



# World Law Group

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## **World Law Group Elects Next President and Board of Directors**

Washington, D.C./ Neil Sheehy, a partner with Goodmans LLP in Toronto, Ontario, Canada was elected as President of the world's premier network of independent law firms last week during the World Law Group's Fall Semi-Annual Conference and Members' Meeting in Shanghai, China.

A partner with Goodmans since 1996, Neil's practice focuses on domestic and international mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and private equity transactions. Neil previously served as the World Law Group's Americas Regional Director from 2014-2016, sat on the Group's Membership Committee and assisted the previous Board with various special projects. Neil began his two-year term as President on October 7, 2017.

Returning to the WLG Board under Mr. Sheehy for the next two years are:

- Mr. Stuart Young, a partner with Gowling WLG in the U.K., who will serve as Secretary. Stuart is a seasoned M&A advisor and heads Gowling WLG's Automotive Group.
- Mr. Håkan Fohlin, a partner with and former managing partner of Setterwalls in Sweden, who will serve as Treasurer. Håkan has many years of experience leading Swedish and cross-border projects in M&A, corporate finance and joint ventures, private and governmental project financing.
- Ms. Katy Spillers, a partner with Greenberg Glusker in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A., who will serve as a Director. Katy handles a broad range of business transactions involving general corporate, tax and intellectual property matters.
- Ms. Maria Elisa Gualandi Verri, a partner with TozziniFreire in São Paulo, Brazil, who will serve as a Director. Maria Elisa is a member of TozziniFreire's Executive and Management committees, head of the firm's Corporate Practice Group and co-head of the Corporate Social Investment Practice Group.
- Mr. Victor Xercavins, a partner with Cuatrecasas in Barcelona, Spain, who will also serve as a Director. Victor has extensive experience in corporate law and M&A, particularly in joint ventures, business restructurings and private equity.

Our Regional Directors return to the Board for the last year of their two-year term. Returning Regional Directors are:

- Mr. A. Josef DeLisle, representing the Americas Region, is a partner with Miller & Martin in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A. Joe concentrates his practice on domestic and cross-border mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, private debt and equity and venture capital transactions,

securities laws, corporate formation and governance, shareholders, partnership and joint venture agreements, and other general business and commercial matters.

- Dr. Scott Guan, representing the Asia-Pacific Region. Scott, a partner with Zhong Lun Law Firm in its Shanghai office, has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, private equity and capital markets, resolution of complex cross-border disputes, and general corporate, contract, intellectual property and business advice.
- Mr. Leonid Zubarev, representing the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) Region, is a senior partner at CMS Russia's office in Moscow. He heads the Commercial Practice Group and leads the firm's Insurance Group in Central and Eastern Europe. Leonid advises many Russian and international insurers and re-insurers on complex insurance claims in various lines of insurance, regulatory issues, product development, market entry and exit strategies, including corporate transactions.

The World Law Group is an elite global network of 57 premier independent law firms comprising more than 18,000 lawyers, and which provide market-leading expertise and comprehensive business law services from 360 offices in major business centres in 78 countries.

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