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Vanderbilt Hall
40 Washington Square South

Room 210 – Panel
5:00 – 6:00 pm

Reception – Greenberg Lounge
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Fernanda Absy – Siemens

Fernanda is an International Tax Attorney for Siemens international. Prior to joining Siemens, she was a tax advisor with KPMG in Brazil, with extensive experience in international tax issues. She received her LLM from **New York University School of Law** in 2009, and an LLB from Faculdades Integradas Curitiba in Brazil.

Ruben Almaraz – Gibson Dunn

Ruben Almaraz Bautista is an associate in the New York office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and member of Gibson Dunn's Energy and Infrastructure Practice Group. His practice focuses on project financing transactions both in the United States and internationally. Ruben has also experience on infrastructure development and strategic transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, spinoffs, divestitures and joint ventures, in the United States and in Latin America. Ruben received his LLM degree on International Business Transactions from **New York University School of Law** in 2014. He also received an LLB degree from ITESM Campus Ciudad de Mexico in 2005. During his time in Mexico Ruben worked as an associate at Lopez-Velarde, Heftye y Soria, S.C. in Mexico City, representing sponsors and lenders for the development, construction, financing and operation of energy projects, including renewable and conventional sources. Ruben is admitted to practice in the State of New York and in Mexico.

Andrés Arnaldos-Montaner – Milbank

Andrés Arnaldos Montaner is an associate in the New York office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy and a member of the firm's Project, Energy and Infrastructure Finance Group. Andrés has experience on cross-border and domestic project financings, and also advises domestic and international clients in a broad range of matters involving Latin America, including corporate and acquisition bank financings and debt restructurings, with a focus on the renewable energy and transportation sectors. Andrés is a native Spanish speaker. He received an LLM degree from **New York University School of Law**, a Law degree (*licenciado en Derecho*) from the Universidad de Murcia (Spain), and a Master's degree in European Studies from the College of Europe (Warsaw, Poland).

Giorgio Bovenzi – Dentons

Giorgio Bovenzi is a partner in Dentons' Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy practice. He has more than 20 years of experience in credit, banking, regulatory, derivatives, bankruptcy and cross-border insolvency law in multiple jurisdictions around the world. During the past 10 years, leveraging complementary experience in multijurisdictional credit and regulatory risk management as well as cross-border and international insolvency, Giorgio's practice has focused on advising global financial institutions and companies in connection with their cross-border financial transactions, the evaluation of their cross-border risk profiles and the identification and implementation of appropriate risk mitigation techniques. In his global credit risk management practice, Giorgio provides ongoing advice to financial institutions in their analysis of the cross-border legal validity and enforceability of a variety of financial products and structures within the institution's global businesses (for example, prime brokerage, over-the-counter derivatives, centrally cleared derivatives, securities lending, repos, asset custody) and on the structuring and development of new products for global markets, enabling banks to identify and mitigate credit risk and to benefit from more favorable treatments under bank regulatory capital rules (such as Basel III). This practice involves deep familiarity with credit risk mitigation techniques, such as close-out netting and financial collateral, and their enforceability in the United States and in foreign jurisdictions, as well as deep familiarity with the applicable foreign insolvency laws. In the course of this practice, Giorgio coordinates and seeks assistance from a network of country counsel from more than 90 jurisdictions worldwide on foreign banking, credit and insolvency matters.

In his cross-border and international insolvency practice, Giorgio represents foreign debtors in Chapter 15 or plenary insolvency matters or out-of-court restructurings. He also advises global financial institutions on credit risks related to the insolvency of foreign counterparties or to their foreign collateral. His work on international insolvency matters has received broad recognition and awards. In addition to his legal practice, Giorgio is also an adjunct professor at Fordham University School of Law. Giorgio received a LLM from **New York University School of Law** in 1995.

