

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

George Washington University Law School
2000 H Street, NW
Michael K. Young Faculty Conference Center, 5th Floor
Washington, DC

October 19-20, 2009

AGENDA

[Note: Panelists may be subject to change]

Monday Oct. 19

9:30 – 10:00 Welcome, announcements, introductions

Susan Karamanian, Associate Dean for International and Comparative Legal Studies, George Washington University Law School; Keith Loken, Assistant Legal Adviser, Private International Law; Hal Burman, Executive Director of ACPIL

10:00 – 10:30 Harold Hongju Koh, Legal Adviser, Department of State

10:30 – 12:00 Private law reform in Latin America; Organization of American States and CIDIP VII: October 2009 Diplomatic Conference on secured finance registries; 1994 Inter-American treaty on choice of law in international contracts; business organization law reform

Coordinator: Michael Dennis

Presenters: Dan Cento, Deputy Political Chief, U.S. Mission to the Organization of American States; Boris Kozolchyk, President and Director, National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade; Antonio Perez, Professor of Law, Catholic University School of Law; John Wilson, Legal Advisor, Organization of American States; Pablo Zylberglait, Counsel for International Consumer Protection, Office of International Affairs, Federal Trade Commission

12:00 -- 1:30 Luncheon program sponsored by George Washington University Law School: Anne-Marie Leroy, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the World Bank Group, will speak on "Sanctions Reform"

1:30 - 3:30 PIL federalism issues: Varying approaches to implementation of conventions: Hague Choice of Court, Investment Securities and Child Support Conventions; UNCITRAL E-Commerce and Letters of Credit Conventions

Coordinator: Keith Loken

Presenters: Ron Brand, Professor of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law; Stephen Burbank, Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania School of Law; Kathleen Patchel, Associate Professor of Law, Indiana University School of Law; Louise Ellen Teitz, Professor of Law, Roger Williams University School of Law; Martha Walters, Associate Justice, Oregon Supreme Court

- 3:30 – 4:30** Report on developments in leading private international law institutions, and implications for future PIL work: Hans Van Loon, Secretary General, Hague Conference on Private International Law; Renaud Sorieul, Director, UN International Trade Law Division and Secretary of UNCITRAL
- Coordinator: Keith Loken
- 4:30 – 5:00** General comments and future work proposals
- 5:00 – 6:00** Reception hosted by George Washington University Law School

Tuesday Oct.20

- 9:30 - 11:00** International family law: *Abbott v. Abbott* (pending U.S. Supreme Court case involving interpretation of the Hague Abduction Convention); plans to sign the Hague Protection of Children Convention; emerging issues in international family law
- Coordinator: Mary Helen Carlson
- Presenters: Jay Bischoff, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Consular Affairs, Department of State; Linda Elrod, Professor of Law and Director of the Washburn University Law School Children and Family Law Center, Editor-in-Chief of the ABA Family Law Quarterly; Corrin Ferber, Attorney-Adviser, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State
- 11:00 - 12:00** Remarks by the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT, Jose Angelo Estrella Faria, on current developments in UNIDROIT, including the UNIDROIT Convention on Substantive Rules Regarding Intermediated Securities – computer-age securities markets vs. lower risk traditional markets
- Coordinator: Hal Burman
- 12:00 – 1:30** Luncheon program: Professor Christopher Yukins, George Washington University Law School, will speak on aspects of government procurement – capacity building, trade policy, and defense policy
- 1:30 – 3:00** The Rotterdam Rules (UN Convention on International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea, to be signed by the U.S. September 23, 2009): Major issues of importance to the U.S., including plans for ratification/implementation
- Coordinator: Mary Helen Carlson
- Presenters: Lizabeth Burrell, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP, past President of the Maritime Law Association of the United States; Chester Hooper, Holland & Knight, past President of the Maritime Law Association of the United States; Jeffrey Lawrence, Sher & Blackwell LLP, counsel to the World Shipping Council; Michael Sturley, Professor of Law and Director of the Supreme Court Clinic, University of Texas School of Law
- 3:00 - 4:00** Commercial law treaties and trends for 2009; electronic commerce treaty; “single window” projects – trade facilitation or barriers; cross-border corporate insolvency law: universalism vs. territorialism; intellectual property and secured finance, WIPO; UNIDROIT model law on leasing;

Coordinators: Michael Dennis and Hal Burman

Presenters: Neil Cohen, Professor of Law, Brooklyn University School of Law; William Luddy, Science and Technology Section, ABA; Steven Weise, Proskauer Rose LLP

4:00 – 4:30 General comments and future work proposals

Topics not included because of time limitations or covered only by status reports may move to the top of the list for the next ACPIIL general meeting. We invite your suggestions for topics that should be covered next time.

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