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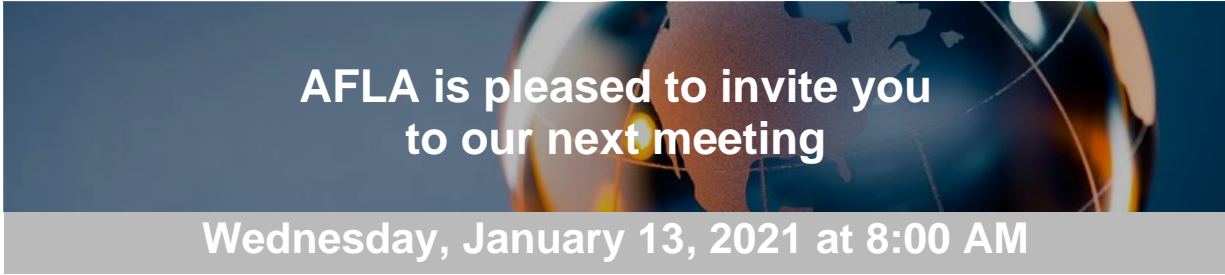
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**“Cross-Border Private Commercial Disputes: New Treaty on Enforcing International Mediated Settlements”**

**Speakers: Professor Harold I. Abramson and AFLA Past President Richard Lutringer**

Join Professor Harold I. Abramson, Co-Author of *The Singapore Convention on Mediated Settlements: The Reference Book* and AFLA Past President Richard Lutringer for one of the most important recent developments in cross-border private commercial disputes. The UN Convention on International Settlement Agreements (generally known as the Singapore Convention), was adopted on December 20, 2018, and since signed by 53 countries, including the United States. Six countries have already taken the final step of ratifying the treaty and more are expected soon. Just as the New York Convention put international arbitration on the map, the Singapore Convention promises to elevate privately negotiated settlements reached through mediation to a level of direct enforceability in domestic courts. Lawyers involved in international transactions need to be aware of the potential effects and the limitations of the Convention and how it will affect both the drafting and enforcement of international settlements in particular, and international agreements generally. The speakers will discuss these questions and the practical effects on mediation and its treatment by the judiciary.

**Professor Harold I. Abramson**, Touro Law Center, has been deeply involved in the development and practice of domestic and international dispute resolution for more than twenty-five years. He contributes as a teacher, trainer, author, and participant on professional committees and serves actively as a mediator and facilitator. Professor Abramson has been selected for the International Who's Who of Commercial Mediation since its inaugural year and served as the first Scholar-in-Residence for the International Academy of Mediators.

**Richard Lutringer**, former president of the AFLA, mediates business, employment, probate, real estate and family business disputes, including business divorce of privately-held LLC's and partnerships. Formerly an international corporate partner of Schiff Hardin, and Morgan Lewis, Richard began mediating as a voluntary community mediator in CMS, Queens, and has trained in mediation theory and advanced techniques at Harvard University, Quinnipiac, NY Peace Institute, Unity Peacemaking Center, Southern California Mediation Association, Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, Peace Talks(LA), the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), the American Arbitration Association (AAA), NYCBA , NYSBA, the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR), and other institutions.).

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<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Event
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, January 13, 2021
<b>Time:</b>	8:00 – 8:10 AM: Welcome and Introduction 8:10 – 9:00 AM: Presentation and Q&A
<b>Cost:</b>	Free
<b>Registration:</b>	<a href="http://www.afla-law.org/events/">www.afla-law.org/events/</a> A Zoom link will be e-mailed to registrants closer to the event. Please log-in 10 minutes prior to the 8:00 AM launch.

*This program is eligible for CLE credit.*

*- Raymond J. Dowd, President*