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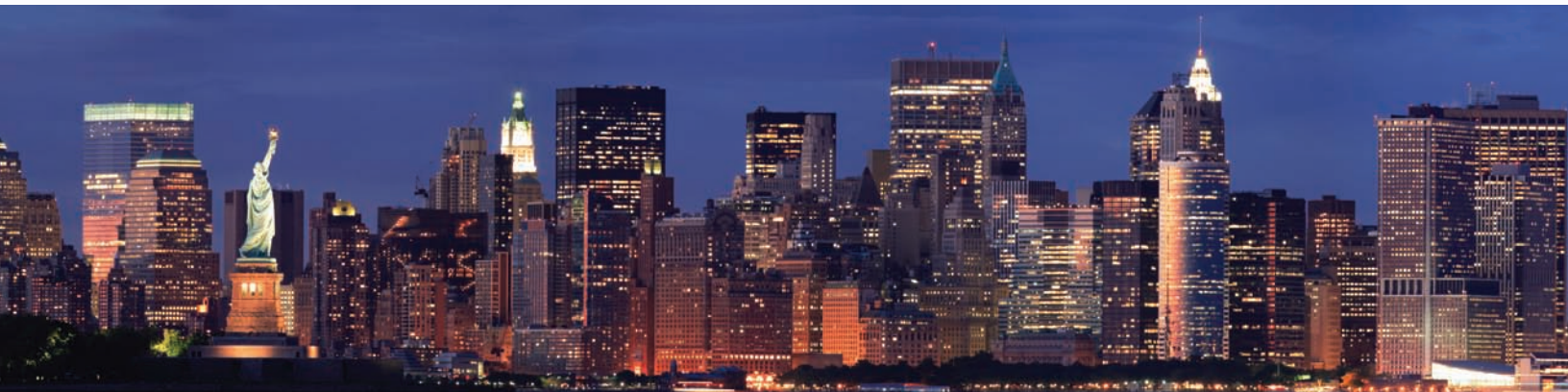
Aggregate Arbitration

MULTIPLE PARTIES, ISSUES AND PROCEEDINGS

Saturday, April 17, 2010

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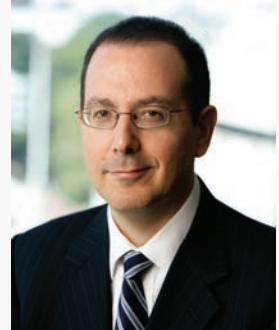
Welcome from the Dean

March 21, 2010

Dear Prospective Conference Participant,

It is my pleasure to invite you to Columbia Arbitration Day on April 17, 2010. We are very pleased to host several leading practitioners in the field of international arbitration, outstanding faculty from prominent universities, as well as students and alumni, for a day-long conference. This effort arises from our recognition of the common interests of practitioners, academics, and students in this field, and our belief that we can offer a valuable and unique service by bringing these diverse groups together. We hope to provide a platform for the mutually beneficial exchange of ideas and solutions to some of the most prominent and difficult issues this field faces today.

We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity, and we look forward to welcoming you to Columbia Law School.



Sincerely,

David M. Schizer
Dean and the Lucy G. Moses
Professor of Law



Conference Chair



It is my pleasure to invite you to the first annual Columbia Arbitration Day on Saturday, April 17, 2010. That day, the Columbia International Arbitration Association (CIAA) will welcome seventeen eminent practitioners and professors to Columbia Law School for a one-day conference on “Aggregate Arbitration”, i.e. arbitrations involving multiple parties, issues or proceedings.

The Conference will focus on this topic of increasing prominence from three perspectives: the parties, the arbitral institutions, and class actions. Our first panel, focusing on joinder and consolidation, will investigate the forces of efficiency, consistency, and expediency increasingly causing arbitral panels to consolidate multiple issues and parties into a single proceeding. The second panel will—in a comparative and interactive approach—examine how arbitral institutions are currently dealing with issues of aggregate arbitration, how liberal and active they are in encouraging the aggregation of arbitrations pending before them, as well as current trends and possibilities for reform. The third and fourth panels will address the hot topic of class action arbitration. More specifically, the third panel will deal with the advantages and disadvantages of class action arbitration, and the difficulties that may arise when enforcing a class arbitration award abroad. The fourth panel will examine the lifecycle of a class arbitration—namely from certification, judicial intervention, to adjudication and settlement.

