



Notice of Meeting and Preliminary Agenda for the Joint Meeting of the Marine Torts & Casualties and Government Counsel Committees

Thursday, May 2, 2024
0900 to 1030 hrs EST

In Person: Blank Rome, MPR Conference Room, 16th Floor,
1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020

Please register here for building security by April 25, 2024: <https://forms.office.com/r/u71jGB26Hi>

Remote Attendance: A Zoom link will be provided closer to the meeting date.

A. Welcome, Introduction of Panelists, Explanation of the Roundtable Discussion (*Frederick B. Goldsmith, Chair, Marine Torts & Casualties Committee*) (will also serve as discussion moderator)

Roundtable Discussion Topic: “Is there a way certain bodily injury and property damage claims can be resolved faster and less expensively than how we all do it now?”

The meeting is meant to be informal and to encourage brainstorming and dialogue amongst the panelists and meeting attendees, including invited guests from the local maritime industry and government personnel. Panelists will include:

- Patrick Nolan, Senior Claims Executive, Skuld North America Inc., NYC
- Katherine Christodoulatos, Director, Marine Claims, Markel, Summit, NJ
- LCDR Shaun M. Pehl, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Admiralty and Maritime Law Division, Washington, DC
- Brian M. Judge, Chief, *or* CDR Jared Hood, Deputy Chief, U.S. Coast Guard, Claims and Litigation Office, Washington, DC
- Thomas M. Brown, Trial Attorney, Aviation, Space & Admiralty Litigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC
- Paul T. Hofmann, Hofmann & Schweitzer, NYC and Raritan, NJ
- Jason R. Harris, Farrell Smith O’Connell Aarsheim Aprans LLP, Wilmington, NC

To encourage an open dialogue, the Chatham House Rule is invoked for this meeting: “Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.”

The meeting will not be recorded, and remote attendees are requested to not record the meeting.

B. Concluding Remarks (*Mr. Goldsmith*)

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