Luis Clouet – Clifford Chance

Luis Maria Clouet is a member of the firm's Americas Energy & Infrastructure Group based in New York, focusing on project finance and project bond transactions with a Latin American component. Prior to joining Clifford Chance, Luis acquired significant experience as an associate at Mitrani, Caballero, Ojam & Ruiz Moreno and Pérez Alati, Grondona, Benites, Arnsten & Martínez de Hoz Jr. in Argentina. At Mitrani, Luis advised Argentina's major multinational conglomerate, the Techint Group, in a variety of cross-border corporate transactions, including acquisition finance, asset finance and other commercial transactions. At Pérez Alati, Luis advised international and domestic clients engaged in renewable energy, electric power generation and oil & gas businesses. Luis obtained his LLM from **New York University Law School**, where he was a Hauser Scholar. Prior to that, he obtained a master degree in oil and gas law from the University of Buenos Aires, where he also obtained his law degree. Luis is a native Spanish speaker. He is admitted to practice in Argentina (2010) and is in the process of gaining admission to the New York Bar.

Timothy Coxon – Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

Timothy is an associate in the New York office focusing on Banking & Credit and Corporate practice. Timothy completed his law degree at the University of Leeds and his post graduate diploma at the College of Law, Chester. He received his LLM from **New York University School of Law** in 2014.

Joey De Girolamo – Kelley Drye & Warren

Joey De Girolamo is a tax associate in the firm's New York office. He has significant experience with respect to EU tax planning, cross-border reorganizations, state and local taxes, and VAT/indirect taxes. While practicing abroad in Europe, Joey litigated in Italian Courts, and within EU jurisdictions assisting clients in all phases of litigation, including planning of the case strategy, managing the litigation team, analysis of all documents and evidence. He also researched Italian and European legal cases, drafted and edited legal memoranda, pleadings, motions, and appeals before lower and higher courts. Joey received his LLM from **New York University School of Law** in 2015.

John Du – JunHe

John Du is a partner of JunHe. Mr. Du joined JunHe in 2001 and practices in our New York office. John focuses on US-China cross-border transactions, direct foreign investment in China, US business and corporate law, and commercial litigation. John has represented both Chinese companies involving with business in the US as well as US companies involved with business in China. John has participated in complex project financing involving China and international financial institutions and has provided legal advice for Chinese loan facilities applying New York law. He has also represented a number of US-based, global multinational companies in their investment and in the re-organization of their operations in China. John has extensive experience in representing high-tech companies in venture capital financing and in the protection of intellectual property. He has also successfully represented trading companies in trade litigations in both federal and state courts in New York. Prior to joining JunHe in December 2001, John engaged in a solo practice in Midtown Manhattan and counseled corporate and individual clients in the areas of corporate structure, business financing and protection of intellectual property. John started his legal career in 1994 as a law clerk for a New York-based, medium-size law firm specialized in entertainment law and commercial transactions. He worked full-time throughout the year and went to law school in the evening. He accumulated valuable hands-on experience in the areas of corporate organization and re-organization, copyright and trademark, as well as commercial litigation.

Alex Englander – New York State Bar Association

Tatiana Falcao – United Nations

Tatiana joined the UN Department of Economic & Social Affairs as an Economic Affairs officer in August 2016. Prior to joining the UN, she was a tax advisor in the London office of Ernst & Young and a research fellow for the IBFD in Amsterdam. She has extensive international tax advisory experience with leading Brazilian law firms, including Pinheiro Neto and Machado Associates. Tatiana received an LLM in International Taxation from **New York University School of Law**, as well as an LLM in Tax law from University of Cambridge in England. She completed doctoral level studies in taxation at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Her first law degree is from Universidade Cândido Mendes in Brazil.

Craig W. Fitch – Latham & Watkins

Craig Fitch is a member of the Finance Department and Banking Practice at Latham & Watkins. Craig's practice includes the representation of financial institutions and corporate borrowers in leveraged finance transactions. Prior to coming to Latham & Watkins, Craig received his LLM in Law and Entrepreneurship from Duke University School of Law and his JD from Washington University in St. Louis.