In addition to the panels, the conference will feature an evening reception, a lunch buffet, and several coffee breaks so conference delegates may engage the panelists and other participants in deeper discussions. We think that this is a unique opportunity for the predominant practitioners, academicians, and students in this field to come together and, through their assembled expertise, gain special insight into the complex issues of this practice.

The conference is organized primarily by a team of LL.M. and J.D. students from Columbia Law School. We are delighted that we could expand our cooperation with students and academicians from the law schools of both New York University and Fordham University. In addition, we are honored to have some of the most distinguished arbitration experts in the country and the world as speakers and moderators for our panels.

I hope that you will embrace this opportunity to meet your peers and sharpen your edge on one of the most significant and fast-changing issues in our field. If you would like to attend and have not yet registered, please do so using the attached form or at the conference website, at www.law.columbia.edu/columbiaarbitrationday.

I look forward to welcoming you to New York City!

Sincerely yours,

Matthias M. Pitkowitz
Conference Chair

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Conference Chair

Dr. Matthias M. Pitkowitz

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Preliminary Conference Program

Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Columbia Law School, Jerome Greene Hall, Room 104

- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **Registration & Light Breakfast**
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. **Panel 1: Consolidation / Joinder of Arbitrations**
MODERATOR: **Nikolaus Pitkowitz**, *Graf & Pitkowitz, Vienna*
Robert L. Sills, *Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, New York*
Kevin O’Gorman, *Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, Houston*
Dietmar W. Prager, *Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, New York*
- 10:50 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. **Coffee Break 1**
- 11:20 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. **Panel 2: Beauty Show - Multiparty Rules in Institutional Arbitration**
MODERATOR: **David M. Lindsey**, *Chaffetz Lindsey LLP, New York*
Christian P. Alberti, *ICDR, New York*
John Wilkinson, Esq., *JAMS, New York*
Lorraine M. Brennan, *CPR, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.*
Victoria Shannon, *ICC North America, New York*
- 12:40 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Columbia Arbitration Day Group Photo (Stairs of Low Library)**
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Buffet Lunch at the Conference Center**
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. **Panel 3: Class Action Arbitration: Why and How To Do It**
MODERATOR: **Glenn P. Hendrix**, *ABA Section of International Law Chair;*
Arnall Golden Gregory LLP, Atlanta
Professor Peter L. Murray, *Harvard Law School, Cambridge*
Barton Legum, *Salans LLP, Paris*
C. Ryan Reetz, *Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP, Miami*
- 3:50 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. **Coffee Break 2**
- 4:20 p.m. - 5:40 p.m. **Panel 4: Class Action Arbitration: Structure & Management of Complex Class Action Arbitrations**
MODERATOR: **Professor Linda J. Silberman**, *New York University, New York*
Professor George A. Bermann, *Columbia Law School, New York*
Gerald Aksen, Esq., *International Arbitrator, New York*
William H. Baker, *Cardozo Law School; Alston & Bird LLP, New York*
- 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. **Evening Cocktail Reception**



Information

Date

Saturday, April 17, 2010

Conference Venue

Columbia Law School, Jerome Greene Hall, Room 104
435 West 116th Street, New York, NY 10027 USA
For directions, please visit www.law.columbia.edu/columbiaarbitrationday

Language

All working sessions and conference materials will be in English.

How to Register

Register on-line www.law.columbia.edu/columbiaarbitrationday
You will receive an e-mail confirmation and invoice. Please make payment via the conference website
www.law.columbia.edu/columbiaarbitrationday

Continuing Legal Education

Columbia Law School has been certified by the New York State Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Board as an Accredited Provider of CLE programs. Under New York State CLE regulations, this transitional and non-transitional CLE program will provide in aggregate maximum of **six (6.0) credit hours** that can be applied toward the Areas of Professional Practice requirement.

