



## **IMLI GRADUATE INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CONFERRED ON CHAIRMAN OF IMO LEGAL COMMITTEE**

During IMLI's Graduation Ceremony the "IMLI Graduate International Achievement Award" was conferred on Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Mbiah (Chairman of the IMO Legal Committee), an IMLI graduate who has excelled in the international arena.

The Hon. Christian Cardona (Minister for the Economy, Investment and Small Business) presented the IMLI Award to Dr. Mbiah. The Hon. Minister is a Graduate of the IMLI Class of 1998/1999. He achieved excellent results during his studies at IMLI and was awarded the Malta Maritime Prize for Best Performance in Law of the Sea.



*The Hon. Christian Cardona (Minister for the Economy, Investment and Small Business) presents the “IMLI Graduate International Achievement Award” to Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Mbiah (Chairman of the IMO Legal Committee)*

Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Mbiah was awarded the Degree of Master of Laws in International Maritime Law in 1991 and was conferred the IMO Secretary-General’s Award for Best Overall Performance. He is the Chief Executive of the Ghana Shippers Authority since 1999 and has led Ghana’s Delegation to the IMO Legal Committee and to several Diplomatic Conferences which have adopted international maritime conventions. Between 1999 and 2010 he held the position of Vice-Chairman of the IMO Legal Committee. Since 2010, being elected by acclamation, he has served as Chairman of the IMO Legal Committee which this year held its 100<sup>th</sup> session. In 2012 Dr. Mbiah received the Best Africa Maritime and Energy Award conferred upon him by the African Shippers Oil Digest. His international achievements contribute to the further consolidation of the Institute’s worldwide reputation.

Upon receiving the Award, Dr. Mbiah addressed the audience and stated, “I am deeply filled with nostalgia, coming back to this renowned institution several years after delivering the Valedictory Address on behalf of my graduating class. I recall saying in that address, that a

decade from the day of that address, I expect a good number of the graduating class to assume positions of high responsibility in their respective Administrations, providing high quality legal advice to their Governments. I did say that the maritime law professionals produced by this institution would be representing their governments at the highest levels of international diplomacy and the development of international legal instruments.

I stand before you today and confirm with a high sense of elation that this has manifested itself in the high level of representation by IMLI graduates at the IMO and other international agencies. I say with a deep sense of pride yet with humility that I remain a living testimony to the worth of this great institution.



*Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Mbiah (Chairman of the IMO Legal Committee) addressing the audience*

On an occasion such as this I cannot but express on behalf of all the graduates of this Institute, our deepest gratitude to the founding fathers of this renowned institution, our appreciation to the Board of Directors as well as the Management and Staff who have continued to provide guidance and direction to lift this institute onto this pedestal of glory and honour.

I am indeed grateful for this award. I dedicate it to the foresight of the founding fathers of this institution. I dedicate it to all the past students of IMLI. I dedicate it to the International Maritime Organization that has provided a vent to many IMLI graduates to be part of the efforts towards “Serving the Rule of International Maritime Law”.

Long Live IMLI, Long Live IMO.

I thank you for your attention.”

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