowski, Partner, Domański Zakrzewski Palinka (Poland): Bartosz's practice focuses on corporate law, M&A, data protection, and the restructuring of capital groups. He advises numerous leading Polish and international companies on the legal aspects of their operations and foreign investments, including greenfield investments in Poland.

Jonathan McCardle, Partner, Featherstonhaugh & McCardle (US: Albany, NY): Jonathan is a seasoned and battle tested advocate. He is a litigator and registered lobbyist and has been a partner in the firm since 2019. He co-chairs the firm's Procurement and Civil Litigation Practice Groups and brings extensive expertise in complex litigation, administrative law, and government relations.

Vinita Mehra, Director + Leader, Global Business Practice, Kegler, Brown, Hill + Ritter (US: Ohio): The leader of the firm's Global Business and Global Education practices, Vinita is a nationally renowned speaker and leading voice on global strategy and cross-border growth for some of the world's most well-known companies and institutions of higher learning. She has more than two decades of experience serving as outside general counsel to her clients, offering a unique and informed perspective on matters involving data security and privacy, tax mitigation, M+A, employment strategy, and other core elements of their global growth plans.

Bettina Mertgen, Partner, GvW Grav von Westphalen (Germany): Bettina advises companies involved in international trade on all matters of customs, excise and foreign trade law. She defends clients in tax audits and in alleged violations of customs, excise or foreign trade regulations, assists in setting up new or reviewing existing compliance management systems (CMS/ICS) in this area and conducts litigation in areas such as customs valuation or tariff law.

John Moran, Partner, McGuireWoods (US: Virginia): John is a member of the firm's nationally recognized Government Investigations & White-Collar Litigation department. A former senior official at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the White House and an experienced litigator and counselor, John draws on his broad experience from private practice and government service to advise and represent clients in government enforcement, congressional investigations, high-stakes civil disputes, and regulatory litigation.

Greta Peisch, Partner, Wiley (US: Washington, DC): Greta brings nearly 15 years of experience in international trade matters. Most recently, she served as General Counsel for the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) where she was a primary legal advisor to the agency, including with respect to trade enforcement and trade agreement implementation and negotiations.

Grace Pennerat, Partner, Poyner Spruill (US: North Carolina): Grace began her career as a research assistant and course administrator for the UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Public Policy. During law school, Grace externed with the Legislative Analysis Division of the North Carolina General Assembly, researching and drafting education legislation. This experience sparked her interest in education law. Grace frequently presents to education organizations about the current state of education law and recent changes in state and federal law that impact education. Grace is also a trained Title IX investigator and decision maker.

Tom Pickthorn, Partner, Head of International, Mills & Reeve (UK): Tom leads the firm's international practice and is a corporate partner, advising on M&A transactions, equity investments, ECM matters and restructuring. He also works globally to manage the firm's strong relationships with firms across the globe. Last year Tom's team supported clients in over 75 countries including USA, Germany, France, China, India and Australia.

Kyle Poe, VP of Legal Innovation, Legora (US: Texas): As a former practicing attorney and partner at Morgan Lewis, Kyle brings deep experience in several legal areas to his role helping law firms and legal teams understand how AI is reshaping legal practice, business models, and client service.

Deborah Pollack-Milgate, Partner, Vice Chair, European Practice Group, Barnes & Thornburg (US: Indiana): Deborah applies strategic precision to defending high-stakes intellectual property, commercial litigation, and arbitration matters. She protects client interests across patent, trade secret, trademark, antitrust and contract disputes using disciplined analysis and advocacy. She serves clients from global enterprises to individuals, developing focused strategies that match their business objectives.

Kathy Porter, Partner, Robinson+Cole (US: Massachusetts): Kathy's practice straddles the areas of intellectual property, business transactions, trade regulation, and Internet law, and includes import/export control issues, such as compliance and enforcement, competition, privacy, and data security. Kathy has been named the Best Lawyers® Information Technology Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Boston for 2025, 2020 and 2013.

Héctor Ramírez, Partner, Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría (Colombia): Héctor is Barranquilla's Office Director and member of the Tax and International Trade team. His professional practice focuses on the tax structuring and implementation of numerous M&A deals involving parties from different jurisdictions and economic sectors. He has coordinated due diligence activities for the aforementioned transactions. Additionally, he has experience in M&A and the issuance of shares and bonds, both in Colombia and New York.

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