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DIVERSITY IN THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS THE FINAL FRONTIER

Thursday, March 28, 2013

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
4 Times Square – Conde Nast Building
on 42nd or 43rd Street between 6th and Broadway
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PROGRAM AGENDA

Program Description

The steps to becoming a successful arbitrator or mediator are not clearly evident. What is even more shrouded in secrecy is the selection process of an arbitrator or mediator for a particular matter even after an individual is placed on a roster of neutrals. What is the role of diversity, if any, in the neutral selection process? These panel discussions are designed to provide insights and guidance to women and minority attorneys who are considering becoming arbitrators or mediators as all or part of their practice. The evening will provide practical tips and advice from a distinguished group of panelists with extensive experience as neutrals or with neutral selection and will provide information on training and skills needed to become a neutral.

Program Faculty

Andrew T. Hahn, Sr., Esq., Partner, Duane Morris LLP
Kathleen A. Bryan, Esq., President and CEO of CPR
Sasha Carbone, Esq., Associate General Counsel of AAA
Deborah Masucci, Esq., AIG, Immediate Past Chair of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution
Cecilia Loving, Esq., Arbitrator, Mediator and Law Enforcement Attorney for NYC Commission on Human Rights
Homer C. LaRue, Esq., Arbitrator, Mediator and Professor of Law, Howard University School of Law
Hezekiah Brown, National Academy of Arbitrators
Janice Tudy-Jackson, Esq., Collaboration & Conflict Management Consultant and Adjunct Professor, Columbia Law School

Agenda

5:30 pm–6:10 pm **Registration /Networking /Welcome Reception**

6:10 pm **Welcoming Remarks**

Panel 1:

6:15 pm–7:10 pm **Demystifying the Process of Becoming a Successful Neutral**

- Fundamentals of Becoming a Neutral
- Identifying Arbitration/Mediation Institutions/Users
- Do Arbitration/Mediation Institutions Want Diversity?
- The Importance of Diversity in the Roster of Neutrals
- Being Selected as a Neutral

Moderator: **Andrew T. Hahn Sr. Esq.**
Faculty: **Kathleen A. Bryan, Esq., Sasha Carbone, Esq., and Deborah Masucci, Esq.**

Panel 2:

7:15 pm–8:10 pm **Insights from the Neutrals on the Necessary Skills and Training**

- How I Became a Neutral
- Why I Became a Neutral
- Maximizing the Chances of Being Selected as a Neutral
- The Importance of Diversity in Neutral Selection
- What Does the Future Hold For Diversity in the Dispute Resolution Process?

Moderator: **Cecilia Loving, Esq.**
Faculty: **Hezekiah Brown, Homer C. LaRue, Esq., and Janice Tudy-Jackson, Esq.**

8:15 pm–9:00 pm **Dessert and Coffee Networking Reception**

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