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Deep Dive into the Metaverse and Web3: The First Global Law Symposium

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This program is transitional and is suitable for all attorneys including those newly admitted

Thursday, April 27, 2023

8:00 p.m. | Welcome Dinner for Speakers

Friday, April 28, 2023

12:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. | CLE Program

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Reception | Nixon Peabody LLP

Saturday, April 29, 2023

9:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. | CLE Program

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. | Closing Reception | Bryant Park Hotel | Celon Lounge

This program will explore the global nature of Web3, the Metaverse and Digital Assets in the law. It will highlight discussions on the regulatory and legislative landscape in this space in New York, the United States and the across the world. This event will delve into multiple practice areas and discuss the impact that Web 3, the Metaverse and Digital Assets are having on the how lawyers represent clients and the ever-developing new legal issues presented by this new use of technology. The event will feature discussions on hot topics in the Web3 and Metaverse.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Welcome Dinner for Speakers

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Registration

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Opening Remarks

Hon. Vsevolod Kniaziev, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Ukraine)

1:15 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION

Fireside Chat: A View from the Bench and National Leaders in the Field

This discussion will explore the current issues being presented in the courts and the legal communities around the world in the Web3 space.

Panel Chair:

Sherry Levin Wallach, President, New York State Bar Association

Speakers:

Matthew Kimber, Law Commission, UK

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AGENDA

2:05 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Break

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Understanding the Impact of Web3/Metaverse/Digital Assets and Currency on Legal Practice Areas Around the World – Part 1

Panel & Breakout Chairs:

Matthew H. Feinberg, Esq., New York

Pablo E. Segarra, Esq. Segarra Consulting, Dominican Republic

Breakout 1	Breakout 2	Breakout 3
<p>Does Your Client’s Art Pose a Trademark or Copyright Issue?</p> <p>When faced with digital art created by or purchased by a client, an attorney needs to understand if the digital artwork possesses a trademark or copyright concern.</p> <p>Moderator: Pablo E. Segarra, Esq. Segarra Consulting, Dominican Republic</p> <p>Speakers: Eliana A. Torres, Esq., Associate, Nixon Peabody LLP, New York Professor Christopher Sprigman, NYU School of Law, New York <i>1.0 Credit in Areas of Professional Practice</i></p>	<p>Is It True? You Can Own Real Estate in an NFT?</p> <p>Ownership of real property is being conveyed via the blockchain and owned by multiple parties digitally. What legal issues are implicated by this form of ownership and what advice do lawyers need to provide their clients in selling, buying and owning real property in this manner.</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. David Reiss, Brooklyn Law School</p> <p>Speakers: Daniel N. Budofsky, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, New York Jared Wachtler, Sheppard Mullin, New York <i>1.0 Credit in Areas of Professional Practice</i></p>	<p>What To Do When Your Client Receives Digital Assets During a Divorce and/or as part of an Inheritance? A Family Law and Trust & Estates Update</p> <p>The panelists will educate the attendees on some issues that might arise in the areas of family law and trust & estates when digital assets are part of a divorce and/or part of estate planning.</p> <p>Moderator: Matthew H. Feinberg, Esq., New York</p> <p>Speakers: Nicholas G. Himonidis, JD, CFE, CCFS, CCFI, CRC, President, The NGH Group, Inc. Jennifer V. Abelaj, Esq., CPA, Principal at Jennifer V. Abelaj Law Firm, New York Katharine Bundell, 4pb, London <i>1.0 Credit in Areas of Professional Practice</i></p>

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Understanding the Impact of Web3/Metaverse/Digital Assets and Currency on Legal Practice Areas Around the World – Part 2

Panel & Breakout Chairs:

Matthew H. Feinberg, Esq., New York

Pablo E. Segarra, Esq., Segarra Consulting, Dominican Republic

Breakout 4

Smart Contracts: What are They and What Attorneys Need to Know

The panelists will discuss smart contracts and their applicability to the practice of law.

Moderator:

Pablo E. Segarra, Esq. Segarra Consulting,
Dominican Republic

Speakers:

Maria Londono, GC at Klym /Co-founder Disrupt3rs
Inc., Los Angeles

Michael Kanovitz, Partner, Loevy & Loevy, Chicago,
CEO Jurat

Shobaná Iyer, Barrister FCiarb
BSc. LLB. LLM, Swan Chambers
Strand, London

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Breakout 5

Update: What Lawyers Need to Know about Tax Treatment of Digital Currency

Taxation of digital assets and property creates its own set of concerns and questions that still need to be answered.

Moderator:

Matthew H. Feinberg, Esq., New York

Speakers:

Jason Schwartz, Partner, Fried Frank, Harris, Shriver
& Jacobson LLP, Washington D.C.

Roger Brown, Global Head, Tax Strategy, Chainalysis

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AGENDA

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION 1

How Cities Across the World Are Using the Metaverse

This session will host a discussion about how cities around the US and the world are using Web3 & Metaverse Technology to create models to provide access to information about the city and to experiences around the city via the blockchain.

