

## SCG Legal Announces 2024 Above & Beyond Award Winners

**November 18, 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, recently announced the 2024 winners of its Above & Beyond Award, which was established in 2020 to recognize members who provide ‘above and beyond’ contributions, extraordinary support, and steady commitment to the network. The Award presentation is part of the organization’s Annual Meeting, which this year was held September 19-20 in Los Angeles, California.

### SCG Legal’s 2024 Above and Beyond Award honorees are:

- **[Aaron Makovka](#), Lawyer, Dunton Rainville** (Canada: Quebec). Aaron is a long-time network member and, in June of this year, his firm hosted the annual SCG Legal Team Canada Regional Meeting. All nine Canadian member firms—represented by 45 participants in total—convened for an agenda focused on improving operational efficiencies, business development opportunities, advancements in legal technology, and the importance and benefits of gender equality in the workplace. Special guests included The Honourable Irwin Cotler, a former Canadian politician known for his human rights advocacy, and Mario Lefebvre, a key figure in the music world in Quebec, who played a pivotal role in the success of renowned artists like Pink Floyd and Celine Dion.
- **[Clíodhna Walsh](#), Partner, Beauchamps** (Ireland). Beauchamps was the local host/member firm for SCG Legal’s 2024 Midyear Meeting in Dublin, which has now been recorded as the organization’s largest Midyear Meeting to date, including 30% of the attorneys in attendance experiencing their very first in-person network event. A highlight of the agenda was the keynote featuring Bertie Ahern, former Irish Prime Minister, and Liz O’Donnell, former Government Minister of State.
- **[Paul Plunkett](#), Shareholder, Larkin Hoffman** (US: Minnesota). Paul is a long-time network member and Immediate Past Board Chair. Under his leadership, the network hosted its largest in-person Midyear Meeting to date; established a Board of Directors Emeritus Council to support and mentor new member firms as well as next generation network leaders; launched a proprietary artificial intelligence (AI) initiative to assist member firms in determining how AI can be strategically deployed to create operational efficiencies; launched a proprietary Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Advocate™ Certification Program to recognize and support member firms actively working to cultivate an internal culture of inclusion and belonging while driving change in the legal industry at large; and grew the proprietary New Partner Institute, a virtual leadership program designed to springboard the careers of newly promoted member firm partners, to 148 alumni around the world.

SCG Legal extends its congratulations to these Award winners and, again, its appreciation for their proactive engagement in and unwavering support of the network.

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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](https://scglegal.com).