SERVICE OF PROCESS AND TAKING OF EVIDENCE ABROAD: THE IMPACT OF “ELECTRONIC MEANS” ON THE OPERATION OF THE HAGUE CONVENTIONS


Monday, November 2, 2015
Gewirz Center 12th floor
Center for Transnational Business and the Law
Institute for International Economic Law
Georgetown University Law Center
600 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington D.C.

PROGRAM

8:30  Registration/Coffee

9:00  Welcoming Remarks: Dean William Treanor, Georgetown Law

9:15  Opening Presentation: HCCH Secretary General Christophe Bernasconi

9:45  Panel 1: “How We Got Where We Are: The Conventions in Theory and Practice”
Moderator: Peter Trooboff (Covington and Burling LLP)
  - Theodore J. Folkman (Murphy & King, Boston)
  - Louise Ellen Teitz (Roger Williams School of Law, Rhode Island)
  - Mathieu Chardon (Huissier, International Union of Judicial Officers UIHJ)
  - Alejandro Manevich (Ricketts, Harris LLP, Toronto)

11:00  Coffee

Moderator: Glenn P. Hendrix (Arnall Golden Gregory LLP)
  - Jeanne E. Davidson, Director, U.S. DOJ/Office of International Judicial Assistance
  - Sandra Elisa Hernández Ortiz, General Director, Legal Affairs Office, Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Senior Master Barbara Fontaine, Judiciary of England & Wales and the Central Authority for England & Wales

Open Discussion/Questions and Answers

12:30  Lunch - Keynote Speaker: Hon. Rimsky Yuen, Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China
1:30  **Panel 3:** “ Civilians and Common Lawyers Deal With The Conventions”

   Moderator: Mark N. Bravin (Winston & Strawn, D.C.)
   
   o Alexander B. Blumrosen (Bernard-Hertz-Béjot, Paris)
   o Roland Portmann (Legal Counsel, Embassy of Switzerland, Washington)
   o David W. Bowker (WilmerHale, D.C.)
   o Arnaud Nuyts (Liedekerke Wolters Waelbroeck Kirkpatrick, Brussels)

2:45  Coffee

3:00  **Panel 4:** “What’s Coming Next? Critical Challenges Facing The Conventions”

   Moderator: Christophe Bernasconi (Secretary General, Hague Conference)
   
   o Charles T. Kotuby, Jr. (Jones Day, D.C.)
   o Ms. Noelle Lenoir (Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel, Paris)
   o Judge Michael M. Baylson, U.S. District Court (E.D. Pa.)

4:15  **Open Discussion/Questions and Answers**

5:15  Closing

5:30  **Reception** at Jones Day, 51 Louisiana Avenue, N.W. (a short walk from the Law Center)

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The conference will be held on the campus of Georgetown University Law Center, 600 New Jersey Ave. NW, Washington D.C., on the 12th floor of the Gewirz Building.

The Law Center is within easy walking distance of Union Station and the Judiciary Square Metro Station (Red Line). Commercial parking is available in the area.

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