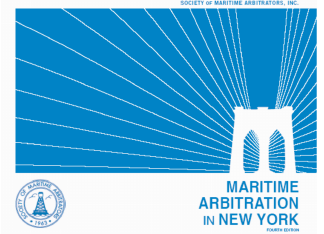


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The Society of Maritime Arbitrators, Inc. (SMA) is pleased to announce a two day course:

MARITIME ARBITRATION IN NEW YORK

Dates: February 23 and 24, 2012

**Location: Best Western Seaport Hotel, 33 Peck Slip, New York, NY 10038
(in the historic South Street Seaport District in Downtown Manhattan)**

THE COURSE: MARITIME ARBITRATION IN NEW YORK UNDER SMA RULES

The SMA will again offer its popular, comprehensive two-day seminar on "Maritime Arbitration in New York under SMA Rules", for the 8th consecutive year, on February 23 and 24, 2012 at the Best Western Seaport Hotel, 33 Peck Slip, New York, NY 10038 (in the historic South Street Seaport District in Downtown Manhattan).

This course is offered to help further and promote the fair, just, ethical and cost effective resolution of charter-party and other maritime contract disputes by arbitration in New York. Jeffrey Weiss, Esq., Professor of Maritime Law at New York Maritime College, with over 25 years of college and graduate-level teaching experience, will again be the lead instructor.

The subjects to be covered will include: Arbitration Overview, Commencing the Arbitration, the Federal Arbitration Act and SMA Rules.; the Arbitration Award: Interim Awards, Final Awards, Majority Decisions, Dissenting Opinions; Confirmation, Vacatur and Enforcement of Awards; Panel Members and Ethical Considerations; Discovery in aid of Arbitration; Hearing Procedures; Security in Aid of an Award; Evidentiary Considerations in Arbitration, the Federal Rules of Evidence and Related Issues; Time Bar, Defaults and Consolidation of Arbitrations.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CREDITS FOR AMERICAN LAWYERS

The Maritime Law Association of the United States ("MLAUS"), is an accredited New York State provider of Continuing Legal Education ("CLE") and is a co-sponsor of the 2012 SMA Arbitration Seminar for purposes of CLE credits.

The Program will be appropriate for both newly-admitted attorneys (transitional) and experienced attorneys (non-transitional) and the complete Program will qualify for 12 CLE credits (12 sessions) in "Areas of Professional Practice".

No credit can be given for partial attendance at a session.

Attorneys from places other than New York State should consult with their appropriate local state authority to determine their entitlement to CLE credits based upon MLAUS CLE certification as an approved provider of CLE credit for the State of New York.

CLE financial aid assistance is available from MLAUS for MLAUS members and New York Attorneys whose annual income falls below US \$30,000. Financial aid is applicable to registration fees; however, does not apply to expenses for transportation, meals or accommodations. Applications for financial aid should be submitted to the Chair of the MLAUS CLE Committee, Michael J. Ryan, by fax to (212)466-0514, or by e-mail to mryan@hillbetts.com

COURSE CRITIQUES FROM PREVIOUS ATTENDEES

- *“The presentation as well as the printed material are of high quality and well laid- out. I thoroughly enjoyed it and learned a lot about the underlying law and legal considerations. Jeff’s skillful presentation certainly made it most enjoyable. These were two days well spent.”*
- *“...Thanks very much for a very interesting and informative two days. Since I have not been involved with arbitrations for about twenty-five years, I found the course extremely useful, both to see how much I had forgotten as well as to learn how much has changed in the meantime. It was also gratifying to sit with such informed, interested and experienced fellow-students...”*
- *“...I would also like to express my thanks and high praises for the SMA course. Not only did I find the two-day course very informative, but also the additional comments provided by my fellow students pertaining to shipping in general. For someone new in the industry, it was a very valuable learning experience.”*

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

This course will be especially valuable to professionals in the shipping business who are users of the maritime arbitration process. Attendees from shipowners, chartered vessel operators, maritime claims adjustors, insurers, traders and export/import companies should find the course an efficient way to gain an understanding of the current practices in New York maritime arbitration proceedings.

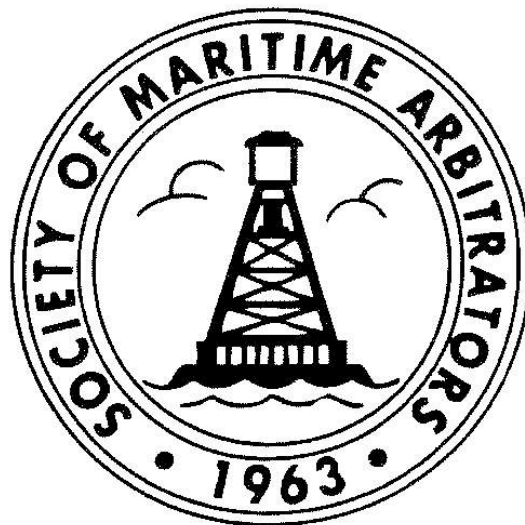
The course will also be uniquely beneficial to newly admitted maritime attorneys or lawyers with less than two years practice experience or those seeking a more comprehensive understanding of the process.

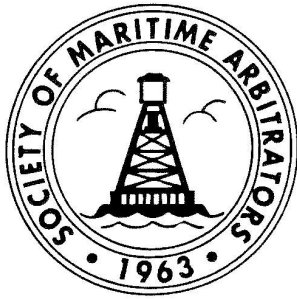
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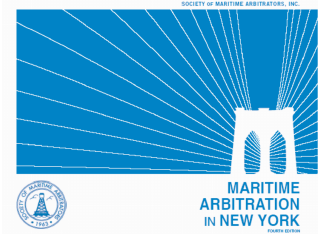
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Course registration fee: US\$900. The registration fee includes continental breakfast, morning coffee, and afternoon coffee each day as well as all papers presented. There are numerous Seaport District restaurants for lunch. Please call Mr. Klaus C.J. Mordhorst (973-492-9472; email: klausm@lefflerchartering.com) with any course or registration questions. Continental breakfast will be available each morning followed by course work at 0900, lunch at 1200 and the afternoon session concluding at 1700.

Make check payable to the Society of Maritime Arbitrators, Inc. and mail together with the registration form to the SMA (address below.)

Hotel rooms are available at the Best Western. Please call the hotel front desk and mention the SMA for full details and room prices. The telephone number is 212-766-6600 fax: 212-766-6615.

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