

ISDA Annual Legal Forum

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The ISDA Annual Legal Forum is the premier event for derivatives lawyers globally. Featuring sessions on benchmark reform, Brexit, implementation of margin requirements and the push to digital documentation and smart contracts, the Annual Legal Forum includes the latest intelligence and detailed analysis on the most important legal and regulatory issues affecting markets today.

- REGISTRATION FEE -

	Member	Non-Member
Early (ends Dec 14)	\$350 U.S.	\$450 U.S.
Regular	\$450 U.S.	\$550 U.S.

9:45 AM

Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:30 AM

Introduction and Welcoming Remarks

10:40 AM

Keynote Address

11:00 AM

The Route to Benchmark Reform

The move to adopt risk-free rates as an alternative to LIBOR and other interbank offered rates (IBORs) is gathering pace, but a huge amount of work still needs to be completed to ensure a successful transition. The end-2021 deadline set by the UK Financial Conduct Authority, and the end of the EU Benchmarks Regulation transition period on December 31, 2019, means time is of the essence. This panel will cover the issues lawyers need to know, including:

- Progress on adoption of the alternative risk-free rates
 - ISDA's work on enhancing the robustness of contractual fallbacks for key IBORs
 - The ISDA Benchmarks Supplement and how it fits with ISDA's fallback initiative
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Dealing with the Initial Margin Big Bang

The phase-five implementation of initial margin (IM) requirements in September 2020 will capture more than 1,000 smaller firms, which will be required to negotiate and execute new documentation, establish third-party custodial arrangements, and implement new margin calculation systems. What needs to be done, and by when? How can technology help?

- Checklist for phase five IM implementation
 - Development of phase-four and phase-five IM documentation
 - Launch of ISDA Create – IM
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12:30 PM

Lunch

1:45 PM

Guest Speaker

2:05 PM

Building the Future of Derivatives Documentation

A number of initiatives are under way to review ISDA's documentation architecture, heavily influenced by the desire to use technology. This panel will examine some of those initiatives, involving ISDA's Clause Library, ISDA Create, the ISDA Common Domain Model and the Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions.

2:55 PM

ISDA Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions

ISDA is undertaking a once-in-a-decade update to its interest rate and cross-currency transaction definitional booklet (the 2006 ISDA Definitions). This session will analyze the issues that have been identified and consider how to address them.

3:35 PM

Networking Break

4:15 PM

Brexit: The ISDA Master Agreement – English, French or Irish?

Some EU participants may opt for additional EU governing law options to retain certain direct benefits of EU legislation after Brexit. In response, ISDA has launched French and Irish law versions of the ISDA Master Agreement. What are the implications,

and what do people need to know about the new agreements?

4:50 PM

Brexit: The UK's Relationship with the EU 27 and Beyond

The UK's withdrawal from the EU throws up a number of important questions for derivatives markets. What will Brexit mean for derivatives contracts between UK and EU entities, especially in terms of existing dispute forum clauses? What will the future look like for the mutual recognition and enforcement of judgments between the UK and EU 27? How will the recognition of insolvency proceedings work? What will the UK's 'on-shoring' of EU legislation look like?

5:30 PM

Conference Concludes

Venue Location:

Allen & Overy LLP, Auditorium, One Bishops Square, London, E1 6AD. Phone +44 (0) 203 808 9700. A map to the venue can be found [here](#). You will be required to provide photo identification in order to enter the venue. Please ensure you present this at the ground floor reception or you may be refused entry.

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