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## **NATIONAL FRANCHISE CONVENTION 2017**

Earlier this month, MST Lawyers took part in the National Franchise Convention on the Gold Coast. The firm was pleased to have Alicia Hill, Raynia Theodore, Louise Wolf and Herbert Fischbacher present or facilitate sessions at the conference.

Raynia Theodore facilitated a session on international franchising titled, "**Coming to America, talking Trump and have you considered Canada or the Middle East?**"



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INTRODUCTION**

Panelists for Raynia's session included:

**Rupert Barkoff** (Head of the Franchise Team, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP), who was given a Certificate of Appreciation by the FCA for 12 years' attendance and participation in FAC conferences.

**Peter Snell** (Partner, Gowling WLG), a leading franchise lawyers in Canada.

**Melissa Murray** (Partner, Bird & Bird), an Australian UAE legal practitioner.

Louise Wolf facilitated a session on "**Dispute Resolution – is there a smarter way forward?**"

Panelists for Louise's session included:

**Derek Minus** (The Franchising Mediation Advisor).

**Cecily Zhu** (General Manager, The Accord Group), former Deputy Franchising Mediation Advisor.

**Alan Wein** (Principal, Wein Mediation), the person last tasked with reviewing the Franchising Code of Conduct for the Government.

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Alicia Hill presented to a plenary session at the conference to provide case updates on:

- ACCC Prosecutions
- Unfair contracts
- Termination of Franchise Agreements
- Compliance with the Franchise Code.

To learn more about the Updates and read Alicia's paper:

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Matthew Williams was Alicia's co-presenter in the plenary session. Matthew is a Barrister at the Queensland Bar. His paper is available to MST Lawyers' clients and contacts.

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## INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 2017

MST Lawyers' Philip Colman took part in the International Bar Association's conference running at the same time in Sydney. This event provides an unparalleled opportunity to exchange knowledge and to create and renew a global network of colleagues and business contacts. As a law firm that specialises in franchise law, we believe that this forum is significant to all those involved in both these spaces.

Phil was a discussion leader on three roundtable sessions on the topic of "**The increasing importance of choosing the right venue for dispute resolution in international sales.**"

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