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■ 2021 ANNUAL LC SURVEY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Institute of International Banking Law & Practice continued its Annual Survey of LC Law & Practice conference series as virtual events in 2021 as the world continues to grapple with the effects of the global pandemic. The conference examined negative forces hampering trade including unsettling developments in commodity financing and avenues for optimism including an acceleration of efforts toward the digitalization of trade. Significant court cases, notable outcomes from ICC Opinions, and the new ISDGP were probed with respect to their practical implications for industry specialists. Panelists also discussed LC use from the corporate perspective and updates were offered regarding impending SWIFT changes, evolving sustainability issues, and the ever-changing sanctions landscape.