INVITATION FOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS AND GUIDELINES

To: ABA International Law Section Committees
   Members of the Fall Conference Planning Committee

You are invited to submit program proposals on or before February 28, 2020. Please review the following guidelines.
the conference goals

Los Angeles has become a crossroads for international legal work that reflects the diverse and robust nature of the California economy. Inbound and outbound investment, media and entertainment, technology and life sciences, financial services, to name a few, drive cross border work with Asia, Mexico and LATAM, Canada and Europe.

This Fall Conference will bring a world class international law conference to Los Angeles; identify critical emerging issues; highlight the international legal work being done in Los Angeles; and introduce the firms doing that work to the members of the ABA International Law Section and larger international legal community.

The Planning Committee is also developing “value added” programs for Wednesday, September 9, 2020, that are expected to feature international arbitration and the rule of law and will lead up to the Conference Welcome Reception that evening at the Millennium Biltmore. Three tracks and about 24 panels are contemplated, including plenary sessions, for the formal conference programming on Thursday and Friday, September 10 and 11, 2020.
2020 LOS ANGELES FALL CONFERENCE
September 9 - 11, 2020
Millennium Biltmore Hotel | Los Angeles, CA

working titles for tracks & topics

The Planning Committee and Conference Co-Chairs want to develop a modern and engaging approach to Conference programs and tracks. The working titles for tracks and the topic ideas listed below are meant to guide the development of program proposals. They are not listed in order of priority and are subject to change once program submissions are reviewed. Panels that speak to Latin America, Asia-Pacific or Canada are encouraged.

**growing pains (new and emerging issues)**

- USMCA: remedies; IP; data privacy
- CFIUS: new regulations
- CCPA - Proposed extensions and Enforcement to date
- Digital assets and securities law across jurisdictions (LATAM, EU, Asia)
- BREXIT: impact on IP, digital assets, distribution
- Cannabis: conflicting regulatory schemes; IP; etc
- CA Corp Social Governance laws; impact on foreign investment
- Mobility solutions and disability rights
- Climate change and sustainability; impact on governance, cross border transactions; Green New Deal
- Data Privacy
- New Conventions and implementation: Singapore; Hague Enforcement of Court Judgments; Phase I Treaty with China
in-flows/out-flows

- Capital raising strategies; blockchain to emerging company/VC issues.
- Digital economy: global taxation; content production and global streaming platforms.
- Tax planning in bound investment in real estate, investment in business, and planning for foreign executive in the US.
- CISG.
- Cross border in vitro fertilization and surrogacy issues.
- Media and Entertainment deals in Asia.
- Protecting IP in Asia (China).
- Political risks of doing business in Asia.
- Immigration issues for startups: management and staff.
- Integration of immigration and tax planning.
- Immigration and Family law: marriage, divorce, jurisdiction.
- Extraterritorial effect of US and foreign laws.
- Jurisdiction of US courts over non-US persons; *forum non conveniens* in litigation and arbitration.
- White-collar crime and cross-jurisdictional challenges; MLATS.
- Managing parallel cross border civil and criminal matters.
optimizing 21st century law practice

- Ethical issues presented by use of social media
- Ethics rules cross border and conflicts of laws
- Managing professional risks in multi-jurisdictional world
- Non-Lawyer ownership of foreign firms & future of combined professional services firms
- AML, beneficial owner in private wealth and real estate
- Strategies for Promoting the arts: tax, IP, immigration
- Female talent: Centennial 19th Amend; ERA; Diversity in Law firms; gender equality issues in the law and the C-Suite
- USMCA
- Supply chains and distribution of goods
- Media and entertainment; digital content; streaming platforms
- Dispute resolution: use of technology/AI
international arbitration

The Conference is also developing a collection of programs on international arbitration, including skills and emerging issues related to this practice area. Topics being considered include the following.

