

**MLA Cruise Lines and Marine Torts & Casualties Committees
Joint Fall 2016 Meeting
Wednesday 26 October 2016
15.30-17.00 hrs.
Board of Trade / 316 Magazine Street, New Orleans**

I: Chair Introductions

Carol Finklehoffe, *Lipcon, Margulies, Miami*
Charles De Leo, *De Leo & Kuylenstierna, Miami*

II: Panel: Hot topics in passenger and crew claims on passenger vessels from Canadian and American perspectives

Robert Peltz, *Peltz Law Firm, Miami*: Reconciling the clash between the historical protections for seamen and the increasing use of international arbitration agreements

Jean-Marie Fontaine, *Borden Ladner, Montreal*: Enforceability of US jurisdiction clauses in passenger contracts in Canada and Canadian passenger compensation regimes.

Rebecca Hamra, *Charles Taylor P&I Management (Americas), New York*: The Zika virus: From stagnant waters to growing fears for the maritime community. .

III: Audience Discussion

This session will be eligible for 1.6 CLE credit hours in 50 minute states and 1.5 credit hours in 60 minute states. No remote video or telephone links available.