2016 SPRING MEETING
NEW YORK City
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APRIL 12-16, 2016

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12:45 PM–2:15 PM
COMMITTEE NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Come and join your committee, or a committee that interests you, at the Committee Networking Luncheon. This is the perfect opportunity for networking, relationship building, and spending time with others at the meeting who work in your practice area and share similar interests. If you have any questions about planning for this event at the Spring Meeting, please contact Sophie Wilmot at sophie.wilmot@americanbar.org.

2:30 PM–4:00 PM
ON THE TRAIL OF HOT MONEY... BUSTING TRUSTS, PERCIBING VEILS AND OTHER MEANS OF LOCKING DOWN STOLEN ASSETS

Fraudsters and kleptocrats hide their stolen assets and will do everything possible to conceal their tracks. Stolen assets exist behind a veneer of legitimacy. Even victims with substantial resources to locate and seize fraudulently acquired assets need to be increasingly innovative in pursuing investigation and recovery. Considerable strides have been made to assist victims since the launch of the World Bank’s Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (SARI). It remains the case that the means of redress available to victims of fraud and corruption on an international scale are firmly rooted in national laws. Ensuring that victims have a greater understanding of the remedies available in multiple jurisdictions and the interaction between civil and criminal processes remains key. The session will focus on the evolving methodologies applied in asset recovery cases including recourse to insolvency based remedies focusing in particular on tackling the ostensibly legitimate arrangements designed to block successful asset recovery.

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Sandrine Girodu, Counsel at Lalive, Geneva, Switzerland
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TRICKS OF TRADE: HOW TO SPOT INTERNATIONAL TRADE ISSUES IN YOUR BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

How do you know when you have an international trade problem in your business transaction? Trade issues abound in international business transactions, whether it is an M&A deal, a joint venture or foreign investment, or merely the day-to-day logistics of a cross-border business. As business becomes globalized, one of the key skills that in-house counsel and transactional lawyers offer is knowing when and how to call in the specialists. Customs compliance, export controls and economic sanctions, corruption issues and the opportunities and pitfalls presented by preferential trade and investment agreements are all areas frequently overlooked — until there is a problem. Panelists will discuss hypothetical case studies of common business transactions, enabling participants to get hands-on experience identifying and analyzing trade issues. Join a panel of trade law experts to hear stories from the front lines and learn how to spot the trade issues lurking beneath the surface of everyday transactions.

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Turena Ramirez Ortiz, Sánchez Devanny, Mexico City, Mexico

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FOREIGN LAW FIRMS: IS THERE SOMETHING TO GET EXCITED ABOUT?

This panel will discuss recent developments in India that signal a roll-back of the ban on foreign lawyers practicing in India. Speakers will add a new voice to the ongoing debate to shift the focus from protectionism vs. market access (i.e., what is good or bad) for the local domestic bar to looking at what might benefit India’s broader economic interest. The panel will examine the new constituencies within the Indian bar, which are increasingly active and are questioning the status quo. The panel will examine claims of certain Indian government officials, who are concerned with the impediment to international trade and investment posed by the ban on foreign lawyers. This program ties into the Indian government’s “Make in India” initiative, which aims to make India a manufacturing hub for the global supply chain. There are also indications of a U.S.-India bilateral dialogue on a range of commercial law issues, including the exchange of legal services. (Legal Profession)

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