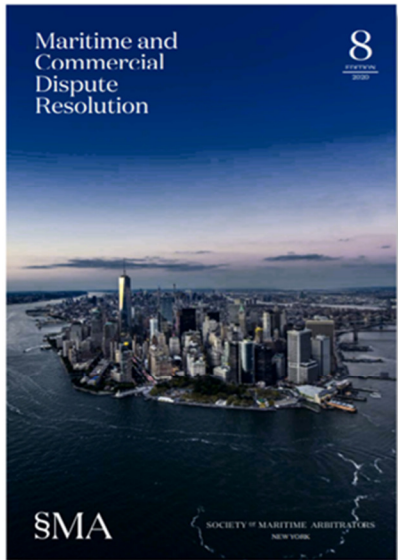


2025 - SMA SEMINAR: MARITIME ARBITRATION IN NEW YORK

Will take place as an ONLINE PROGRAM in January/February 2025



SMA

SOCIETY OF MARITIME ARBITRATORS

New York based SMA, a professional non-profit organization, is an internationally recognized leading forum for the arbitration and mediation of maritime and commercial disputes. The mission of the SMA is 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 SEMINAR PROGRAM:

The SMA will offer its online comprehensive seminar on “Maritime Arbitration in New York” in Jan/Feb 2025. Dates and meeting times are:

ONLINE VIDEO SESSIONS	MEETING TIME
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31	1300 EST TO 1600 EST
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7	1300 EST TO 1600 EST
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12	1300 EST TO 1600 EST
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28	1300 EST TO 1600 EST

The seminar program is offered to further and promote the fair, just, ethical and cost effective resolution of charter party, bill of lading, and other maritime and commercial disputes by arbitration in New York. Jeffrey Weiss, Esq., Professor of Maritime Law at New York Maritime College, with 40 years of college and graduate-level teaching experience, will be the lead instructor.

The seminar covers subjects 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, Partial Final 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.

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 2025 SMA Arbitration Seminar for purposes of CLE credits.

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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. 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 January 1, 2025 to the MLAUS CLE Committee Chair, Imran O. Shaukat, Esq. who may be contacted for further information at Mills Black LLP, telephone (410)707-2540 and email ishaukat@millsblack.com.

THE MEETINGS

The program will consist of four interactive video sessions (via Zoom) of 3 hours with Professor Weiss and the SMA Education Committee. The 12 hours of instruction will be offered on three Fridays and a Wednesday starting January 31, 2025. Course materials and outlines will be distributed by internet in advance of each meeting. As part of the program, attendees have access to an online library of reference material.

The 2021-2024 seminars were held online with great success. In those seminars, participants logged in from Europe, Central America and the East, West and Gulf coasts of the United States. The online format made travel costs and time away from the office unnecessary.

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 aspiring to have a fuller understanding of the arbitration process for issues arising from charter parties and other types of maritime contracts containing an arbitration clause. 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.

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 is limited to 24 attendees and must be completed by **Wednesday, January 29, 2025.**

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

Name:
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Seminar registration fee: US \$1,290. 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@smmany.org. You may use a U.S. bank check, PayPal or wire transfer for payment.

All payments must be received before January 29, 2025.

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.

Also, please notify the SMA by email. If paying by wire or PayPal, contact Patricia Leahy for payment details and credit card or wire fees. Registration is not complete until payment is received. No refunds will be made for cancellation requests received after January 30, 2025. 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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