Isabel Gamboa Nosti – Sidley Austin

Isabel Gamboa Nosti focuses her practice on representing clients in all aspects of mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions. Prior to joining Sidley, Isabel practiced at another major law firm in Mexico, where she participated in numerous deals advising both foreign and domestic clients in mergers and acquisitions involving Mexican companies, joint ventures, as well as capital offerings in the Mexican Stock Exchange and other international markets. Isabel also assisted commercial entities with the day-to-day business matters and anti-money laundering regulatory matters. She has broad experience in the incorporation of commercial entities and the spin-off, dissolution and winding up of commercial entities. Isabel earned her LLM and Certificate in business administration from Northwestern University School of Law and Kellogg School of Management. In 2013, she received her law degree (Licenciada en Derecho) from Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico, where she graduated with honors (honorific mention).

Stephan Grynwajc – Law Office of S. Grynwajc

Stephan Grynwajc has his own law firm. His practice focuses on advising entrepreneurs, start-ups and small to medium-size companies from the technology sector in their operations between Europe, the United States, and Canada, with a particular focus on cyberlaw, internet law, computer, e-commerce, IP and IT law, as well as social media law, privacy and data security law, under French, English, US, and Canadian law. He is a graduate of the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne School of Law, the American University of Paris, and the **New York University School of Law**. He also holds a business degree from ESCP Europe, one of Europe's leading business schools. Stephan started his career as an M&A associate with the law firm of Shearman & Sterling in Paris, and as a Litigation associate with the law firm of Anderson, Kill & Olick in NY, before transitioning in 1997 to an in-house career and occupying a number of senior positions with US blue chip technology corporations, including Schlumberger, Intel and Symantec. He left Symantec in 2010 to set up his law practice. He is admitted as a lawyer in France, Canada, England and Wales, and the US (NY). A long-time bar association membership advocate, he is the current co-chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, as well as of the American Bar Association's Foreign Legal Consultant, International Corporate Counsel, Europe and Privacy, E-commerce, and Data Security Committees. His close connections to the European legal community have also led him to take on the role of US and Canada representative of the French Corporate Counsel Association (AFJE), and to act as an ABA Liaison to that organization. He is a frequent organizer and speaker at law school and bar association events on various issues of international as well as of foreign and comparative law. For more information on Stephan's practice, please visit his website at www.transatlantic-lawyer.com.

Yong Hao – JunHe

Alex is a resident partner at JunHe's New York office. Alex has been practicing law in New York since 2003, and joined JunHe in 2011 after eight years at two leading US law firms. Alex has significant experience in corporate, M&A, finance and FDI matters involving China. He also advises US clients on complying with China's rapidly developing laws in areas such as anti-bribery, anti-monopoly, labor and employment, and national security. In addition, Alex acts as

outside general counsel for many Chinese clients investing in the US and links them with US lawyers and other professionals. Alex frequently speaks at seminars and conferences in the US on China-related legal and business issues, and has been interviewed by CCTV, Phoenix TV, China Daily and other leading Chinese media.

Diego Harman – Clifford Chance

Diego Harman is a member of the firm's Americas Energy & Infrastructure Group based in New York. He focuses his practice on cross-border project finance, capital markets, banking & finance and public-private partnerships, with a special focus on project bonds, hybrid structures and issuances of asset-backed and future-flow backed securities. Prior to joining Clifford Chance he was a member of DLA Piper's New York Project Finance group and a senior associate at Rubio Leguia Normand in Peru. With 10 years of transactional experience, the deals in which he has worked have received several awards from Euromoney, IJ Global, IFLR, LatinLawyer, LatinFinance and Trade Finance, and he has been featured as a leading lawyer under the age of 40 by Revista Lawyer, a specialized Peruvian legal magazine. Diego obtained his law degree from the University of Lima (2007) and his LLM from **New York University Law School** (2013). He is a native Spanish speaker and has advanced professional proficiency of Portuguese.

