



Hot Topics in International Law
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Moderator:

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Speakers:

Samar Ali, Bone McAllester Norton PLLC

Wally Dietz, Bass Berry & Sims PLC

Jaime Barwig, Bass Berry & Sims PLC

Mohammad Syed, Syed Law Firm, PLLC

Agenda

11:30am – 12:00pm

Registration

12:00pm – 2:00pm

How to Navigate Privacy and Data Issues in Foreign Jurisdictions

Wally Dietz & Jaime Barwig will address how to navigate privacy and data issues in foreign jurisdictions. How do U.S. attorneys begin doing work for clients in foreign countries without creating legal issues for the client or even landing in jail? Before moving into a foreign country for any type of legal work, whether investigations, litigation, or cross-border transactions, U.S. attorneys must first be cognizant of the legal landscape in that jurisdiction regarding privacy and data laws. What attorneys in the U.S. do by routine or habit could run afoul of foreign legal restrictions and create new legal problems for the attorney and the client. In particular, this session will focus on privacy and data issues in the European Union, mainland China, and Brazil.

Cross-Jurisdictional Issues

Samar Ali will address the cross-jurisdictional issues that come into play when working with clients doing business internationally. She will focus on such questions as when to allow your clients contracts to be governed under English law, New York law or Tennessee Law; when to rely heavily on Alternative Dispute Resolution language; when it is necessary to set up a subsidiary; and what types of tax law issues need to be considered in such transactions. She will also provide a risk assessment strategy that you can use for clients doing work in South America, Europe, Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

Advising Foreign Businesses and Entrepreneurs with Start Up and Operations in the USA

Mohammad Syed will address advising foreign businesses and entrepreneurs with start up and operations in the USA, with a focus on business law and immigration matters. Topics covered will be drafting adequate business plans

for L (intracompany transfer) and E (treaty trader/investor) visas, choice of entity and formation issues, and cultural issues in advising foreign nationals doing business in the USA.