

**RENOWNED MARITIME ARBITRATOR AND COMMERCIAL DISPUTES
MEDIATOR LECTURES AT IMLI**

IMLI had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. David Martin-Clark who visited the Institute to deliver a set of lectures on Shipping Law to the students of the IMLI class of 2013/2014. His first lecture was on The UN Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods (Wholly or Partly) by Sea (The Rotterdam Rules), followed by another on Electronic Commerce and the Shipping Industry.



Mr. David Martin-Clark meeting the students of the IMLI Class of 2013/2014

When discussing the Rotterdam Rules, Mr. Martin-Clark analyzed in depth the application of the Rules, the period of carrier's responsibility, the nature and extent of the carrier's responsibilities, the nature of the performing party, the shipper's responsibilities and the next steps, dealing with the ratification and coming into effect of the Rules.

In discussing Electronic Commerce and the Shipping Industry, Mr. Martin-Clark gave a brief history of the origin of electronic commerce dating back to 1991 with the advent of the CMI Rules for Electronic Document Interchange (EDI). He then covered the UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Commerce 1996/8, the UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Signatures 2001 and the United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts 2005. He also dealt with the provisions of the Rotterdam Rules with regard to electronic commerce and explained the use in practice of the electronic bill of lading.

Mr. Martin-Clark was Chief Executive and Chairman of the Thomas Miller group and founding Chairman of Thomas Miller (Asia Pacific) in Hong Kong. Upon leaving Millers, he re-qualified as a Barrister and became an Associate Member of Stone Chambers in Gray's Inn London.

Mr. Martin-Clark currently practises as a Maritime Arbitrator and Commercial Disputes Mediator in London, Hamburg, Singapore and Hong Kong. Given his previous long experience in the marine mutual insurance industry, he also acts as a shipping and insurance consultant. Further to this, he is editor of the legal case notes website "DMC's Case Notes" and lectures at post-graduate level in universities in the UK and overseas.

The students were indeed appreciative of his very practical and enlightening lectures.

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