



WORLD LAW GROUP HISTORY

This document provides a history of WLG's leadership, staff, award winners, semi-annual member meetings, and member firms. Only current firms are listed, with the exception of all founding firms.

*This World Law Group member firm previously had a different name.

**This firm is no longer a member of World Law Group.

1987

First Organizational Meeting: London, England
Founding Members: Bae, Kim & Lee LLC*; CMS Germany*; CMS Netherlands*; Formosa Transnational; Glass McCullough, Sherrill and Harrold**; Goldstein & Manello**; Yuasa & Hara**;

1988

Conferences:

- Taipei, Taiwan
- Buenos Aires, Argentina

New Members: CMS Belgium*, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP*, Goodmans LLP*, Locke Lord LLP*

1989



President: F. Kingston Berlew, Locke Lord LLP*

Conferences:

- Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.
- Stuttgart, Germany

New Member: Faegre Drinker*

1990

Conferences:

- Montréal, Québec, Canada
- Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

New Member: Santamarina y Steta

1991



President: Bruce Jennett, Fenwick & West**

Conferences:

- Utrecht, The Netherlands
- Hong Kong

New Members: CMS von Erlach Partners Ltd.*, Soulier Avocats*, SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan, Taylor Wessing*

1992

Conferences:

- Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.
- Lyon, France

New Members: Bech-Bruun*, Greenberg Glusker, Lane Powell PC*, Mason Hayes & Curran

1993



President: Hans Wille, CMS von Erlach Partners Ltd.*

Conferences:

- Tokyo, Japan
- Mexico City, Mexico

New Members: Cuatrecasas*, Gianni & Origoni*, Greenberg Traurig, MinterEllison, TozziniFreire Advogados*

1994

Conferences:

- Brussels, Belgium
- Sydney, Australia

1995



President: Tom Harrold, Glass, McCullough, Sherrill & Harrold**

Conferences:

- Cambridge, England
- Paris, France

1996



Kemmler Award Winner: F. Kingston Berlew, Locke Lord LLP*

Conferences:

- Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.
- Leipzig, Germany

New Members: Schjødt; Setterwalls; Shearn Delamore & Co.; Urenda, Rencoret, Orrego y Dörr*; Vaish Associates

1997



President: José Luis de Salles Freire, TozziniFreire Advogados*

Conferences:

- São Paulo, Brazil
- Singapore

New Members: City-Yuwa Partners*; Payet, Rey, Cauvi, Pérez Abogados*

1998

Conferences:

- Rome, Italy
- Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.

New Members: Alfaro Abogados, Miller & Martin PLLC*

1999



President: George McKann, Faegre Drinker*

Kemmler Award Winner: Martin Brink, CMS Netherlands*

Conferences:

- Copenhagen, Denmark
- Madrid, Spain

New Members: Arnold & Porter, CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz*

2000

Conferences:

- Cape Town, South Africa
- Dublin, Ireland

New Members: Bahas, Gramatidis & Partners; Herzog Fox & Neeman

2001



Presidents: Declan Moylan, Mason Hayes & Curran; Jes Anker Mikkelsen, Bech-Bruun

Kemmler Award Winner: Dr. Franz-Jörg Semler, CMS Germany*

Conferences:

- Lisbon, Portugal
- Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2002

New Staff Member: Beth Castro

Conferences:

- Glasgow, Scotland
- Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

New Member: Arendt & Medernach

2003



President: Gerald Singham, Rodyk & Davidson**

Kemmler Award Winner: Thomas F. Grohman, Lane Powell PC

Conference:

- Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

New Member: Castrén & Snellman

2004

Conferences:

- Stockholm, Sweden
- Buenos Aires, Argentina

2005



President: Robert Vineberg, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP

Kemmler Award Winner: Tom Harrold, Miller & Martin PLLC

Conferences:

- Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Vienna, Austria

2006

Conferences:

- New Delhi, India
- Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A.

2007



President: Martika Jonk, CMS Netherlands*

Kemmler Award Winner: Anton Maurer, CMS Germany*

Conferences:

- Oslo, Norway
- Beijing, China

New Members: Chandler MHM Limited*, Hergüner Bilgen Üçer*

2008

Conferences:

- Santiago, Chile
- Athens, Greece

New Member: Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP*

2009



President: Ian Davis, MinterEllison

Conferences:

- Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
- Zurich, Switzerland

New Member: Philippi, Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría*

2010

Conferences:

- Jerusalem, Israel
- Miami, Florida, U.S.A.

New Member: Gowling WLG*

2011



President: David Kay, Faegre Drinker*

Kemmler Award Winner: Moira Huggard-Caine, TozziniFreire Advogados

Conferences:

- Seoul, South Korea
- Istanbul, Turkey

New Member: PLMJ

2012

Conferences:

- Helsinki, Finland
- Lima, Peru

New Members: AZB & Partners, Makarim & Taira S.

2013



President: Emer Gilvarry, Mason Hayes & Curran

Conferences:

- Moscow, Russia
- Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

New Members: Arias*, Sołtysiński Kawecki & Szlęzak

2014



Kemmler Award Winner: Michael Whalley, MinterEllison

Conferences:

- London, England
- Manila, Philippines

2015



President: Swee Kee Ng, Shearn Delamore & Co.

Conferences:

- Cartagena, Colombia
- Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

New Members: D'Empaire, ENSafrica, Guyer & Regules, VILAF, Zhong Lun Law Firm

2016

Conferences:

- Chiang Mai, Thailand
- Houston, Texas, U.S.A.

New Members: Bruchou & Funes de Rioja*, WongPartnership LLP

2017



President: Neil Sheehy, Goodmans LLP

Kemmler Award Winner: Jay Carfagnini, Goodmans LLP

New Staff Members: Hanna Shea, Tori Drayer

Conferences:

- Warsaw, Poland
- Shanghai, China

2018

New Staff Member: Ashley LeCroy

Conferences:

- Herradura, Costa Rica
- Munich, Germany

New Members: Al Tamimi & Company, Campbells

2019



President: Christian Traichel, Taylor Wessing

Kemmler Award Winner: Beth Castro, World Law Group

Conferences:

- Cape Town, South Africa
- Da Nang, Vietnam

2020

Conferences:

- Virtual (May)
- Virtual (October)

2021



President: Scott Guan, Zhong Lun Law Firm

Conferences:

- Virtual (May)
- Virtual (October)

New Members: Pellerano Nadal, Sorainen

2022

Conferences:

- Lisbon, Portugal
- Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.

New Member: MinterEllisonRuddWatts