Proposed Invitation Text

I am writing to invite you and the members of your law department to attend a virtual program for in-house counsel throughout the United States about New York's business court, the Commercial Division of the New York State Supreme Court. The program will be presented via Zoom on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The host of the program is the Commercial Division Advisory Council which was established by New York's Chief Judge to advise him on an ongoing basis about all matters involving and surrounding the Commercial Division.

As you may know, New York has implemented numerous improvements to the Commercial Division's rules, procedures, and operations which are designed to be responsive to the needs and concerns of the business community. The ultimate goal of these changes is to make the business litigation process in New York more cost-effective, predictable, and expeditious, and to thereby provide a more attractive and hospitable environment for business litigation and businesses generally in New York State. This program describes New York's efforts and progress toward achieving these goals and the opportunities which they present to your company to enhance its dispute resolution strategies and processes.

I have attached the agenda for this program. As you can see, the program includes a discussion among three prominent business and government leaders on "Doing Business in New York"; a discussion among Chief Litigation Counsel of two major corporations on "In-House Counsel Experiences in the Commercial Division"; a discussion among three Commercial Division Justices about "Judicial Expertise, Specialization, Experience, and Operations"; and "Practitioners' Perspectives" of six of the best-known commercial litigators in the United States on Commercial Division rules, discovery and trial procedures, and New York law. The program also includes a 12 minute "Overview of the Commercial Division" created by an Emmy Award-winning director which features remarks by more than a dozen General Counsel of major corporations like Verizon, Goldman Sachs, Pfizer, Blackstone, Chubb, ING Financial Holdings, Marsh McLennan, Con Edison, and SL Green. Other speakers in this film include New York's Chief Judge and Chief Administrative Judge, and Appellate Division and Commercial Division Justices.

If you and/or members of your law department will attend this program, please RSVP via e-mail to ggrissett@kelleydrye.com. Of course, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.