Introduction and Welcome

MR. ROONEY: Good morning. My name is Bill Rooney, and I am for the next few hours the Chair of the Antitrust Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. It is our pleasure today to begin our 2013 Annual Meeting, and I really have but one role this morning, which is a genuinely privileged role, and that is to introduce Eric Stock, who is the Program Chair and the incoming Chair of the Antitrust Law Section. I will say again, only by way of introduction, that I have reviewed this program, and it looks awesome to me. I can certainly verify the number of hours and effort that went into preparing it, all of which are due to Eric Stock's excellent leadership.

With that, Eric, would you please introduce the program.

MR. STOCK: Thanks a lot, Bill. You understate your contribution to this program, which was significant.

I am very excited about the program we put together today. Thanks to everyone for getting up so early to make it here. We have five panels set up. These panels are all designed to showcase the New York-centric practice and the very strong practice of antitrust that we have in this city. We have terrific lineup of New York and non-New York practitioners to talk about these issues.

I do want to remind everyone that we are getting CLE credit, although I am sure that is in no part the reason for your attendance today. But it is important to remember, so that you get the CLE credit that you deserve, there is a form in the materials in green. There is one for the morning program and one for the afternoon program, so just make sure you fill that out properly after the program and indicate that you were here, and then you'll get your credit.

There is also a program evaluation form, and I encourage you to fill that out. I will caution you that technically before you fill in all excellent you should wait until after the program.

(Laughter.)

On to the content, which as Bill said, we are very excited about. We are going to start with a program moderated by Elai Katz. This program is going to bring everyone up to speed on what's been happening for the last year in antitrust.

The next panel, after Recent Developments, will be a panel on the FTAIA which relates to the extraterritorial application of the antitrust laws. Again, New York as an international city, we thought this was another good theme for a New York-based presentation.

There is a break at 10:15 in between the panels to get refreshments. Because, aside from Bill Rooney, all of us need sustenance, aside from just antitrust theory. So there is coffee and plenty of food out there too.

In the afternoon, after the break, we have a panel on the New York Field Office and developments there that Steve Tugander has put together. It will be very exciting, and we have people from Justice as well to talk about the criminal program at the Antitrust Division.

Then we will have two industry-specific panels, again focused on New York-based or tri-state area industries. The first one is on the financial services industry, and Stacey Mahoney will be moderating that. We will find out whether the financial services industry has too much or too little regulation.

Then last we have a panel on the pharmaceutical industry, which is particularly timely in light of the Supreme Court's decision to grant cert in the AndroGel case. If you thought you've heard enough about reverse payments, well the situation just got a lot more interesting, and it is probably the most timely cutting-edge issue now. We are one of the first, I think, to have a large panel on it.

I want to thank Lori Nicoll for helping to organize all the logistics for this program. And I do want to mention that a lot of people have contributed to this and worked very hard, and I am very excited about the way it is turning out already. Thank you all for being here.