



NYIAC-CIArbNY Joint Session: Can forum non conveniens bar enforcement of New York Convention awards? A Mock U.S. Supreme Court Argument

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1:00–4:00 PM ET

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SPEAKERS



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Program

Join us at Debevoise & Plimpton for a special New York Arbitration Week event that will explore a timely and unresolved question: Can U.S. courts invoke forum non conveniens to deny enforcement of New York Convention arbitral awards? The issue has split the Second and D.C. Circuits and remains unaddressed by the Supreme Court—leaving open the extent of judicial discretion under the New York Convention.

After a brief lunch, Louis B. Kimmelman will introduce the topic and background on the case to be argued. Then, Mark Friedman and Frances Bivens will argue the case before the court, comprised of Lindsay Gastrell, Marc Goldstein, and Viren Mascarenhas. A brief discussion and audience participation will follow, moderated by Rainbow Willard.

The event will qualify for 2 hours of New York CLE credit. Seating is limited, and there has already been strong demand, so register quickly.

Agenda

1:00 PM–1:45 PM: Lunch

2:00 PM–4:00 PM: Program

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