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## **Monday, 14 July 2014**

(program and panelist participation tentative as of 6/4/14)

8:30-9:00	Check-in and Registration						
9:00-11:00	Hot Topics (and Some That are on Fire)  UCP600 Conflicts: Better Than Inconsistencies? • Silent Confirmation • Right of Recourse • BPO vs. eUCP LCs • the Uniform Rules for Forfaiting • Non-Documentary Conditions • Avoiding Forged LCs						
11:00-11:30	Networking Break Interact Informally with the Top LC People in the World!						
11:30-13:00	Recent ICC Opinions Revisited  The panel will discuss and analyze the significance of select opinions finalized at the Spring 20 and Fall 2013 ICC Banking Commission meetings and those discussed at the Spring 2014 meeti						
13:00-14:00	Lunch						
14:00-15:00	AML & LC Compliance Review  The panel will review recent developments impacting sanctions and enforcement, including: The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act & dealing with simple documentation; Dealing with military goods; FCA Report: "Banks' Control of Financial Crime Risks in Trade Finance" (It's Not Just a UK Thing)						
15:00-15:45	Simulated Reenactment: Bank and Major Customer Negotiating Clauses of Reimbursement Agreement Lights Camera Action! Hollywood comes to Singapore when select panelists take the stage for an entertaining performance on this very important aspect of the banker-customer relationship!						
15:45-16:15	Networking Break						
16:15-17:30	Applying ISBP 2013  Any data in a document that conflicts with a condition in the LC or with other data in the same or other document, is a discrepancy, irrespective of whether that conflict appears on an original or copy. What are the several explicit and implicit exceptions you should be alert to? This and other challenges of the new ISBP will be identified and discussed.						
17:30-18:00	Summary of Critical Issues The day's discussions and conclusions will be summarized and reviewed.						
18:00	Cocktail Reception						

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## **Tuesday, 15 July 2014**

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9:00-10:00	I he Year 2013 in Review: All the News That's Fit to Report!  SWIFT Update • Basel III • Coastline Solutions • DCW
10:00-10:30	Networking Break
10:30-12:30	Troublesome Practice & Legal Trends  Practice and legal trends will be identified and discussed by the panel and delegates, including:
	Troublesome interpretations of UCP regarding standard practice and notice of refusal ( <i>Bulgrains</i> ); Avalization of Drafts; DOCDEX No. 308 (Privity between Issuer & Transferree Beneficiary)
	Plus Views of Trends from Europe, Middle East, and the Americas
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:30	Alternative Trade Finance Products
	BPO is not the only one! There's Inventory Financing, Borrowing Based Finance Facilities, Offshore Terminal Financing – FSU (Floating Storage Unit). Are you offering these products? Receiving requests for these products?
14:30-15:00	Networking Break

#### 15:00-17:00 Lessons From Major LC Cases from the Asia & Around the World

SWIFT formatting and interpreting LC text (*UOB* [Singapore] and *Bulgrains* [England]); Can an issuer dishonor documents after having authorized negotiating bank to claim reimbursement? *Swiss*Singapore [Hong Kong]); Deferred Payment Undertakings (*Sarl Francilco* [France]); Silent Confirmations and What could or should the Australian nominated bank have done when faced with a refusal by the Indian issuer to honor resulting from an injunction in India? (*Greenhill* [Australia] and *Comm Bank* [Australia]); What should a bank do when presented with a demand for payment under an LC of which it has no record? (*Dorchester Finance* [USA]); plus others

#### 17:00-17:15 Summary of Critical Issues

The day's discussions and conclusions will be summarized and reviewed.

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# Wednesday, 16 July 2014

(program and panelist participation tentative as of 6/4/14)

8:30-9:00	Check-in and Registration
9:00-10:30	How Not to Draft Demand Guarantees/Standbys  Terms That are Nonsensical (or Worse!) • Non-Documentary Conditions • The Problems as Seen in Recent Court Cases from Malaysia (Cimb Bank, Hong Leong Bank, RHB Bank) and Other Jurisdictions (Business Development Bank, Guardrisk Insurance, MGN Constructors)
	Also: — "Advising without responsibility" — Confirmation of Standbys — Understanding the meaning of confirmed commercial LCs due to foreign laws — "We hereby add our confirmation" – A confirmation consisting of 3 pages! — Obligations of Applicants and Terms in Guarantees & Standbys
10:30-11:00	Networking Break Interact Informally with Leaders of Guarantee & Standby Industry!
11:00-11:45	Revisiting MT 760: Report on Recent SWIFT Initiative
11:45-12:30	Issues in Governmentally Mandated Guarantees & Standbys  The panel will address common deficiencies seen in required forms and what can be done to improve them. The Latest ISP98 Forms will also be discussed
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:15	Proposed Chinese Guarantee Rules: An Update
14:15-15:00	The New Challenge to Independence: The Underlying Transaction Reappears Eskom Holdings; ALYK; Walton; Coface; Nedbank; Firstrand Bank
15:00-15:30	Networking Break
15:30-17:00	Lessons from Major Guarantee & Standby Cases from Asia & the World Increased Willingness to Enjoin Drawings or Payments under LCs ( <i>Doosan</i> [England]) • Exemplary Damages ( <i>PCIB</i> [Philippines]) • Cancellation ( <i>Parkview</i> [Australia]) • Predrawing Conditions ( <i>IPSCO Tubulars</i> [USA]) • Plus Cases Involving Fraud and Forged LCs & Guarantees
17:00-17:30	Summary of Critical Issues The day's discussions and conclusions will be summarized and reviewed.

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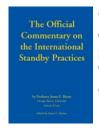
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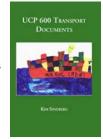
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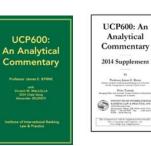
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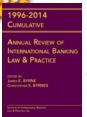
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