

**Young (and Young at Heart) Lawyers Committee  
The Maritime Law Association of the United States**

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**Message from the Chair**

Friends –

I’m not sure how this happened, but I have had the pleasure of being involved in this committee for almost a decade (!) and serving as an officer of the MLA-YLC for the last six years. In this time, I have made great friends, landed new clients, learned about the challenges of working with mostly East-Coast-based lawyers on my West-Coast-based schedule, and made contacts with maritime lawyers from all over the world. All thanks to this committee, its fantastic members, and the guiding leadership of those who came before me.

Here’s what I have learned about the MLA – there are endless possibilities for professional growth in this organization, and the Young Lawyers Committee is a great first stop for getting more involved. There are papers to be written, projects to be launched, speeches to be given, and contacts to be made. I cannot encourage new members enough to take advantage of the Young Lawyers Committee to become more involved in this organization and in this interesting practice area. I have also had the opportunity to observe the MLA make some great, progressive steps towards modernizing the Association, but I remain of the belief that more work needs to be done. It is the job of the

members of this committee to keep the Association fresh, relevant, and moving forward. I look forward to watching, and assisting with this progress.

No longer so young, and no longer so new to the MLA or to the practice of law, I am pleased to hand over the leadership of this committee to **Alex Giles** of Baltimore, **Betsy Bundy** of New York, and **Norman Stockman** of Mobile. You will enjoy working with each of them, I know I have. Alex and Betsy, a personal note of thanks for your friendship, support, and patience. Many thanks to the MLA for this opportunity, and I look forward to seeing you in New York!  
- Dana Henderson

*Please feel free to forward this newsletter to others who may be interested in the Young Lawyers Committee.*

**YLC Spring Meeting in NYC**

The Young Lawyers Committee will be meeting at our usual time, at Freehill’s:

**Young Lawyers Committee Meeting  
Thursday, April 30, 2009**

**2:00-3:30 p.m.**

**Freehill Hogan & Mahar, LLP  
80 Pine Street, New York, N.Y. 10005  
Tel: 212-425-1900**

Security for the building will require that you sign in at the desk in the lobby.

In addition to our usual business meeting, we will be having a panel discussion on maritime arbitration, with input from the perspective of a Club, a senior partner evaluating an associate's work in preparation for an arbitration, and from the arbitrator's viewpoint. Come prepared with your questions for our panelists, **David W. Martowski**, **James Whitehead**, and **Mary T. Reilly**. Many thanks to our friends at Hill Betts & Nash, especially Ms. Reilly and **Boriana Ferrar** for helping to coordinate this panel.

### **YLC Social Outing**

As we do every year, the YLC will have its annual "dutch-treat" social event during MLA week in New York.

Eternal thanks to our unflappable maritime lawyer/event planner, **Pamela Schultz** for coordinating this arduous task (it seems there are more and more of us each year!) and for finding another amazing venue. *You will not want to miss this outing!*

**When:** Thursday, April 30, 2008

**When:** 5:30 p.m. Cocktails  
7:30 p.m. (ish) Dinner

**Where:** Elizabeth  
265 Elizabeth Street  
(b/t Houston & Prince)  
(212) 334-2426  
[www.elizabethny.com](http://www.elizabethny.com)

**Details:** Elizabeth is in the heart of Nolita and offers your favorite traditional dishes with a modern touch. Cocktail hours will be from 5:30-7:30, and dinner will follow. The menu will be a three course \$50 prix fixe dinner. (Hello, bargain! And we hear the cotton candy sundae is to die for.)

**Directions:** In addition to the infamous yellow cabs of NYC, you can take a number of subways to Elizabeth.

The closest is the 6 (green line) to Bleecker Street Station. From the exit, walk south one block to Houston Street, east on Houston three blocks to Elizabeth, and then a right on Elizabeth.

You can also take the B/D/F (orange line) to Broadway-Lafayette Street. Walk east on Houston 4 blocks to Elizabeth and turn right onto Elizabeth.

Yet another option is the N/R (yellow line) to Prince Street. Walk east 5 blocks on Prince Street to Elizabeth and take a left. Walk north towards Houston Street to the restaurant. If you cross Houston, you have gone too far.

If you are attending the Nicholas Healy lecture, it is about a 15 minute walk. Walk from Vanderbilt Hall to Houston Street, and head east to Elizabeth Street.

**RSVP:** If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Pamela Schultz at [schultz@freehill.com](mailto:schultz@freehill.com) or (212) 381-3025. Please indicate whether you plan to attend for both dinner and/or drinks.

### **No More Mass E-mailings**

With the workings of the MLA's website, all YLC committee business and communications will be made via the YLC section of the website. We will be providing meeting notices, agendas, publications, this newsletter, and any other information on our website *only*, with an email to only our registered members from the MLA website.

