



**THE COMMERCIAL BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**North American Meeting**  
**Hay-Adams Hotel, Washington DC**

**Thursday 9 and Friday 10 April 2015**

**PROGRAMME**

**EVENING OF WEDNESDAY 8 April**

- 18:00           **Welcome Reception**, Top of the Hay, Hay-Adams Hotel  
Welcome Reception for members, spouses/partners and families
- 19:00           Sara Masters QC, Chairman of COMBAR's North American Committee will say a few words of welcome
- 19:30           Reception ends.  
Free evening

**THURSDAY 9 April – North American Meeting, Top of the Hays, Hay Adams Hotel**

- 09.00           Coffee on arrival
- 09:30           Introduction:
- 09.35           **SESSION 1: Recent developments in banking and securities law**
- Chair:**           John Behrendt (UBS)
- Panel:**           1. Rosalind Phelps (Fountain Court Chambers, London)  
2. Alex Potts (Sedgwick Chudleigh, Bermuda)  
3. Christopher Bond (3 Verulam Buildings, London)  
4. Lawrence Thacker (Lenczner Slaght, Toronto)
- 11:05           Coffee/tea break
- 11:15           **SESSION 2: Piercing the corporate veil**
- Chair:**           Sandie Corbett (Walkers, BVI)
- Panel:**           1. Ben Shaw (Erskine Chambers, London)

2. Robert-Jan Temmink (Quadrant Chambers, London)
3. F. Paul Morrison (McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Toronto)
4. Allan Diamond (Diamond McCarthy LLP, Houston)

12:45 Lunch

**Speaker:** Mr Justice Flaux, Commercial Court, London

14:00 **SESSION 3: Interference with foreign investments and proceedings under the ICSID Convention**

**Chair:** Ali Malek QC (3 Verulam Buildings, London)

- Panel:**
1. Michael Nolan (Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, Washington DC)
  2. TBC
  3. C. Mark Baker (Norton Rose Fulbright, Houston)
  4. Duncan Matthews QC (20 Essex Street, London)

15:30 Coffee/tea

15:35 **SESSION 4: Trialcraft: the art of proving your case**

**Chair:** Justice Barry Leon (BVI High Court, Commercial Court)

- Panel:**
1. Michael Brindle QC (Fountain Court Chambers, London)
  2. Laurence Rabinowitz QC (One Essex Court, London)
  3. Jack Baughman (Paul Weiss, New York)
  4. Jeff Leon (Bennett Jones, Toronto)

17: 00 End of session

#### **THURSDAY evening – Dolley Madison House reception**

Dress code: Smart Casual

17.45 Group gathers in the lobby of the Hay Adams Hotel for short walk to the Dolley Madison House located at 1520 H Street NW in Washington, D.C.

18:00 Reception starts

19.30 Reception ends.

Free evening

**FRIDAY 10 April – North American Meeting, Top of the Hays, Hay Adams Hotel**

09.15 Coffee on arrival

09:20 **PANEL-LED DISCUSSION SESSION focussed on providing guidance to junior lawyers, although all encouraged to and participate: Winning teams and how to create them**

- Panel:**
1. David Joseph QC (Essex Court Chambers, London)
  2. Mark H Alcott (Paul Weiss, New York)
  3. Harvey Strosberg (Sutts Strosberg LLP, Windsor/Toronto)

10.45 Coffee break

11:00 **DEBATE: 4 Angry Men: This House believes civil juries have had their day and should be retired**

**Chair:** Mr Justice Flaux (Commercial Court, London)

**Panel:** Loren Kieve (Kieve Law Offices, San Francisco)  
Charles Béar QC (Fountain Court Chambers, London)  
Stephen Susman (Susman Godfrey, Houston)  
Andrew Spink QC (Outer Temple Chambers, London)

12:45 Buffet Lunch

End of Meeting

Free afternoon

**FRIDAY EVENING – Dinner, Supreme Court**

The dinner is **black tie**.

17.45 The Group will gather in the lobby of the Hay-Adams hotel for coach transfer to the Supreme Court. Strict security measures are in place and the group will go through screening similar to airports before being admitted to the Supreme Court. Please make sure you have some form of identity with you.

19:00 Drinks reception

19:30 Dinner

Guest Speaker: Sheila Slocum Hollis (Duane Morris, Washington DC)

Vote of thanks: Joe Smouha QC, Chairman of COMBAR

22:30 Dinner ends, coach transfer back to Hay Adams Hotel.

