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WELCOMING REMARKS

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On behalf of Fordham University School of Law and the Graduate School of Business Administration, I welcome you to this very timely conference on considerations for foreign companies entering the U.S. securities markets.

I would like to especially welcome those of you who have traveled long distances to come here. Sitting among you as registrants are individuals from Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Denmark, Bermuda, and Canada, to mention just a few.

Among the panelists, the prize for the one traveling the farthest goes to Shane Warbrick, who comes to us from Auckland, New Zealand. The prize to the individual traveling the shortest distance goes to my colleague Professor Katsoris, who walked here from Room 146, on the first floor of this building. My office is two doors down from his.

We would like to extend special thanks to Harry Immerman and to Bill Decker of Coopers & Lybrand. To Harry for leading us to Richard Breeden and Bill Decker, and to Bill for hosting several of the planning meetings and for his invaluable help in putting together this conference.

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