



TITULARY MEMBER OF THE COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL PASSES AWAY

The Institute mourns the death of Mr. Michael Marks Cohen, a Titulary Member of the Comité Maritime International and eminent New York law practitioner. Mr. Cohen, a long standing friend and ardent supporter of IMLI, passed away on 1 December 2012.

IMLI Director, Professor David Attard, and IMLI staff expressed their deep sorrow upon receiving the news. Professor Attard recalled that Mr. Cohen always supported IMLI's work and his generous books' donations contributed to the expansion of the Institute's library holdings. As a visiting lecturer, Mr. Cohen's Socratic method of conducting dynamic discussions was always welcomed by the IMLI students and he will be sadly missed.



Mr. Michael Cohen meeting the students of the IMLI Class of 2008/2009

Mr. Michael Marks Cohen, a former Naval Officer, was a magna cum laude graduate of Columbia Law School where he was also the Managing Editor of the Columbia Law Review. After he left school, he became a law clerk for the Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals.

He was then an admiralty trial lawyer at the U.S. Department of Justice before entering private practice in New York in 1970, specializing in admiralty law, international arbitration, marine insurance and international commodities trading. He served as counsel to Nicoletti Hornig & Sweeney in New York. He taught maritime law at Columbia Law School for 30 years.

A Titulary Member of the Comité Maritime International, Mr. Cohen was an elected member of the American Law Institute, which had honored him with the John Minor Wisdom Award.

He was an associate editor of American Maritime Cases and a co-editor of the Digest of the Award Service of the Society of Maritime Arbitrators. He was formerly the editor of several volumes of Benedict on Admiralty.

His sudden death is greatly mourned by the entire international community.

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