

# World Law Group Elects New Regional Directors to its Board of Directors

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Washington, D.C./Delegates representing member firms in WLG's three regions—the Americas, Asia-Pacific, and EMEA—selected new members to serve on the organization's Board of Directors as Regional Directors.

WLG's Regional Directors serve two-year terms, representing the interests of their respective regions on the Board and advancing WLG's agenda with member firms and stakeholders in their regions.



Serving for the Americas, **Vicente Lines**, a partner at Arias in Costa Rica, works on mergers and acquisitions and cross-border financing in Costa Rica and throughout Central America.

Vicente is recognized by Chambers and Partners and IFLR, and has served as the firm's WLG Key Contact Partner since joining the network in 2013. He is active in the Business Development Committee and various Practice & Industry Groups.

Vicente succeeds **Maria-Elisa Gualandi Verri** of TozziniFreire in São Paulo, Brazil as Regional Director for the Americas.



Serving for Asia-Pacific, **Pranat Laohapairoj**, a partner at Chandler MHM Limited in Thailand, works with clients on mergers and acquisitions, antitrust, corporate, anti-corruption, compliance, and data protection matters in a wide range of industry sectors.

Pranat helped organize a WLG summit in Thailand in 2016, participates in WLG's Responsible Business Forum, and has attended multiple Asia-Pacific regional conferences.

Pranat succeeds **Pamela Kung** of Shearn Delamore & Co. in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia as Regional Director for Asia-Pacific.



Serving for EMEA, **Koos Pretorius** is an Executive in the Corporate Department at ENSafrica in South Africa, which is the largest department of its kind in Africa. He leads the corporate commercial business unit of ENSafrica, where he focuses on key clients and strategic initiatives. He specializes in M&A, takeovers, and corporate restructures.

Koos is recognized as a leading lawyer by Chambers and Partners, IFLR, The Legal 500, and IFLR. He has been a WLG Key Contact Partner for seven years, attending conferences regularly and participating in the Business Development Committee and various Practice & Industry Groups.

Koos succeeds **Gaël Chuffart** of CMS Belgium in Brussels as Regional Director for EMEA.

During the opening plenary of **WLG | summit Atlanta '22**, WLG President Scott Guan of Zhong Lun in China thanked the outgoing Regional Directors for their dedication and thoughtful leadership and welcomed the new Regional Directors to the board.

Other WLG Board Members currently serving:

- Mr. Jeremy Blackshaw, a partner with MinterEllison in Australia, who serves as Secretary.
- Mr. Philippe Johnson, a partner with Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg in Québec, Canada, who serves as Treasurer.

- Ms. Diana Rivera, a partner with Cuatrecasas in Spain, who serves as a Director.
- Mr. Jeff Jefferson, a partner with Locke Lord in Rhode Island, U.S.A. who serves as a Director.
- Mr. Samir Kantaria, a partner with Al Tamimi in the UAE, who serves as a Director.

President Scott Guan along with those mentioned above are now serving the second year of their two-year terms on the WLG Board of Directors.

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