

NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING 2018

International Section Annual Meeting

January 22, 2018 | New York Hilton Midtown | NYC

Total Credits: 3.0 credits in Professional Practice (Non-Transitional)

Awards Luncheon

12:00 – 2:00 pm | Nassau

The International Section is pleased to present the Section's annual Award for Distinction in International Law and Affairs.

Annual Meeting

2:00– 5:00 pm | Murray Hill

SECTION CHAIR

Nancy M. Thevenin

Thevenin Arbitration & ADR

PROGRAM CHAIR

Carlos Ramos-Mrosovsky

Alston & Bird LLP

2:00 – 3:20 pm

Digital Currencies and the Disruption of International Finance

This panel will survey the response of governments around the world to the emergence of digital currencies based on "blockchain" technology. Some observers predict these will come to replace traditional currencies, while others warn of a digital currency bubble. Reactions from governments range from actively encouraging the adoption of digital currencies to skepticism and regulation. Many governments have yet to adopt a definitive policy. Our distinguished panel will discuss the implications of "blockchain" technology for international finance, contrast institutional responses from around the world, and offer insights for the future.

Marco Santori, Cooley LLP, New York

Ryan Budish, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University, Cambridge MA

Dan Curtin, Senior Investigator, Coinbase, San Francisco

Federico Hernández, Hogan Lovells, Mexico City

Oren Warshavsky, BakerHostetler LLP, New York

Moderator: **Carlos Ramos-Mrosovsky**, Alston & Bird LLP, New York

3:30 – 5:00 pm

International Business Disputes in an Age of Nationalism

What do the United States' newfound skepticism towards multilateral trade and investment agreements, the European Union's unease towards arbitration of disputes between states and foreign investors, and the debate over Brexit mean for the future resolution of international business disputes? Our distinguished panel will consider these and related questions while exploring the implications of the ongoing "nationalist" reaction against globalism for the future of international dispute resolution.

Oliver Armas, HoganLovells US LLP, New York

Gonzalo Zeballos, BakerHostetler LLP, New York

Anke Meier, Noerr LLP, Frankfurt am Main

Julian Arato, Brooklyn Law School, New York

Michael Dean, Dentons, Glasgow

Moderator: **Sofia Klot**, Cooley LLP, New York

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Discounts and Scholarships: New York State Bar Association members and non-members may apply for a discount or scholarship to attend this program, based on financial hardship. This discount applies to the educational portion of the program only. Under this policy, any member of our Association or non-member who has a genuine basis for their hardship, if approved, can receive a discount or scholarship, depending on the circumstances. Request for discounts or scholarships must be received prior to January 12, 2018. For more details, please contact Tiffany Bardwell in writing at New York State Bar Association, One Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207 or tbardwell@nysba.org.

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 For overnight room accommodations, please call the New York Hilton Midtown at 1-800-445-8667 and identify yourself as a member of the New York State Bar Association or on the web at www.nysba.org/am18accomm. The rate will be based on room selection (single/double occupancy) and arrival/departure dates with additional taxes and hotel fees. The discounted rate for January 21st and January 22nd is \$179 per night. The discounted rate for January 23rd through January 28th is \$229 per night. A rate of \$209 will be offered to those with overlapping dates. Reservations must be made by December 29, 2017.

 For questions about this specific program, please contact Tiffany Bardwell at 518-487-5675. **For registration questions only, please call the Member Resource Center at 800-582-2452. Fax registration form to 518-463-5993.**