

P.R.I.M.E. Finance New York Conference 2019
“Disruption and Disputes in a Changing Financial Market Landscape”

Agenda

8:00 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:45 Opening Proceedings

1. Welcome and Opening Address
2. Keynote Address

9:45 – 11:15 Market Reality and Market Expectations as a Source of Disputes

The recovery following the Global Financial Crises is now 10 years old, a very late stage compared to past cycles. Are the global economy and financial market overdue for a downturn? Past market shifts demonstrate that the expectations of financial market participants often differ from the reality of what occurs. When that occurs, disputes often arise. This panel will discuss the likelihood of a downturn occurring and consider the types of disputes that might result.

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:45 Disputes on the Horizon: Predictive Trends in Financial Market Disputes

Court cases can lead to new litigation trends and rethinking of existing approaches to products. The recent *Windstream* case and its impact on contract drafting in the bond and leveraged loan market is one example. Changes to credit default swaps in light of litigation surrounding CDS is another. This panel will focus on trends that are likely to find prominence in litigation and dispute resolution arenas in light of recent cases, and will consider how counsel, adjudicators and practitioners can best mitigate exposure.

12:45 – 1:45 Lunch Break

1:45 – 3:00 Benchmark, Get Set, Go: The Race Toward Alternative Benchmarks

The transition from LIBOR and other IBORs to alternative rates represents a monumental shift across financial market worldwide. What are some of the ramifications benchmark transition poses for existing long-term contracts and the future of derivatives contracts? How can agreed fallbacks for existing IBORs mitigate some of the issues arising from transition? What are the implications of benchmark transition for derivatives collateral and discounting? This panel will focus on the ripple effects of benchmark transition and implications for dispute resolvers and participants in the financial sector.

3:00 – 4:15 Disruptions from the FinTech Sector: What’s Coming and How Should We Prepare?

New innovations in the financial industry seem to appear every day. How do we know which innovations will last? Can these disruptions lead to disputes? How is the international legal system prepared to handle a quickly-evolving financial technology sector? This panel will explore some of the most critical, promising and/or interesting innovations in the financial industry and discuss how various legal and regulatory bodies have been dealing with the evolving FinTech landscape.

4:15 – 4:30 Coffee Break

4:30 – 5:30 Legal Ethics in an Age of Evolving Technology

Developments in technology, such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, smart contracts and e-discovery, have the potential to be transformative in so many ways. Law is no exception. As these developments reshape the delivery of legal services, what new ethical considerations might there be? For instance, as lawyers are replaced by, or their services are augmented by, these technologies, will they transform the attorney-client relationship and, if so, how? Will they also affect a lawyer’s obligation to the court? This panel will share thoughts on possible answers to these questions, answers that will likely evolve with the technology.

5:30 – 5:45 Closing Remarks

5:45 – 7:00 Cocktail Reception

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