



## OXFORD UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR DELIVERS IMLI'S ANNUAL COURSE ON CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY SEA

Professor Francis M.B. Reynolds, Q.C. (Hon.) (Barrister / Professor Emeritus, University of Oxford) delivered his course of lectures on the “Carriage of Goods by Sea”.



*Professor and Mrs. Francis M.B. Reynolds Q.C. (Hon.) with the Class of 2012/2013*

Through his lectures, Professor Reynolds gives the students a general overview of this area. Although his explanation is based on English law, Professor Reynolds covers central topics which share similar features in all countries (the charterparty and the bill of lading contract and rights and obligations arising under them, the international rules governing carriage of goods by sea), and also provides a general introduction to problems which arise everywhere but to which the solutions may differ from one country to another (for example the idea of document of title, and the methods for and the effect of transfer of a bill of lading). Professor Reynolds also examines the contracts of sale which cover most consignments shipped, and the role of banks in the facilitation of financing arrangements for such sales.

Professor Reynolds' lectures were very well received by the IMLI students who noted that Professor Reynolds made a difficult subject very easy to comprehend and that his lectures were enriched with a number of practical examples based on actual disputed law cases and real commercial documents.

When asked about his impressions on this academic year's experience, Professor Reynolds noted that, *"I do not like to compare different IMLI groups, but the current generation is definitely a very good and enthusiastic one. It is obvious that considerable good has been done by The Nippon Foundation, IMO, Lloyd's Register Educational Trust, the Government of Malta and other donors, who have enabled many of the students to undertake their studies at the Institute. I would say that IMLI gains more strength every year both in facilities and in activities."*

Professor Reynolds is an Emeritus Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford. He is a Fellow of the British Academy, a Titulary Member of the Comité Maritime International, and formerly a Visiting Professor at University College London, University of Auckland, University of Sydney, University of Melbourne, University of Hong Kong, Monash University and the National University of Singapore.

Professor Reynolds has been a visiting lecturer at IMLI for 16 years and his longstanding academic support to the Institute is of an immense value and importance.

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