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Inaugural IAPBL Distinguished Public Lecture

Settling Business Disputes with Chinese Entities: Seeking Truth from Facts

Professor Jerome A. Cohen New York University School of Law

March 15, 2007 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

This talk will consider a variety of issues relating to resolving business disputes with Chinese entities, including the following: Is it possible for foreign businesses to obtain fair and competent court decisions in China? Is arbitration before China's international or local arbitration commissions more promising? What about enforcement of court judgments and arbitration awards in China? How often do commercial disputes with Chinese entities become "criminalized"? Does the criminal process offer foreigners unanticipated dangers or creative possibilities? If direct negotiations fail, is mediation the best option? Or should American companies always insist on litigation or arbitration outside China? What problems have arisen in American courts?

Professor Cohen is a founder of Asian legal studies in the United States and the senior American expert on Chinese law. He was a professor for many years at Harvard Law School and pioneered international law practice relating to China when he opened the Coudert Brothers office in Beijing in 1979. He was a partner with Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison for many years and is currently Of Counsel to the firm. He has served as both an advocate before CIETAC and an arbitrator for it, and is currently on the roster of the Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou arbitration commissions. He is the American Co-director of the new Jiaotong University-NYU Center for Chinese and American Law in Shanghai and the Co-director of NYU's US-Asia Law Institute. He is also an Adjunct Senior Fellow for Asia at the Council on Foreign Relations. He continues to arbitrate disputes relating to Mainland China, Taiwan, and Korea and frequently advises the defense in criminal cases in China.

Detailed Information:

Date: March 15, 2007

Time: 5:00 pm-6:30 pm to be followed by a reception in the Law School Courtyard

Venue: Classroom 2, William S. Richardson School of Law

Please RSVP to Elizabeth Chan: elizabeth.g.chan@gmail.com.



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