A 1924 convention, the "Hague Rules", governing liability for loss and damage to cargo in international trade, is soon to be replaced. UNCITRAL (United Nations Commission on International Trade Law) recently completed work on the "Rotterdam Rules". This program will examine the six year negotiation process and implications for marine cargo interests and carriers. Attorneys who served on the U.S. UNCITRAL delegation from government and private practice will provide their insights into the intricate process of creating new international law, review the content and status of the Rotterdam Rules, discuss prospects for ratification, and examine the ramifications for U.S. ocean and intermodal commerce.

AGENDA

4:00-4:15 p.m. Welcome, Introduction and Overview of UNCITRAL
   Susan E. Farady, Director, Marine Affairs Institute
   William J. Coffey, Beaufort Maritime Group, LLC, Newport, RI

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   Vincent M. DeOrchis, DeOrchis & Partners, LLP, New York City, NY
   Chester D. Hooper, Holland & Knight, LLP, New York City, NY
   David T. Maloof, Maloof Browne & Eagan, LLC, Rye NY
   Jennifer Mehaffey, Liebman & Associates, Washington, DC & ‘07, Roger Williams University School of Law

5:15-5:30 p.m. Question and Answer with Panelists

5:30-6:30 p.m. Reception