- Orientation to International Arbitration for the US Trial lawyer/Litigator
- Emerging issues; USMCA
- International arbitration between LATAM and the US
- Enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards in California
- Arbitration; in-house or third-party online dispute management/prevention platforms; cybersecurity and cybercrime issues in int’l DR)
- Preparation and hearing skills
the process & deadlines

- Program proposals **must be submitted online** through the following link for consideration:

  [Click here](https://americanbar.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8euq4cgot4BsYrb) to submit a program proposal.

**OR**

You may cut and paste the **URL** below into your browser:
[https://americanbar.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8euq4cgot4BsYrb](https://americanbar.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8euq4cgot4BsYrb)

- If a Section Committee or a Planning Committee member submits multiple program proposals, please rank them in order of preference.

- Programs will be divided into tracks and reviewed by track chairs. Track Chairs, Conference Co-Chairs and Programs Officer will review proposals, solicit certain proposals if something significant is missing, and make final recommendations.
the deadlines

- **February 28**: Program proposals due

- **February 28 – March 13**: Review of program proposals by track chairs, Programs Officer and Conference Co-Chairs; Final review and recommendations

- **March 27**: Acceptance letters sent to panel chairs with a cc: to track chairs

- **April 6**: Final program title, description and speakers due
panel requirements

- Panel titles should be catchy and accurately describe the session.

- Program descriptions should be 800 characters or less and crafted to attract attendance. This description will be used in the conference marketing materials, website, and social media.

- Panels are expected to be 90 minutes long. A typical panel will have 4 Speakers and 1 Moderator, but you may propose alternative formats.

- The Section is committed to diversity and believes that absent extraordinary circumstances, there is sufficient expertise in the law to provide a diverse panel on any subject. The Section is especially concerned with balanced gender representation but will also pursue panels that reflect diversity in race, nationality, geography, disability, age, and legal tradition. Panels that do not reflect the Section’s diversity and inclusion goals will not receive final approval.

- Innovative panel formats are encouraged. Be creative in delivering content. Past panels have used multimedia presentations, polling software, and mobile moderators to engage the audience.

- We encourage Planning Committee members and Section Committees to collaborate and cosponsor Program proposals.

- There cannot be more than one person with a speaking role (Speaker or Moderator) from the same organization on the same panel.
panel chair, moderator and speaker guidelines

the panel chair

- has the ultimate responsibility for planning and executing a panel.

- should coordinate, plan and implement the panel; publicize the panel and the Conference to all interested groups; solicit co-sponsoring Section Committees and/or Planning Committee members who can promote the panel.

- can be a Speaker or the Moderator on the panel.

- has ultimate responsibility for ensuring there are high-quality written materials for CLE credit. (detailed CLE information will be provided to Panel Chairs whose proposals have been selected).
the moderator

• will introduce the Speakers, keeping the panel on time, and promote an active, engaging discussion.

• should have a substantive expertise in the program subject matter.

• cannot appear on more than one panel during the Conference.

the speakers

• Speakers must register for the conference and pay the relevant registration rate.

• The Section does not reimburse travel expenses for Speakers, absent the most extraordinary circumstances (e.g., attendance of a very special person or dignitary that can have a substantial impact on the Conference). If you think you have such a speaker, please contact one of the Conference Co-Chairs or the Chair Elect.

• No speaker can appear on more than one panel during the Conference.
cle requirements

- All accepted panels must qualify for U.S. CLE credit.

- You are encouraged to consider qualifying for Legal Ethics CLE credit. To qualify: (1) panels must address applicable rules of professional conduct; and (2) legal ethics must be the primary focus of the session.

- You are also encouraged to consider qualifying for other types of specialized CLE credit, such as Elimination of Bias in the Profession. Please see the attached CLE Content Categories Supplement that describes the types of specialized CLE.
questions?

Please direct them to the Chair-Elect, Conference Co-Chairs, or the Programs Officer.

conference leadership

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