

AGENDA

For

**MLA Arbitration and ADR Committee Meeting
to be held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at the Offices
of Seward & Kissel, 1 Battery Park Plaza, New York, New York**

1. Discussion led by Committee Member and SMA Arbitrators, Lucienne Bulow and David Martowski, on the amendments to the Society of Maritime Arbitrator Rules, including consolidation of related arbitrations, taking of testimony by video conference and other means and prevailing party attorneys' fees. Committee Vice-Chair, Peter Skoufalos and member Don Murnane of Freehill Hogan & Mahar will provide insight on the reception and impact of the rule changes on users of the SMA arbitration systems.
2. Committee member, Jay Pare, will discuss his article on the allocation of fault in safe berth cases. Committee members Don Murnane and Manfred Arnold will be presenting a paper on this topic at ICMA in Hong Kong in May, and this should generate some discussion.
3. Jonathan Lux who has established a mediation center in London will update us on mediation of marine and related cases in London.
4. Committee Secretary, Chris Nolan, with the assistance of members of the Young Lawyers Committee of the MLA, will discuss recent cases that impact the arbitration and ADR field.