



P.R.I.M.E. FINANCE
Panel of Recognised International Market Experts in Finance

P.R.I.M.E. Finance Newsletter – October 2019

1. UPCOMING EVENTS

The second annual **P.R.I.M.E. Finance New York Conference** is being held on **17 October 2019 at the offices of Jones Day at 250 Vesey Street**. The conference will bring together global experts to discuss navigating pitfalls in the changing financial landscape. The topics range from the global economy to fintech, from benchmark reform to ethics and technology. For more information on the agenda or registration details, please contact our new Head of Secretariat Camilla Macpherson at c.macpherson@primefinancedisputes.org. If you have colleagues and contacts who might be interested in attending, please let them have the details.

You can register for the **P.R.I.M.E. Finance New York Conference** [here](#).

Several **judicial training sessions** are coming up: 2–3 October in Taiwan, 18–19 November in Lisbon, and 6 December in Shanghai. The training in Lisbon is in association with the Portuguese Treasury and Public Debt Management Agency (the IGCP), and the P.R.I.M.E. Finance session has been given the prestigious role of opening the judicial training calendar for 2019-2020. We will report further on these sessions in upcoming newsletters.

On 5 November 2019, P.R.I.M.E. Finance will host a discussion on recent national and international finance cases at the Dutch Central Bank (De Nederlandsche Bank, or "DNB") in Amsterdam.

The dates for the **Hague Conference** have been set. Please note **3 and 4 February 2020** in your diaries and join us at the **Peace Palace in The Hague** for the Annual General Meeting of P.R.I.M.E. Finance. We look forward to seeing you there.

2. RECENT EVENTS

There have been a number of changes in the leadership of P.R.I.M.E. Finance. In July 2019, Robert Pickel, former CEO of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA), was appointed Chair of P.R.I.M.E. Finance's Management Board. Joseph Bauman, Ida Levine and Prof. Pim Rank have been appointed to the Management Board, with Mr. Bauman also appointed as Treasurer. Rick Grove has been appointed Secretary. Mr. Pickel and Deborah Enix-Ross have been appointed as members of the Management Board for additional terms.

Prof. Jeffrey Golden, the outgoing Chair of the Management Board, has been named Founder and Chair Emeritus of P.R.I.M.E. Finance. Prof. Golden and Dr. Willem Calkoen, former Management Board member and Treasurer, are now members of the Advisory Board.

For more information, click [here](#). A complete list of members of the Management Board and the Advisory Board is available on the website.



We are also pleased to announce that Camilla Macpherson has joined us as Head of Secretariat. Ms. Macpherson has extensive experience in international litigation and arbitration, with a focus on complex, high value cross-border disputes, some involving complex global financial contracts. She has nearly 15 years of experience at Allen & Overy LLP and was previously Brexit Counsel and Head of Knowhow Management (Disputes) at DLA Piper. She moved to The Hague from London two years ago. She looks forward to getting to know all of our experts, and will attend the upcoming New York conference. Please look for her there. To find out more, click [here](#).

Ms Macpherson takes over the role of Head of Secretariat from Camilla Perera-de Wit, who has joined the Netherlands Arbitration Institute as its Secretary-General/Director. We wish her all the best in her new role.

3. NEWS OF OUR EXPERTS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Douglas W. Arner co-edited [The REGTECH Book: The Financial Technology Handbook for Investors, Entrepreneurs and Visionaries in Regulation](#). He also co-edited and contributed to [Systemic Risk in the Financial Sector: Ten Years after the Great Crash](#). Both books were published in September.

Sir William Blair, Rosa M Lastra and Costanza Russo co-edited the Research Handbook on Ethics in Banking and Finance. More information is available [here](#).

The **Hon. Charles N. Brower** was interviewed for the Kluwer Arbitration Blog about perspectives on judicial and arbitral decision-making. Read the interview [here](#).

David E. Sternberg has been elected to the Board of Governors of the New School for Social Research in New York City.

Since January 2019, **Eli Whitney Debevoise II** has been representing Venezuela acting through Interim President Juan Guaidó with respect to a variety of matters, including litigation and arbitration to recover assets from the control of the Maduro regime and against creditors and claimants against Venezuela.

4. NEW PANEL APPOINTMENTS

In July 2019, P.R.I.M.E. Finance considered and approved a number of new appointments to its expert panel. A full list of new appointments will be included in the next newsletter.

5. LexisNexis® PUBLICATIONS

P.R.I.M.E. Finance Expert **Carolyn Jackson**'s article about European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR) Regulatory Fitness and Performance (REFIT) in Lexis®PSL Banking & Finance was re-purposed by Lexis for distribution in the LMA Magazine at the LMA Conference in September.

In July, **Robert Pickel** explained the concerns around hedge accounting in the context of a transition away from LIBOR and discussed how these concerns were being resolved. You can find the publication [here](#).



6. P.R.I.M.E. FINANCE SERVICES AND NOMINATION OF NEW EXPERTS

P.R.I.M.E. Finance continues to administer requests for expert witness services. All such inquiries should now be directed to [Camilla Macpherson](#), Head of the Secretariat of P.R.I.M.E. Finance, with a copy to the [Secretariat](#).

We continue to expand our global presence and invite additional nominations to our growing list of Experts. All nominees, unless given written notice otherwise, should assume that their applications remain under consideration and shall receive due consideration. For further information, please see our [webpage](#) or contact the [Secretariat](#).

7. FRIENDS OF P.R.I.M.E.

Friends of P.R.I.M.E. is the principal means by which our Experts, market participants and other interested parties can show their financial support for P.R.I.M.E. The P.R.I.M.E. Finance Foundation is a not-for-profit Dutch foundation, which relies heavily on the *pro bono* spirited efforts and intellectual contribution of its Experts and Board members. P.R.I.M.E. Finance cherishes its independence, and donations through Friends of P.R.I.M.E. help preserve this. We also established a U.S.-based entity known as PRIME Finance Dispute Resolution and Education Foundation in order to apply for grants from U.S.-based foundations and allow our U.S.-based Friends to become Friends of P.R.I.M.E. in a tax efficient manner. All monies raised through Friends of P.R.I.M.E. go directly to program support.

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