So, please update your membership in our committee at [www.mlaus.org](http://www.mlaus.org), make sure you're a YLC registered member,

dig up your log-on information, and check back often to see what we're up to.

### **Call for Projects**

To the standing committees: Please let us know how we can help with your projects. We can usually find a YLC member to assist with staffing your meeting (handling CLE paperwork, sign-in sheets, handouts, and assisting with presentation set up, etc.). Additionally, if you have projects in need of research or have writing opportunities that are well-suited for younger lawyers, please keep our committee in mind.

### **Project in Need of YLC Staffing**

The Committee on Carriage of Goods' working group on UNCITRAL is seeking to review the most important COGSA cases for comparison of the results in those cases with the results that would be expected under the final version of the Rotterdam convention.

YLC assistance has been solicited to assist in identifying the critical cases, applying the spectrum of the Rotterdam rules, comparing the results under the two schemes, evaluating how "user-friendly" the convention is from the perspective of a less-experienced practitioner, and preparing a summary report to the Association. This is an interesting opportunity to learn the ramifications of the new scheme, and could result in a publication opportunity. Multiple volunteers are needed. Vincent D'Orchis is heading up this project and may attend our Spring meeting to discuss opportunities for this project. Otherwise, you may contact him directly at vdorchis@marinelex.com

### **Publication Opportunities**

Do you have any war stories from your practice you wish to share with others? Do you think you have a sense of humor? Consider submitting your written piece for consideration for inclusion in the **Benedict's Quarterly Maritime Bulletin**. You may write to Phil Berns at [pberns@earthlink.net](mailto:pberns@earthlink.net).

### **Proctor Status**

Any Associate member of the MLA who has been a member of the MLA for four years or more is eligible to apply for Proctor status with the MLA. The advantages of Proctor status are numerous, not the least of which is that a member cannot serve as a committee chair, vice-chair or director unless s/he is already a Proctor or Non-Lawyer member. Proctor applications may be obtained from the MLA Membership Secretary or may be downloaded from the MLA website ([www.mlaus.org](http://www.mlaus.org)) in the "Membership Forms" section.

### **Law Student Members**

The MLA has recently added a new category of membership – law student members. Law students interested in the MLA have organized a group on The West Education Network ("TWEN") to address issues pertinent to law students.

### **Welcome to New MLA Members!**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the MLA's newest members and we hope to see you at one of our events soon! **New Associate members:** **Erin J. Ackor**, Moore & Company, Coral Gables, FL; **Draughn B.W. Arbona**, CMA CGM (America) LLC, Norfolk, VA; **Rachelle M. Barstow**, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, New

York; **David R. Boyajian**, Emard Danoff Port Tamulski & Paetzold LLP, San Francisco; **Alan Braun** Eastham, Watson, Dale & Forney, L.L.P., Houston; **Andrew R. Brown**, Hill Rivkins & Hayden LLP, New York; **Edward J. Carlson**, Freehill Hogan & Mahar LLP, New York; **JohnLee S. Curtis**, Moore & Company, P.A., Coral Gables, FL; **K. Blythe Daly**, Holland & Knight LLP, New York; **Thomas E. Dunlap**, Niles Barton & Wilmer, Baltimore; **Damon T. Hartley**, Fowler White Burnett P.A.; Miami; **John H. Hickey**, Hickey Law Firm, P.A., Miami; **Mary A. Holmesly**, Eastham, Watson, Dale & Forney, L.L.P., Houston; **Christy L. Johnson**, Homer, AK; **Jesse Lloyd Kenworthy**, Palmer Biezup & Henderson; Philadelphia; **Linda D. Lin**, Nicoletti Hornig & Sweeney, New York; **Brian McEwing**, Donna Adelsberger & Associates, P.C., Glenside, PA; **Cassandra M. McGarvey**, Eastham, Watson, Dale & Forney, L.L.P., Houston; **David G. Meyer**, Eastham, Watson, Dale & Forney, Houston; **Robert G. Moll**, Hill Rivkins & Hayden LLP, Houston, TX; **Christian Mollitor**, Holland America Line, Seattle; **Clay M. Naughton**, Moore & Company, P.A., Coral Gables, FL; **W. Bruce Pasfield**, Alston & Bird, LLP, Washington, DC

*New law student members:* **Charles C. Blanton**, North Carolina Central School of Law; **Thomas G. Daly**, Fordham University School of Law; **Joseph W. Denison**, Suffolk University Law School; and **Jeremy E. Juenger**, Saint Louis University School of Law.

The Young Lawyers Committee is here to help you become acquainted with this organization, and we hope that you will take full advantage of the opportunities presented - whether that be through volunteering for a committee's study

group, work on a YLC project, or even just joining us for one of our social events. Please feel free to contact any YLC officer if you have questions, comments, or ideas as to how we can better serve you. We look forward to seeing you in New York and working with you on future project.

Warmest regards,

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