

### P.R.I.M.E. Finance New York Conference Agenda Overview

The following is an overview of the principal sessions for P.R.I.M.E. Finance's third New York conference, to be held on Friday, 28 October 2022, at Milbank's offices in Hudson Yards. Register for the conference by going to the NY conference page on the P.R.I.M.E. Finance website.

#### **PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

There will be four panel discussions over the course of the day. The goal is to make these lively conversations among the panelists and the audience, covering timely issues relating to the evolution of global financial markets and the resolution of disputes that might arise from activity in those markets. Topics include:

#### • Breakfast with the Bench

An investor dispute over adherence to ESG standards. Insolvency of a digital asset company. Default on outstanding bonds issued by a sovereign. What is the common thread? The need for an effective dispute resolution process and, most importantly, judges. Whether managing a contentious lawsuit, assessing expert testimony, interpreting standard terms, or encouraging settlement, judges are critical to fair and efficient dispute resolution in sophisticated financial disputes. A panel of jurists will share experiences and their perspectives on the central role that courts play in financial disputes.

#### • The Digital World Faces the Analog World

Cryptocurrency, artificial intelligence, blockchain, smart contracts. They all exist in the digital world. Perhaps it is ironic, then, that so many recent developments affecting the digital world have come from the analog world: a score of reports expected out of the Biden administration, Congressional legislation, regulatory proposals, a 500+ page consultation paper from the UK Law Commission, and so on around the world. What does it all mean for the world of financial technology generally and cryptocurrency specifically? Is it too much, too soon or too little, too late. Those will be the questions this panel will explore.

#### • Sustainable Finance: The Meaning of ESG

In the sustainable finance world, ESG is understood to mean a focus by companies and investors on the role of environmental, social, and governance issues in forming corporate goals and



assessing investment decisions. One could also consider an additional meaning of ESG as a focus on education (raising awareness), standards (the critical need for measurability), and government (the role of regulation). This panel will discuss current issues in this increasingly important area of the financial markets.

#### • Market Implications of Inflation, Invasion and Insecurity

More likely than not, heightened inflation, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and insecurity over energy supplies will continue to be concerns come the end of October. Financial markets will likely reflect the uncertainty generated by these concerns. As that uncertainty drags on, market participants may face decisions about pursuing contractual remedies, the types of customers and clients they deal with and whether to pull back from certain markets. A panel of market experts will share their thoughts on the market implications of these three I's.

Full agenda will follow. CLE credits will be available.

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