

FALL 2021 SESSION OF THE SMA SEMINAR: MARITIME ARBITRATION IN NEW YORK

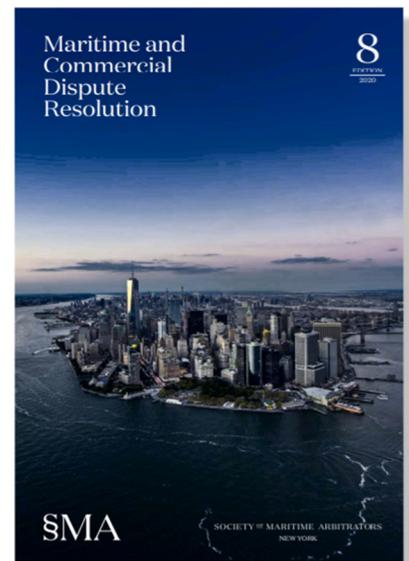
Will take place as an ONLINE PROGRAM in

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2021

THE SMA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE SEMINAR
PROVIDES 12 HOURS OF CLE
THROUGH THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION



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 Maritime Law Association of the United States (“MLAUS”), is an accredited New York provider of Continuing Legal Education (“CLE”) and is a co-sponsor of the 2021 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 New York CLE credits in “Areas of Professional Practice.”

Attorneys admitted in a state other than New York may be entitled to CLE credits for attending the program and should consult with their state’s CLE authorities.

For attendance verification, the instructor will announce CLE codes during each zoom meeting for attendees to include in their attorney affirmations.

CLE financial assistance is available for MLAUS members and New York attorneys whose annual income falls within the current guidelines. Financial aid is applicable to registration fees; however, it does not apply to expenses for transportation, meals, or accommodations. Applications for financial aid should be submitted no later than October 1st to the MLAUS CLE Committee Chair, Imran O. Shaukat, who may be contacted for further information at 410.576.4756 or ishaukat@semmes.com.

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THE SEMINAR PROGRAM:

For 15 years the Society offered the seminar “MARITIME ARBITRATION IN NEW YORK” as a traditional lecture program in a conference room setting. The covid restrictions caused the program to move ONLINE in February and March 2021. The SMA is now offering a second 2021 session.

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 on the four Fridays shown below (note – no meeting on November 5th). The meetings will consist of interactive video sessions of 3 hours. Course materials will be distributed by internet in advance of each meeting. Schedule as follows:

ONLINE VIDEO SESSIONS	MEETING TIME
FRIDAY OCTOBER 22	1300 EST TO 1600 EST
FRIDAY OCTOBER 29	1300 EST TO 1600 EST
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12	1300 EST TO 1600 EST
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19	1300 EDT TO 1600 EDT

The seminar was last conducted online in February and March 2021 with great success. There were attendees with logins from Europe, Central America, the West Coast, Texas, Louisiana, Florida and the NY area. While past attendees have traveled to the seminar from South America, Africa, Canada, Europe and major maritime centers in the U.S., the online format makes that unnecessary, reducing travel expenses and time out of the office. In addition, an online library of reference material is made available to attendees as well as meeting outlines in advance of each session.

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.

SEMINAR COMMENTS FROM PREVIOUS ATTENDEES:

- *“The presentations as well as the printed materials 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.”*
- *“I would also like to express my thanks and high praises to the SMA. Not only did I find the ... 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.

Registration will be limited to 24 attendees and must be completed by **Friday, October 15, 2021**

<h2>MARITIME ARBITRATION IN NEW YORK SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM</h2>

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@smay.org. You may use a U.S. bank check., PayPal or wire transfer for payment. **All payments must be received before October 15, 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 October 19, 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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