



# WLG Group, Committee, and Forum Refresh

The staff team has been working on a refresh of our 15 practice groups as well as our committees and forums over the past few months to ensure that network activities are reflective of global markets and industry standards across various areas of practice. This reorganization has led to some groups merging, others changing names, and some moving to areas of interest rather than official groups.

We strongly encourage you to read through this document to familiarize yourself with the changes, so that you know what opportunities in the network are available to you.

## Practice & Industry Groups

\*[Antitrust, Competition & Foreign Direct Investment](#): The Antitrust, Competition & Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Group brings together lawyers who specialize in a comprehensive spectrum of antitrust and competition-related domains to stay abreast of industry updates, exchange insights, and share best practices via group meetings and collaborative guides.

[Banking & Finance](#): The Banking & Finance Practice Group comprises lawyers who advise banks, financial institutions, and multinational corporations on both advisory and transactional matters. They host virtual meetings to exchange knowledge and share regulatory and market updates.

[Compliance & Investigations](#): Members of the Compliance & Investigations Group focus on anti-corruption and anti-bribery, white-collar crimes, anti-money laundering, internal investigations related to the aforementioned topics, and compliance programs. They meet regularly via virtual meetings to share insights and best practices, and collaborate on webinars and guides.

[Corporate Transactions](#): The Corporate Group comprises lawyers who provide comprehensive counsel to companies related to corporate dealings such as mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, IPOs, and more. They meet virtually and in person to discuss experiences and exchange insights.

[Dispute Resolution](#): Members of the Dispute Resolution Group collaborate for cross-border clients across industries and sectors, and together have achieved victories in court and settlements out of court. They host virtual meetings to discuss developments and share experiences.

[Energy & Infrastructure](#): The Energy & Infrastructure Practice Group brings together lawyers who advise clients across a spectrum of critical sectors including energy & renewables, mining, oil & gas, CleanTech, infrastructure, and public-private projects. They meet regularly via virtual meetings and at in-person industry events.

[Environmental, Social & Governance](#): Members of the Environmental, Social & Governance Group counsel clients across practice areas and industries in ESG-related issues that present risks or opportunities and convene regularly to share knowledge in this evolving area. They meet regularly via virtual meetings.

\*[Intellectual Property](#): Members of the Intellectual Property Group advise clients on transactional, dispute, and administrative matters related to protecting patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, designs, and other intangible assets. They exchange knowledge and updates via virtual meetings and in person at the annual International Trademark Association (INTA) Conference.

\*[Labor & Employment](#): The Labor & Employment Group meets regularly both virtually and at industry conferences to exchange information about emerging HR issues, challenges, and global solutions for multinational clients. They work together to produce collaborative global guides, podcasts, and webinars.

[Privacy & Data Protection](#): The Privacy & Data Protection Group members advise clients on all matters related to the collection, use, storage, and sharing of personal information. They often collaborate on cross-border matters and meet regularly via virtual meetings and in person at industry events such as the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) Conference.

[Real Estate & Construction](#): The Real Estate & Construction Group brings together lawyers who specialize in advising and guiding owners, developers, lenders, investors, contractors, and other stakeholders, as well as regulators through the intricate realms of real estate transactions and construction projects. They meet quarterly via virtual meetings and in person at industry events such as Marché International des Professionnels de l'Immobilier (MIPIM).

[Restructuring & Insolvency Resolution](#): The Restructuring & Insolvency Resolution Group brings together litigators and transactional lawyers who advise clients in distressed situations. They meet virtually to discuss legal developments, emerging trends, and opportunities to collaborate.

[Tax & Private Wealth](#): Members of the Tax & Private Wealth Group apply in-depth expertise to a range of complex challenges relating to both international corporate taxation and the taxation of private wealth. They meet regularly via virtual meetings to exchange knowledge and stay abreast of major tax developments globally and in person at the International Fiscal Association (IFA) Congress.

\*[Technology](#): The Technology Group brings together lawyers who specialize in various aspects of technology law, spanning from Artificial Intelligence (AI) to HealthTech, GreenTech, CleanTech, and Telecommunications, Media, and Technology (TMT). They meet quarterly via virtual meetings and in person at industry conferences such as ITechLaw.

[Trade](#): Lawyers in the Trade Group help clients navigate regulatory, compliance, and policy issues related to trade. They meet regularly via virtual meetings and in person at international and regional conferences.

**\*Groups that have changed:**

- Human Resources is now called Labor & Employment.
- Antitrust & Competition is now called Antitrust, Competition & Foreign Direct Investment.
- Intellectual Property & Information Technology split. There is a new group called Intellectual Property, while Information Technology merged with Artificial Intelligence to form the new Technology group.

- The following groups are now interest areas that you can select on your profile: **Life Sciences, Venture Capital, and Cannabis**.

## Forums

[First Fifteen](#): The First Fifteen Forum is dedicated to professional development, networking, and collaboration opportunities for young lawyers and legal professionals. This group commonly includes law students, recent law graduates, and practicing attorneys (associates and newly named partners) in their first fifteen years of practice.

[Key Contact Partners](#)\*: Key Contact Partners are the main relationship managers between the network and its firms. They are responsible for managing their firm's participation in the network, educating their firm on WLG's diverse offerings, and identifying opportunities to collaborate and connect with other member firms.

[Legal Talent Professionals](#): The Legal Talent Professionals Forum is a growing group of professionals within our member firms who oversee lawyer recruitment and learning and development initiatives. This forum meets quarterly through virtual meetings to provide a platform for idea exchange, sharing best practices, and discussing challenges and opportunities in their respective roles.

[Marketing & Business Development Professionals](#): The Marketing & Business Development Professionals Forum is a resource for individuals in these roles to exchange ideas, share best practices, and discuss challenges and opportunities. They meet quarterly via virtual meetings and in person at the Legal Marketing Association Conference.

[Member Firm Leaders](#)\*: WLG's Member Firm Leaders Forum is a place for firm management to share best practices, discuss elements of firm leadership, and learn more about leveraging network benefits.

[Practice Group Leaders](#)\*: The Practice Group Leaders Forum is for WLG's Practice & Industry Groups to share best practices for leading their groups and identify opportunities for collaboration.

[Responsible Business](#): The Responsible Business Forum offers WLG lawyers and professionals a platform to discuss and share internal strategies surrounding firm CSR; diversity, equity, and inclusion; and beyond.

[Women of World Law Group \(WOW\)](#): Women of World Law Group is a forum for female lawyers and professionals in the network to network, celebrate successes, and problem-solve challenges.

## Committees

[Board of Directors](#)\*: The Board of Directors oversees all network activities, as well as the WLG Staff Team. The Board is comprised of nine members and led by the president.

[Business Development](#): The Business Development Committee facilitates building strategic relationships, identifying business opportunities, and sharing best practices related to business

development.

[Membership](#)\*: The Membership Committee is an advisory board which reports to the Board of Directors. Their primary goal is to monitor the quality of member firms and their engagement in the network, recruit new member firms, and make recommendations on member-related issues.

\*Admission to these committees and forums requires WLG approval.