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 Re: JOINT MLA/CMI MEETING: Notice to YLC Members

 May 3-6, 2016

 New York, NY

Dear Members of the Young Lawyers Committee,

 At the end of January, MLA President Clyne sent an email regarding the upcoming joint MLA/CMI meeting in New York in May. A significant amount of planning is going into making the joint meeting a success. We write to provide additional details and to encourage you to register for the meeting.

**(1) Website**

 From the MLA website, if you enter the Member Dashboard, there is a link to the CMI website on the upper right hand corner. Alternatively, the website can be accessed directly at: www.cmi2016newyork.org.

**(2) Meeting Schedule**

 The current CMI meeting schedule is available on the website.

 First, we plan to hold our regular MLA YLC meeting at the offices of Holland & Knight across the street from the Hilton. The date/time of the meeting has not been finalized.

 Second, the Healy Lecture will be at NYU law school on Thursday evening prior to the MLA YLC Social Event.

 Finally, the Young CMI and MLA YLC will be organizing and presenting the Friday afternoon CLE. We are planning 2 panel presentations. One will focus on the OW Bunkers bankruptcy. The other is the intersection of U.S. discovery and EU’s Data Privacy Directive. If you have any particular interest or expertise in either of these topics or would like to assist in the organization of the presentation, please let us know.

**(3) There Is No Registration Fee**

 There is no general registration fee for MLA members, but MLA members do need to register via the CMI website. The majority of the meetings will be held at the Hilton Hotel on 6th Avenue. In order to be given access to the meeting locations, you will need a badge. Registration is required to obtain a badge. Registration also assists in planning refreshment breaks, etc.

 In addition, social/dining events for MLA members are a la carte (such as the YLC Social Event) and require you to register on the website. When prompted, under “Registration Items”, select “MLA Specific Events”. Under “Session Registration”, you can choose which social events to participate in.

 Finally, as President Clyne mentioned in his email, if you are planning to stay at the New York Hilton and you want to take advantage of the rates negotiated for the conference, you must book via the registration website. The MLA/CMI has negotiated a favorable base rate of $279 per night ($322 inclusive of taxes) but there is a limited room block.

**(4) YLC Social Event**

 The details are being finalized, but there will be a joint YLC and Young CMI dinner and social event on Thursday evening. The dinner will start slightly later than usual to accommodate the Healy Lecture schedule. In past years, Pamela Shultz has been great about last minute RSVP’s and payment. The addition of the Young CMI this year necessitates a more formal process. Please register for the dinner in advance and online.

**(5) Gala Dinner**

 We encourage you to check with your firm as to whether you should register for the Friday evening “Gala Dinner” individually. As in years past, some firms will be purchasing tables separately.

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 We look forward to seeing those who can attend in New York in May. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact one of us. And, spread the word to any YLC members who may not be receiving these updates!

Best regards,

The MLA Young Lawyers Committee

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