



The Society of Maritime Arbitrators is a professional non-profit organization that has achieved international recognition as a leading forum for the arbitration of maritime and commercial disputes. The mission of the SMA is to promulgate arbitration and mediation and to establish commercially effective legal procedures for Alternative Dispute Resolution. The SMA trains and provides the maritime industry with experienced commercial professionals who resolve disputes in an impartial, timely and cost-efficient manner.

**The SMA is pleased to announce the traditional yearly seminar:
MARITIME ARBITRATION IN NEW YORK
 Will take place as an ONLINE PROGRAM in 2021**

For 15 years the Society has offered the seminar “MARITIME ARBITRATION IN NEW YORK” as a traditional lecture program in a conference room setting. With the restrictions and concerns existing today, the program will move ONLINE in February and March 2021.

The program will consist of live video sessions with Professor Weiss and the SMA Education Committee. This seminar is offered to help further and promote the fair, just, ethical and cost effective resolution of charter party and other maritime disputes by arbitration in New York.

The traditional 12 hours of instruction will be offered over four consecutive Thursday interactive video sessions of 3 hours. Course materials will be distributed by internet. Schedule as follows:

ONLINE VIDEO SESSIONS	MEETING TIME
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25	1300 EST TO 1600 EST
THURSDAY MARCH 4	1300 EST TO 1600 EST
THURSDAY MARCH 11	1300 EST TO 1600 EST
THURSDAY MARCH 18	1300 EDT TO 1600 EDT

While past attendees have traveled to the seminar from South America, Africa, Canada, Europe and major maritime centers in the U.S., this new format makes that unnecessary, reducing travel expenses and time out of the office

The seminar will include topics essential to those involved in the arbitration process whether they are arbitrators, participating parties or attorneys. Topics include Arbitration Overview, Commencing the Arbitration, the Federal Arbitration Act (FAA) and SMA Rules, the Arbitration Award, Interim Awards, Final Awards, Majority Decisions, Dissenting Opinions, Confirmation, Vacatur and Enforcement of Awards, Panel Member 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, Laches, Time Bar, Defaults, Mediation and Consolidation of Arbitrations.

Jeffrey Weiss, Esq., Professor of Maritime Law at New York Maritime College, with 35 years of college and graduate-level teaching experience, will again be the lead instructor joined by members of the SMA Education Committee.

MARITIME PRACTICE

The Seminar will be appropriate for both newly-admitted attorneys and experienced attorneys as well.

SEMINAR 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 gratifying to sit with such informed, interested and experienced fellow students...”*
- *I would also like to express my thanks and high praises to the SMA. Not only did I find the two day course very informative, but the additional comments provided by my fellow students...were very helpful in regards...to shipping in general. For someone new in the industry, it was a very valuable learning experience.”*

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

This seminar will be especially valuable to business professionals who are users of the arbitration process from issues arising under their company’s contracts and charter parties. Attendees from shipowners, charterers, vessel operators, maritime claims adjusters, salvors, ship brokers, oil and chemical companies, insurers, traders and export/import companies should find the seminar an efficient way to gain an understanding of the current practices in New York maritime arbitration proceedings. In 2020 there were more than 200 arbitrator appointments reported to the SMA.

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

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Registration will be limited to 24 attendees and must be completed by **Friday, February 12, 2020**

**MARITIME ARBITRATION IN NEW YORK
SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM**

Name:
Title:
Company:
Address:
Email:
Telephone:

Seminar registration fee: US \$1,175. The registration fee includes seminar materials to be provided by email.

Please email your completed registration form to SMA Office Manager, Patricia Leahy at pleahy@smayn.org. You may use a U.S. bank check., PayPal or wire transfer for payment. **All payments must be received before February 12, 2021.** If paying by check, make check payable to the **Society of Maritime Arbitrators, Inc.** and mail your check, together with a copy of your completed registration form, to the SMA address below. If paying by wire or PayPal, contact Patricia Leahy for payment details and wire fees.

Registration is not complete until payment is received.

No refunds will be made for cancellation requests received after February 12, 2021.

Any other cancellation requests will be considered on a case by case basis.

Contact Dr. Austin Dooley at 718-885-0962 or dseawx@ix.netcom.com with seminar or registration questions.

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