Shreyas Jhaveri – Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson

Shreyas Jhaveri is an associate in Fried Frank's Corporate and Asset Management department. He joined the firm in 2014, after practicing at EY in New York for two years. Prior to coming to NYU, Shreyas worked an attorney with the investment funds and international tax practice at a prominent law firm in India. He received his LLB degree from the University of Mumbai, India in 2008 and received his LLM from **New York University School of Law** in 2012. He has several publications on varied international tax and legal issues.

Runjhun Kudaisya – Och Ziff Capital Management

Runjhun is Assistant General Counsel at Och Ziff Capital Management. Prior to joining Och Ziff, she worked in the Private Funds Group at Stroock & Stroock and Lavan in New York, where her practice covered the structuring and formation of various private equity funds, hedge funds and other pooled investment vehicles, and the provision of ongoing regulatory and compliance advice to such funds. Prior to joining Stroock, Runjhun was the Associate General Counsel at Aladdin Capital Holdings LLC, specializing in formation of hedge funds, private equity funds and managed accounts, developing certain firm-wide compliance policies and procedures, negotiating industry service-provider contracts, and advising on operational and corporate governance matters. She received her LLM from **New York University School of Law** and her LLB from Symbiosis Society's Law College in India.

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Francisco has advised Brazilian and foreign public and privately-held companies, financial institutions, and private equity funds in mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliances, corporate restructuring, private equity transactions, and infrastructure projects. Currently, Francisco is an international lawyer in Sidley's New York office and is in the Investment Funds, Advisers and Derivatives practice. Before starting his international lawyer program at Sidley, Francisco was a full associate at Lobo & de Rizzo Advogados, a high-end law firm in Brazil, where he acquired substantial experience in Brazilian and cross-border transactions, particularly in Latin America. Francisco earned his LLM in Corporation Law from the **New York University School of Law**.

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Rebeca Mosquera is an associate in Hughes Hubbard's Litigation and Arbitration Groups. She is dual-qualified attorney in the Republic of Panama and in New York and is fluent in Spanish. Rebeca represents US and international clients, including energy, maritime transportation, construction, and telecommunication services companies, in complex commercial disputes. Rebeca brings strong experience in the oil and gas industry stemming from her work with Royal Dutch Shell's Upstream-Americas segment. Her logistics, regulatory, and HSSE responsibilities included

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Beatriz Munozcano – Pernod Richard

In November 2013 Beatriz Munozcano joined Pernod Ricard's offices in New York, a French-based global leader in the wine and spirits industry. In her role as Regional Corporate and Compliance Counsel, Beatriz manages a broad range of key issues and transactions in over ten countries in the Latin America including advising commercial teams on business initiatives, drafting and negotiating commercial agreements, litigation, compliance, finance and corporate transactions. Before joining Pernod Ricard, Beatriz was a Corporate and Real Estate Associate at Hogan Lovells BSTL in its Mexico City office, where she advised clients on infrastructure and real estate investment projects and general corporate matters. Beatriz received her LLM from **New York University School of Law** in 2013 and a Commercial Law Graduate Degree and JD from Universidad Panamericana.

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Toren Murphy is an associate in the New York office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He is a member of Gibson Dunn's Latin America, Capital Markets, Energy and Infrastructure and Global Finance Practice Groups. Toren's practice focuses on infrastructure finance and financings in Latin America, with substantial experience in public-private partnerships, project procurement, construction contracts, project bonds and other capital markets offerings, bank lending, TIFIA loan financings, project finance, securitizations and other structured financings, as well as debt restructurings. He most frequently represents sponsors investing in concessions for infrastructure assets, especially toll roads, and financial institutions in a variety of financing transactions in Latin America. Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, Toren was an associate at Proskauer Rose and White & Case and also was seconded to Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch to provide internal legal coverage to the capital markets desks. Toren earned his Juris Doctor *magna cum laude* in 2007 from Syracuse University College of Law, where he served as an executive editor of the *Syracuse Law Review* and was selected to be a member of the Justinian Honorary Law Society and the Order of the Coif. He also earned a Master of Arts in international relations from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Toren is proficient in Spanish.

