

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Buyside General Counsel Committee

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, 2016
Federal Reserve Bank of New York
33 Liberty St., New York, NY

Present:

Michael Held, FRBNY (Chair)
James Bergin, FRBNY
David Brooks, Fortress Investment Group LLC
Marcy Engel, Eton Park Capital Management
Elizabeth Keeley, Taconic Capital Advisors LP
John Liftin, D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.
Owen S. Littman, Cowen Group, Inc.
Simon Lorne, Millennium Management, LLC
Michael Nelson, FRBNY
Angela Sun, FRBNY

Mr. Held called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30 p.m.

1. Introductions

New members Mr. Held and Mr. Bergin introduced themselves to the group. Members introduced themselves and described their firms.

2. Leverage in the Asset Management Industry

The group provided general observations on regulatory efforts to monitor potential risks in this space.

3. High-Frequency Trading

The group was asked to discuss IEX's status as a national exchange and provide their views on speed bumps. One member stated that he was supportive of speed bumps generally.

4. Margin Collateral Rules for Uncleared Swaps

The group briefly discussed the implementation of margin requirements earlier this month, but transitioned to discussing the increased demand for technology and compliance resources due to regulatory requirements.

5. Brexit

The group briefly discussed the potential impact of Brexit on the industry, with most members concluding that it is premature to draw any conclusions.

6. Merchant Banking Recommendations

Members were asked for their views on the Federal Reserve's recommendation to Congress earlier this month urging the prohibition of merchant banking. The group did not discuss this topic in depth, although one member noted their observations on the effects of the Volcker Rule.

7. Tour de Table

The group raised and briefly discussed potential topics for future agendas.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.