

# World Law Group Elects New Board of Directors

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Washington, D.C./ Delegates attending World Law Group's virtual **WLG | summit** last week held elections for the next WLG President and Board of Directors.



Scott Guan of Zhong Lun Law Firm in Shanghai, China was elected President and began his two-year term on October 15, 2021. Scott is an equity partner focusing his practice on cross-border investments and mergers & acquisitions. He chairs Zhong Lun's Corporate and M&A practice. Scott previously served two terms on the Board of Directors from 2016 to 2018 as Regional Director - Asia Pacific and from 2019 to 2021 as Director. He also co-chaired WLG's International Corporate Transactions Practice Group from 2017 to 2021.



Jeremy Blackshaw of MinterEllison in Melbourne, Australia will serve as Secretary. Jeremy is the International Managing Partner at MinterEllison, with overall responsibility for the firm's relationship with foreign clients, networks and correspondent firms. In his extensive corporate practice, he advises clients across industry sectors including energy, infrastructure, financial services, health and consumer brands. Jeremy is a co-chair of WLG's Energy, Mining & CleanTech Practice Group.



Phillippe Johnson of Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg in Montréal, Québec, Canada will serve a second term as Treasurer. Philippe is Managing Partner of the firm's Montréal office and focuses his practice on corporate/M&A and infrastructure work, particularly those involving an international component. Philippe is the chair of WLG's Member Firm Leaders Forum.

Serving as Directors are Diana Rivera of Cuatrecasas (Spain), Jeff Jefferson of Locke Lord (Massachusetts, U.S.A.), and Samir Kantaria of Al Tamimi & Company (UAE).



Diana specializes in venture capital and private equity investment, and advises on complex national and cross-border M&A transactions, restructurings and joint ventures. She has represented Spanish and multinational companies in major transactions in the technology, banking, energy, and pharmaceutical sectors. Diana also lectures on corporate law in several masters programs. She is located in the firm's Madrid office. Diana has been an active member of WLG's Venture Capital Group, contributing to the recent global guide published by the group.



Jeff counsels private equity funds along with private companies and family offices in investments and merger and acquisition transactions, with a focus on international transactions. He is located in the Providence, Rhode Island office of Locke Lord. Jeff served as co-chair of WLG's International Corporate Transactions Group from 2019 to 2021.



Samir leads Al Tamimi & Co.'s Employment & Incentives practice, advising on the full range of employment law issues, contentious and non-contentious. His experience includes regularly advising major blue chip, multinational and semi-governmental companies in relation to their day-to-day employment queries. He is also an elected member to the firm's executive board and is based in the firm's Dubai office. Samir has been active in WLG's Business Development Committee since his firm joined the network in 2018.

The WLG Regional Directors will continue on the Board for another year to complete their two-year terms of service. WLG's next election for Regional Directors will be held at the **WLG | summit** in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A. in October of 2022. WLG's current Regional Directors are:



**Americas**

Maria Elisa Gualandi Verri, TozziniFreire (Brazil)



**Asia-Pacific**

Pamela Kung, Shearn Delamore & Co. (Malaysia)



**EMEA**

Gaël Chuffart, CMS Belgium

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