Panel Chairs:

Prof. Marc Beckman, DMA United, Founder/President, NYU

Prof. Elizabeth Haas, NYU School of Professional Studies/Metaverse Collaborative, NYC

Speakers:

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Prof. Elizabeth Haas, NYU School of Professional Studies/Metaverse Collaborative, NYC

Ernest Chrappah, Director, Washington D.C., Department of Buildings

Michael Clare, Head of Digital Assets and Fintech Operations at Liongate Bahamas Ltd. and Founder of One X Solutions

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6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Reception | Nixon Peabody LLP | 55 W 46th Street, Tower 46, New York, NY

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Dinner | TBD

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Registration | NYU Garage

Registrants are encouraged to arrive early and experience the Metaverse in the NYU Garage.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

PLENARY SESSION

Cross-Border Regulatory and Legislative Analysis

This session will host an international panel discussing the most important regulatory developments concerning digital assets in key jurisdictions.

Panel Chairs:

Kimberly A. Prior, Partner, Winston & Strawn LLP, Miami, FL

Daniel Tramel Stabile, Partner, Winston & Strawn LLP, Miami, FL

Speakers:

Arturo H. Banegas Masia, Partner, Akerman LLP, New York

Daniel Stabile, Winston & Strawn LLP, Miami, FL

Marc Gallardo, President, Technologies and Communication Law Section, Barcelona

Michael Clare, Head of Digital Assets and Fintech Operations at Liongate Bahamas Ltd. and Founder of One X Solutions

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10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout 6

Challenges of Representing Web3 Companies

This fireside chat will explore the unique challenges for in-house and external counsel advising clients in the rapidly-evolving Web3 legal and regulatory landscape.

Speakers:

Marcos Rocha, Partner, Veirano Advogados, Brazil

Kimberly Prior, Winston & Strawn LLP, Miami, FL

Yamina Sara Chekroun, US General Counsel for Ramp

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Breakout 7

Developing Issues in Litigation & Insolvency in the Web3

The panel will discuss the most significant disputes and insolvency proceedings in the digital asset space, and their impact on Web3.

Speakers:

George Mastoris, Winston & Strawn LLP, New York, NY

Moish Peltz, Falcon Rappaport & Berkman LLP, Long Island, NY

Shardul Desai, Partner, Holland & Knight LLP, Washington, D.C.

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11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Break

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION 1

Web3 Issues Arising in Dispute Resolution & Mediation

Exploring conflict resolution in Web3 and AI and how disputes will be resolved. How will smart contracts and block chain technology impact dispute resolution. Will AI radically alter or replace lawyers. Will alternative dispute resolution and mediation apply in this new and constantly evolving landscape.

- 5 reasons dispute resolution is critical for blockchain's growth
- Arbitration's critical role in resolving crypto disputes
- How new technologies benefit dispute resolution practices
- Decentralized justice systems ("on-chain arbitration")

Panel Chair:

Brandon Malone, Advocate, Barrister, Arbitrator, Quadrant Chambers, Edinburgh, Scotland

Speaker:

Ella Rosenberg, Consultant, AFIK & Co, Tel Aviv, Israel

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1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch Break | Lunch Sponsored by Drohan Lee LLP, New York, NY

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Pitfalls for Attorneys & Clients in the Operating in the Web3 Space: Part 2

Breakout 8

An Outlook on Criminal Activity and Representation in Web3 and the Metaverse: Money Laundering through Digital Assets, DLTs and more

This panel will discuss how illicit actors can engage in money laundering through the use of digital assets in Web3 and the Metaverse, which financial crimes regulations currently apply or what regulations are needed, and how can companies mitigate the risk.

Panel & Breakout Chair:

Yamicha Stephenson, Senior Manager, Regulatory & Legal Support, Deloitte Transactions and Business Analytics LLP, New York, NY

Speakers:

Meg Strickler, Conaway & Strickler, PC, Partner, Atlanta, GA

Neal H. Levin, Freeborn & Peters LLP, Chicago, IL

Rich Weber, Winston & Strawn, New York, NY

Robert Donovan, Managing Director, PwC, New York, NY

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Breakout 9

The Evolving Landscape and Issues in the Law Created by Web3 & the Metaverse: Privacy & Ethics

This panel will discuss how lawyers can prepare for business and industry changes like Web3, Metaverse, NFTs, Artificial Intelligence, and more. What skills are needed? What are the ethical requirements? What are the privacy concerns? What should lawyers be doing to stay informed? How can bar associations and other industry groups assist lawyers with this changing landscape?

Panel & Breakout Chair:

Speaker:

Jeremy Evans, President, California Lawyers Association, and Founder of California Sports Lawyer®, Los Angeles and Newport Beach, CA

Moderator:

Jeremy Evans, President, California Lawyers Association, and Founder of California Sports Lawyer®, Los Angeles and Newport Beach, CA

Speakers:

Steven M. Richman, Partner at Clark Hill, PLC, New York, NY

Justin M. Jacobson, Law Office of Justin M. Jacobson, Esq., New York, NY

Amanda Katzenstein, Product, Privacy and Web3 Attorney, Salesforce

1.0 Credits in Ethics

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION 2

Embracing & Understanding Web3: NFTs Are Here to Stay!

NFTs have revolutionized the ownership, collection and transferability of digital art and assets. The potential is limitless.

Speakers:

Zeynep Ekinci, Kabine Law Office, Istanbul, Turkey

A. F. David Steiner, Meister & Steiner PLLC, New York, NY

Oren Warshavsky, Partner, Baker Hostetler, New York, NY

1.0 Credit in Areas of Professional Practice

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Off-Site Closing Reception | Bryant Park Hotel Lounge – Celon Room | 25 W 40th St, New York, NY 10018

