

SCG Legal Announces 2027 Board of Directors

October 20, 2026 (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 2027 Board of Directors. Elected at SCG Legal's Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, the new leadership team includes newly appointed Officers and one new Director, [Jason Vitullo](#) of [Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler](#) (New York, NY).

Board members are elected from among the network's more than 12,000 attorneys and serve three-year terms. The 2027 leadership team will focus on advancing global growth, enhancing member benefits, and strengthening SCG Legal's position as a leading international network for legal, regulatory, and public policy collaboration.

"SCG Legal's greatest strength has always been the relationships that connect our member firms and the opportunities we create by working together across borders," said **Alina Gorokhovsky, CEO of SCG Legal**. "As the legal and public policy landscape continues to evolve, our network's ability to bring together independent firms with deep local knowledge and global reach is more valuable than ever. I look forward to working with this exceptional group of leaders to build on our momentum, expand opportunities for collaboration and business development, and ensure SCG Legal continues to deliver meaningful value to our members and their clients. Together, we will continue strengthening our global network, embracing innovation, and helping our members maintain a competitive edge in an increasingly interconnected world."

SCG Legal's 2027 Board of Directors

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- **NEW >** [Jason Vitullo](#), Partner, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler (US: New York, NY)

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.