

Resolving Impact Investment Disputes - Current Practices and Future Opportunities

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Can impact investing reach scale if those engaging in impact investing don't trust or don't understand the existing legal ecosystem for managing and resolving disputes? Recent research suggests that current dispute resolution practices are shaping the way impact investment deals are managed and documented and may even be influencing whether certain impact investments are made.

Two opportunities to learn more about the current landscape of dispute resolution practices in impact investing:

- Table Talk: Dispute Resolution in Impact Investing: Findings and a Path Forward
- CLE Workshop: Resolving Impact Investment Disputes - Current Practices and Future Opportunities.

Table Talk



June 3, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Vanderbilt Hall 202

CLE Workshop



June 4, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Furman Hall, NYU School of Law

Respondents' Profile

- 21 completed questionnaires & 13 qualitative interviews
- Representing large total number of transactions and diversity of impact investment ecosystem
- Range of institutional profiles, including: impact fund managers, impact investment advisors, development finance institutions, academia, law firms

Why Does It Matter?

► Possible benefits of improved dispute resolution process

- Make formal dispute resolution **practically feasible and useful**
- **Reduce number of write-offs** of defaulting loans/investments
- Increase **willingness of lenders/investors to take on risk**

Get Involved in Improving Current Practices

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