

AGENDA

For

**April 30, 2014 MLA Arbitration and ADR Committee Meeting
10:30am, at the Offices of Seward & Kissel LLP
One Battery Park Plaza, Lobby Conference Center**

1. Panel discussion of the recent adoption by the American Arbitration Association (“AAA”) of special rules permitting consensual appeal of arbitration awards on the grounds that (a) the underlying award is based on errors of law that are material and prejudicial, and/or (b) determination of facts that are clearly erroneous. The AAA has designated an appellate arbitral panel to hear such appeals.

Jay Pare of McLaughlin & Stern LLP will discuss factors that favor such a voluntary rule and Don Murnane of Freehill Hogan & Mahar LLP will present arguments against the adoption of such a rule. Neither the Committee nor the MLA is taking a position for or against the new AAA rules.

In addition to our own Committee members, we will invite prominent members of the maritime arbitration community to attend and participate in the discussion.

2. Review of recent significant decisions in the arbitration field.