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Francisco R. Nuñez is an associate in the New York office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy and a member of the firm's Corporate Group. Francisco represents buyers, sellers, targets, investors, boards of directors, special committees and investment banks in connection with public and private mergers and acquisitions, private equity investments, joint-ventures and related transactions. Francisco has experience in domestic and cross-border transactions, including tender offers, exchange offers, competitive sale processes and hostile take overs. Francisco also has experience representing issuers and underwriters in a diverse range of securities offerings. Prior to joining Milbank, Francisco practiced at Davis Polk & Wardwell and at Boies, Schiller & Flexner. Francisco obtained his LLM degree from **New York University School of Law**, where he received the full-tuition, merit-based Arthur T. Vanderbilt scholarship, and obtained his Abogado degree from University of Buenos Aires School of Law, where he was appointed as *abanderado* for having the highest grade point average in his graduating class. Francisco is admitted to practice in the State of New York and in the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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Pallav Raghuvanshi focuses his practice on US and international tax matters in the context of corporate restructurings and cross-border mergers and acquisitions. He is experienced handling spin-off transactions for large multinational companies, various inbound and outbound transactions involving issues related to foreign tax credits, tax treaties, controlled foreign corporations, and other international reorganization issues. Pallav received a LLM from **New York University School of Law** in 2012.

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Lene Skou – Baruch College

Lene Skou is the Deputy Director of the Weissman Center for International Business at Baruch College, as well as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Baruch College. Lene has been a part of the center for 15 years. As the Deputy Director of the center, she runs the Mitsui Lunch Time Forum Series as well as the World Trade Week NYC event at Baruch. Her educational background includes having an LLM in International Legal Studies, and attending both the **NYU School of**

Law and the University Of Copenhagen School Of Law. Some of Lene's career highlights are her teaching experiences – in courses such as Intro to Public International Law and Intro to the Law of European Union. Before becoming the Deputy Director of the Center, Lene worked as a Manager of Communications, and as an Assistant Director at the New York School of Law as well as a Senior Trade Policy Analyst at The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, providing her with the expertise she has in her field.

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Pang Zhang-Whitaker – Dorsey & Whitney

Pang represents Fortune 500 companies, middle market enterprises and private equity firms in cross-border and domestic transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, securities and general commercial transactions. Pang not only handles transactions ranging from small-cap venture capital financings to multi-billion dollar acquisitions, but also guides clients on regular legal issues as their outside general counsel.

Pang regularly counsels domestic and international clients on a wide variety of legal matters, such as corporate finance, licensing, corporate governance and global compliance. She handles a variety of inbound and outbound matters involving China, where she assists US-based clients in legal matters related to their operations and dispute resolution in China, and supports Chinese companies in a wide variety of investment activities in the United States. She advised the Chinese National People's Congress in connection with the revision of Chinese Contract Law and advised the Chinese Ministry of Commerce on current developments in M&A in western countries. In addition to her corporate transactional work, Pang has also assisted global insurance companies and other institutions in overseeing and managing their litigation and dispute resolution matters in domestic and international

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Xiaolin Zhou is the managing partner of JunHe's New York office. He has 20 years of experience in government work and private practice. Xiaolin specializes in international business transactions and focuses on advising clients in doing business in China. His clients include many Fortune 500 industrial and business corporations, banks, insurance companies, foreign law firms and international organizations. He also regularly advises Chinese entities and individuals on doing business in the U.S. Prior to entering private practices, Xiaolin served for six years as the Head of International Law Division, Department of Treaty & Law in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. He also served as consultant to the Chinese Delegation to the UN General Assembly and Chinese delegate to the UN Legal Committee, Outer-space Legal Subcommittee and UN Charter Committee. He participated in numerous international negotiations and conferences and has experience in handling major judicial and arbitration cases involving Chinese governmental agencies and enterprises in foreign courts and arbitral tribunals. He received an LLM and SJD from Harvard University

Natasha Ziabkina – Luxoft USA

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