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#### **International Law Section News and Calendar of Upcoming Events.....**

- Executive Committee meeting: Tuesday January 13, 2015 at 6pm at LACBA offices.
- Past Chair Mixer at Arent Fox LLP, 555 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 48<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90013 on January 15, 2015 at 6pm. RSVP to [ismael.bautista@arentfox.com](mailto:ismael.bautista@arentfox.com).
- Consul General Luncheon, Sponsored by the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation and LACBA, will take place on January 26, 2015. Specific time and location to be determined.
- All-Day Event with the Port of Los Angeles, LACBA, and Japanese and Philippines Bar Associations. The event will take place at the LA Law Library, on January 23, 2015. Further details are forthcoming.
- Third Bi-Annual Legal Ports Conference, March 19, 2015 – 8am-6pm at Cal State University (details forthcoming). Chairing this event is the ILS Chair, David Griffith.

#### **Past Events.....**

- **ILS Holiday Party**

On Thursday December 11, 2014, ILS hosted a Holiday party. The event had a great turn out and was a great chance for members to get to know each other.

- **Past Chair Lecture Series:**



Malcolm McNeil

Former Chair Malcolm McNeil’s presentation was titled “Developing Your International Law Practice.” Mr. McNeil is a partner at the Los Angeles office of Arent Fox, where his practice is focused on litigation, business and transactional matters involving international clients. He has approximately 30 years of litigation and commercial experience in a wide variety of matters, for a wide variety of businesses including those in the venture capital formation, retail, textile, manufacturing, import/export, real estate investment, aviation and publishing industries.

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Mr. McNeil is involved in a great number of international organizations aside from LACBA's International Law Society. He currently serves as the vice Chair of the China Committee of the ABA's Section on International Law. In the past he served as president of the International Association of Young Lawyers.



Jeff Daar

Former Chair Jeff Daar gave a presentation on attorney client privilege in cross border transaction issues. Mr. Daar is a principal at the law firm of Daar & Newman, where his practice includes complex litigation, dispute resolution, and international transactions and disputes. He has extensive background in cross-border litigation, arbitration and transactions, class actions, insurance, products liability, consumer litigation, unfair competition, appellate work, private post-secondary schools and colleges, and intellectual property. His close relationships with lawyers throughout Europe, Latin America and Asia allow him to develop international legal teams to handle international business transactions and disputes.

Mr. Daar has been involved in the leadership of a number of organizations, including the LACBA International Law Section, the State Bar's Social Media Task Force, and the International Affairs Committee of the Valley Industry & Commerce Association. He is an internationally recognized speaker and writer on international law issues, and has also served as City Commissioner for two mayors of the City of Los Angeles. He is currently serving as Chairperson of the City of Los Angeles Rent Adjustment Commission, and the City of Los Angeles Municipal Election Reform Commission.

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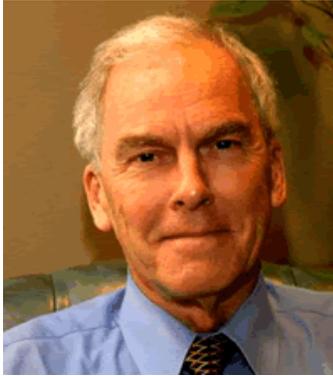
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Fred Hill

Mauricio Leon de la Barra and Fred Hill spoke about doing business with Mexico on September 9, 2014. Mauricio Leon de la Barra is a Partner at Martin-Sanchez & Leon de la Barra, LLP. Mr. Leon de la Barra is an international law attorney, licensed to practice in both Mexico and California. For over 15 years, Mr. Leon de la Barra has been representing clients in cross-border business and real estate transactions and litigation, where he has dealt with international law, Mexican law, and US law. Mr. Leon de la Barra has worked at firms in both Mexico City and Los Angeles.

Mr. Fred Hill is a Partner at the law firm of Overton, Lyman & Prince, LLP, where his practice includes business and corporate law, including banking, corporate organization and compliance, commercial law and secured transactions, estate, employment and contract law. He has also served as outside general counsel for numerous local and foreign banks, and small to medium size corporate and other business entities. He advises a number of clients with businesses located abroad, including in Mexico and Japan.



Constance Kim

Former Chair Constance Kim spoke about International Arbitration, on November 11, 2014. Ms. Kim serves as Counsel for the international law firm Connon Woods LLP, where her practice is

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focused on litigation and alternative dispute resolution in the realms of business, employment, and intellectual property. She litigates in various forums and jurisdictions throughout the United States.



Nick Connon

Former Chair Nick Connon will be speaking at the upcoming January 13, 2015 meeting. Mr. Connon is the managing partner for the firm Connon Wood LLP, where he represents multinationals, major corporations and businesses, partnerships and executives in a wide variety of industries. His practice is focused on litigation in arbitral, judicial and governmental forums and jurisdictions throughout the United States and worldwide. He is currently the Chair of Connon Wood's Middle East Practice Group, and he regularly travels to the Middle East and Europe to assist international clients.

- **Conference on International Wine Law, November 20, 2014**





### Special Thanks to Myanna Dellinger



The International Law Section would like to extend its gratitude to Myanna Dellinger for organizing the highly successful Wine Law Conference. Myanna is the current program's chair. Myanna worked tirelessly this year to organize the event from start to finish.

Myanna is an associate professor and Director of the Institute for Global Law and Policy at Western State College of Law. With extensive experience clerking for judges on the federal bench as well as a diversity of teaching experience, Professor Dellinger, maintains a lively publishing and blogging dialogue on international and environmental issues.

After a successful first career in international communications and university instruction on two continents, Professor Dellinger graduated from law school at the top of her class. While in law school, she interned for the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change,



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externed for the Honorable S. James Otero of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, and helped several law professors write law review articles and a textbook. After law school, she clerked for the late Hon. Francis J. D'Eramo of the Superior Court of the United States Virgin Islands and for the Hon. Procter Hug, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She taught law for a year for Whittier Law School before accepting her current position with Western State College of Law.

### Writing Opportunity.....

The *International Law Journal*, our annual publication, is seeking contributors. This year's theme is International Wine/ Spirits law. We are seeking a wide range of articles and encourage all interested authors to contact Stephanie Macuiba, [smacuiba@la-lawcenter.com](mailto:smacuiba@la-lawcenter.com), or Phaedra Polychronis, [Phaedra.polychronis@gmail.com](mailto:Phaedra.polychronis@gmail.com) for more information.

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Contributes articles on international law practice and practitioners for International Law Section e-Newsletter. This is a great opportunity for attorney to develop their international law legal career to work directly with the leaders of international community and to "get published." Contact Stephanie Macuiba at [smacuiba@la-lawcenter.com](mailto:smacuiba@la-lawcenter.com), or Phaedra Polychronis at [Phaedra.polychronis@gmail.com](mailto:Phaedra.polychronis@gmail.com).

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