

State Department Advisory Committee on Private International Law  
Annual Plenary Meeting  
October 11-12, 2012  
The George Washington University Law School  
Michael K. Young Faculty Conference Center, 5th Floor  
2000 H Street, NW, Washington, DC

**DRAFT** AGENDA

Thursday, October 11

9:00 am Registration

9:30 am Welcome - Associate Dean Susan Karamanian  
Administrative announcements  
Introduction of participants

10:00 am Dean Paul Berman  
Principal Deputy Legal Adviser Mary McLeod

10:30 am Current family law agenda, including (1) recognition and enforcement of civil protection orders; (2) recognition and enforcement of voluntary family law agreements; and (3) status of the wills and trusts conventions.

Moderator: Mike Coffee

Noon Luncheon provided

12:15 pm Guest speaker (to be identified)

1:00 pm Federalism and implementation of the Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements: Is there a way forward?

Moderator: Keith Loken

2:30 pm International contracting -- (1) Should the United States withdraw its declaration under Article 95 of the CISG; (2) Swiss proposal for a project in UNCITRAL on harmonization of international contract law.

Moderators: Tim Schnabel, Hal Burman

4:00 pm

Developments in the Hague Conference on Private International Law, the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), the Organization of American States (OAS), and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

Moderators: Keith Loken, Hal Burman, Mike Dennis

Friday, October 12

9:00 am

Agricultural finance and food security initiative in UNIDROIT: contract farming, access to credit, farming cooperatives.

Moderator: Tim Schnabel

10:30 am

Presentation by Luis Guillermo Vélez, Superintendent of Corporations of the Government of Colombia, on Private International Law Initiatives: the Colombian experience.

11:00 am

Microfinance; simplified incorporation and other initiatives to promote growth of microenterprises and SMEs - UNCITRAL and OAS.

Moderator: Mike Dennis

12:30 pm

Snacks provided

Update on other current work in L/PIL; possible future work in PIL organizations; suggestions for new topics.

2:00 pm (latest)

Summation and closing

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