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DAY 1 TUESDAY, JUNE 16

08.30

REGISTRATION - WELCOME COFFEE

09.00

WELCOME REMARKS

Introduction: LINDA STRITE MURNANE, *Vice Chair, ABA Judicial Division, Member of the US Lawyers Abroad Committee of the ABA Section of International Law*

LAURENCE P. WIENER, *Attorney at Law, Wiener Soto Caparrós*

MARCELO BOMBAU, *Chair, American Bar Association Section of International Law*

Introduction: ELIAS SPIRTOUNIAS, *Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce*

SIMOS ANASTASOPOULOS, *President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce*

09.30

OPENING WELCOME ADDRESS

PANAGIOTIS PIKRAMMENOS, *Former Prime Minister, Honorable President of the Council of State*

09.45

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

MYRON T. STEELE, *Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware*

10.15

INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATIONS

This is a presentation to review the extensive international institutional, press, business, academic, rankings, ratings and related criticisms and observations. This panel will survey worldwide and international criticism. Is it valid? Does the data within Greece (cases pending, backlogs, regulatory obstacles) and outside Greece support the criticism?

Speakers: MARCELO BOMBAU, *Chair, American Bar Association Section of International Law*

SPYROS SAGIAS, *Secretary General of the Greek Government*

DIMITRIS TSIBANOULIS, *Managing Partner, Tsibanoulis & Partners Law Firm*

PANOS ALEXANDRIS, *Partner, Kyriakides Georgopoulos Law Firm*

Moderator: NIKOS ALIVIZATOS, *Professor of Constitutional Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*

11.15

COFFEE BREAK

11.45

GREEK GOVERNMENT REFORMS

Corruption overregulation, judicial backlogs, lack of transparency, protectionism and economic crimes are key to Rule of Law. This panel will address the legal reforms being implemented in the Greek system.

Speakers: JUDGE PANAGIOTIS LYMPEROPOULOS, *Athens Court of Appeal*

ANTONIS MANITAKIS, *Professor of Constitutional Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*

NICOLAS KANELLOPOULOS, *President, Institute of Justice and Growth-EPLO*

VASSILIS ANTONIADES, *Partner & Managing Director, The Boston Consulting Group*

Moderator: YANOS GRAMATIDIS, *Managing Partner, Bahas Gramatidis & Partners, Honorary President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce*

13.00

COCKTAIL LUNCH

14.00

ROLE OF LAWYERS AND JUDGES

The role and contribution of Lawyers and Judges in the Greek legal system in comparison to the US.

Speakers: JUDGE ATHANASSIOS RANTOS, *Vice President, The Council of State*

JUDGE DELISSA RIDGWAY, *United States Court of International Trade*

JUDGE CHARALAMBOS MACHERAS, *First Civil and Commercial Chamber, Supreme Court of Greece*

NIKOLAOS PANOU, *Senior Partner, N. Panou & Associates Law Firm*

Moderator: JOHN DRYLLERAKIS, *Chairman, Hellenic Association of Law Firms*

15.00

CONCLUDING REMARKS**ABA CLE**

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DAY 2 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

09.00

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESSVASSILIS ALEXANDRIS, *President, Athens Bar Association*

09.30

LITIGATION IN US, GREECE AND EU COURT ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

A side by side procedural and practical analysis of the litigation of US vs Greek case starting from filing a Complaint to the last appeal - stressing deadlines/timelines and stages at which a case can be disposed and stressing major differences in codes of civil procedure. A comparative analysis of the two legal systems court organization and structure - focusing on dealing with backlogs, case managements, early resolution, arbitration, mediation, justice.

Speakers: DANIEL HALL, *Vice President of the Court Consulting Services Division, National Center for State Courts*
 JOHN KYRIAKIDES, *Partner, Kyriakides Georgopoulos Law Firm*
 LAMBROS KOTSIRIS, *Professor Emeritus of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Member of the Greek Academy*
 GEORGE KOUNOUPIS, *Attorney at Law, Hahalis & Kounoupis, P.C.*

Moderator: GEORGE TSOUGARAKIS, *Partner, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP*

11.00

COFFEE BREAK

11.30

RULE OF LAW AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL SYSTEM BEST PRACTICES

This panel will discuss what is the Rule of Law and what are the best practices. The panel discussion will include, among other topics: World Justice Project, Rule of Law Index, OECD, WTO, World Bank, UN (including guiding principles on human rights, UNCITRAL, UN Centre on Transnational Corporations, EU (anti-corruption guides, etc), Transparency International, Greece.

Speakers: GEORGE GERAPETRITIS, *Associate Professor of Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law, University of Athens*
 HERMANN KNOTT, *Partner, Luther Law Firm mbH*
 PAULETTE BROWN, *President-Elect, American Bar Association*

Moderator: BEATRICE RACCANELLO, LL.M., *Assistant Director, Graduate and International Programs, Temple University Beasley School of Law*

12.30

COCKTAIL LUNCH**Welcome Remarks**

PAULETTE BROWN, *President-Elect, American Bar Association*

13.45

PRIVATE EQUITY, VENTURE CAPITAL, CROSS-BORDER INVESTOR AND PORTFOLIO COMPANY RISKS AND CHALLENGES IN THE US, GREECE AND THE EU

A candid and practical discussion by experienced private equity fund and venture capital legal advisors and experts on the risks and fears in the Greek system. A discussion of relevant FCPA liability, transfer pricing, hiring, money laundry, bribery, fraud, investor protections, unique risks present in international investing. What is the structure of "architecture" of these companies and what types of risk exposures do they fear. How is Greece perceived and what are the perceived risks in Greece which serve as a disincentive for such investment.

Speakers: NICHOLAS PAPANOLITIS, *Partner, Papanolitis & Papanolitis*
 Dr. JOHN HOWARD, *President, Electromagnetic Technologies Industries, Inc.*
 LOUKAS PILITSIS, *Partner, Anchorstone Partners*
 DANA ANAGNOSTOU, *Partner, Kramer Levin*

Moderator: MATTIA COLONNELLI DE GASPERIS, *Founder, Colonnelli de Gasperis Studio Legale*

15.00

COFFEE BREAK

15.15

BUSINESS FORMATION, START-UP, OPERATION AND REGULATION

A comparative analysis of how a US Corporation, LLC (other business forms) is formed (from Docketing Statement to Articles of Incorporation, ByLaws), Tax Registration (EIN) raising capital and securities registrations, ongoing regulation and filings - focusing on length of time, expense, regulatory or filing burden vs Greece (taking into account EU regulation where applicable). A comparison of US Federal, State and County government assistance, start-up centers, incubation programs and business growth and development assistance vs Greece programs.

Speakers: MYRON T. STEELE, *Former Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court*
 JOHN STRATAKIS, *Managing Partner, Poles, Tublin, Stratakis & Gonzalez LLP*
 JOHN APSOURIS, *Group General Counsel, Hellenic Petroleum S.A.*
 APHRODITE BOUIKIDIS, *Founder and co-Director, Ashoka Greece*

Moderator: GISÉLE ROSSELLE, *Partner, Strelia Law Firm, Brussels*

16.45

CONCLUDING REMARKS

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