

## SCG Legal Announces 2026 Board of Directors

**September 24, 2025 (Washington, DC)** – SCG Legal, a global network of 125 independent law and lobbying firms providing legal, regulatory, and public policy services in 65 countries and every U.S. state, proudly announces its 2026 Board of Directors. The new leadership, elected at SCG’s Annual Meeting on September 18 in Austin, Texas, includes newly appointed Officers and two new Directors—**Guillermo Bayas Fernández** of AGM Abogados (Spain) and **Jonathan McCardle** of Featherstonhaugh, Clyne & McCardle (Albany, New York). Board members are elected from among the network’s more than 12,000 attorneys and serve three-year terms. The 2026 leadership team is committed to advancing global growth, enhancing member benefits, and strengthening the organization’s influence worldwide.

“Our 2026 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 **Alina Gorokhovsky**, CEO of SCG Legal. “I look forward to working with this exceptional group of leaders and am confident they will further global collaboration and deliver increased value for our members, clients, and communities.”

### SCG Legal’s 2026 Board of Directors

#### Officers

- **Chair:** [Fabio Guzmán Saladin](#), Partner, Guzmán Ariza (Dominican Republic)
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- **NEW >** [Jonathan McCardle](#), Partner, Featherstonhaugh, Clyne & McCardle (US: Albany, NY)
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- [Yongchang ‘John’ Tang](#), Senior Joint Partner, Beijing DHH Law Firm (China: Beijing)
- [John White](#), Managing Partner, Beauchamps (Ireland)

### About SCG Legal

SCG Legal, founded in 1989, is a worldwide network of 125 independent law and lobbying firms, 80% of which are Chambers-ranked, with Chambers-ranked attorneys in the balance. The network spans more than 65 countries, including every U.S. state capital and Washington, DC, serving clients in major commercial centers and political hubs worldwide. Chambers Global Guide has recognized SCG Legal as a Global Elite network. SCG Legal firms are united by a culture of premier legal practices and industry leadership; a commitment to client service, diversity, and inclusion; and a dedication to transparency, innovation, and fair billing practices. For more information, please visit [scglegal.com](http://scglegal.com).