Attorneys wishing to receive CLE credit should pre-register for the Conference. At the Conference, attorneys seeking credit must sign the program register both prior to and following their attending program sessions. CLE credit will be awarded to attorneys in attendance for entire sessions only, as reflected in the register; attorneys attending only part of session are not eligible for partial credit for it. On departure attorneys seeking credit should submit their completed Evaluation Form, provided at the Conference.

US-Barred Attorneys (Non New York State): Please be aware that individual attorneys may request accreditation from their particular states for, or in some cases may simply report, credits earned from a CLE program that was given by an out-of-state Accredited Provider. Each state has its own procedure, and attorneys should check their state's rules governing the reporting of these credits.

Columbia Law School will offer discounted rates to attorneys who wish to attend the program for CLE credit and serve in Public Interest law or who are not currently practicing; complete registration details appear on the registration website at www.law.columbia.edu/columbiaarbitrationday.

Conference Material and Documentation

The material will be available online to all participants. Printed versions of the conference material and documentation will be provided at no charge to regular delegates and attorneys enrolled in CLE and may be purchased separately by other delegates

Fees

Delegate fees include: attendance at all working sessions; conference materials, including any available speakers' papers; access to conference working materials from the website [printed material not available for students]; light breakfast; light refreshments throughout; buffet luncheon; and evening cocktail reception.



We must be in receipt of your payment in full in order to process your registration. Payment may be made only by major credit card (Visa, MasterCard, and American Express); additional transaction fees and taxes may be applicable. If you register at any of the special rates (i.e. ABA, Public Interest, Hardship, Student) please bring proof of your affiliation with you to the Conference. Please note that registrations are not transferable and that working sessions are reserved for delegates only. Guests of delegates (non lawyers) are welcome at the Cocktail Reception.

*Early Registration Period ends April 10, 2010, after which a USD 40 surcharge will be added to all fees.
All rates per person.*

Regular Rate:	USD 150
ABA Member Rate:	USD 120
Law Student Rate:	USD 20
Public Interest Attorney Rate:	USD 75
Attorney Hardship Rate:	USD 35
Guest (non lawyer, non law student):	USD 40 (Cocktail Reception only)
Additional copy of Printed Material:	USD 25
Post April 10 registration surcharge:	USD 40

If you would like to become a full or general member of the ABA, which includes membership of one or more committees, we encourage you to do so now in order to register for this conference at the member rate. Full details of how to join can be found at www.abanet.org.

Registration Confirmation

All documentation regarding your attendance at the conference can be obtained from the conference website www.law.columbia.edu/columbiaarbitrationday. Upon receipt of your payment for the conference, confirmation will be sent via email (only).

List of Participants

In order for your name to appear in the list of participants, which will be distributed at the conference, your registration form must be received by April 13, 2010.

Cancellation of Registration

We regret that we are unable to grant any refunds of conference fees; however, exceptions may be made in cases of exceptional hardship provided that the request is received no later than April 5, 2010. Requests may be directed to ciaa@columbia.edu.

Travel Arrangements and Visas

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. It is recommended that you check your visa requirements with your local embassy or consulate. We are unable to dispatch visa invitation letters to support your visa application prior to receipt of your registration form and full registration fees. Please apply for your visa in good time.

Hotel Accommodation

For further information on accommodation please see www.columbia.edu/about_columbia/visitor_info.html



Registration Form

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**To register please use the online application form at www.law.columbia.edu/columbiaarbitrationday
or send this form via E-mail to ciaa@columbia.edu.**

Full payment must be received in order to process your registration.

Personal details

Title First Name Last Name

ABA membership number (if applicable)

Firm/company/organization

Address State (ZIP/Postcode)/ Country

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Name(s) of guest(s)

Signature

- YES, I intend to seek CLE credit at Columbia Arbitration Day 2010.
- YES, I wish to purchase a printed copy of the Documentation Booklet at the cost of USD 25 per copy.

Payment details

- I will make payment through the ticketing service of Columbia University at www.law.columbia.edu/columbiaarbitrationday.
- I enclose a US cheque/bank draft made payable to Columbia Law School – CIAA Columbia Arbitration Day 2010 for the total amount due.



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