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## **The Making of New International Maritime Law— UNCITRAL and the 2009 ROTTERDAM Rules**

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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

4:15-5:15 p.m. Panel Presentations on Process of Negotiating UNICTRAL and Anticipated Changes from Government and Industry Perspectives, Including Issues of Forum Selection, Volume Contracts, and Liability

Moderator: William J. Coffey

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

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

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