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ATHENS UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LECTURES AT IMLI

Professor Lia I. Athanassiou, an Associate Professor of Commercial Law with senior full-time tenure at the Law School of the University of Athens, visited the Institute on the 12 and 13 March 2015 and lectured to the 26th generation of IMLI students. Professor Athanassiou lectured on European Law and Shipping, covering the areas of free access to maritime market, competition in maritime transport and interstate competition and state aids.



Dr. Lia I. Athanassiou meeting students of the IMLI Class of 2014/2015

In her lecture on free access to the maritime market, she discussed the area of access to the ship registry, deliberating on questions relating to the right of establishment of a registry under article 49 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and whether this includes access to the national registry, problems arising from national implementation of the “genuine

link” requirement in international law. She also gave an overview of access to international cargo, national transport, and access to ports.

Professor Athanassiou further discussed competition in shipping, with emphasis on competition in liner shipping, competition in bulk shipping and also inter-state competition. Her lectures also covered aids to shipping industry, partial relaxation of operating conditions and safety as an element of competitiveness.

Professor Lia I. Athanassiou holds a Ph.D. from the University of Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne as well as authorization by the University of Paris I-Sorbonne to supervise University research.

She is Barrister-at-law with vast experience in consulting and arbitration. She is a registered arbitrator at the Hellenic Shipping Chamber and a member of several legislative committees on various commercial law issues.

Professor Athanassiou has also been a visiting lecturer in the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at the University of London (IALS) and Harvard Law School between 2007 and 2008. During this period she was also a Fulbright Scholar. She has lectured and effectuated academic research in several foreign Institutions in France, Italy, Malta, UK, and the United States amongst others.

Between 2003 and 2008, Professor Athanassiou was a member of the Hellenic Competition Commission.

She was Vice-President of the Hellenic Association of Maritime Law between 1999 and 2015 and President of the Organizing Committee of the International Conference of Maritime Law, held in Piraeus every 3 years.

Professor Athanassiou has published extensively in French, Greek and English on Maritime Competition, Industrial Property law, Company law, and European and Transport law. Among her published books and monographs are: *“Legal aspects of competition in maritime transport; comparative study based on EC law”*, *“The role and the liability of classification societies”*, *“The debate on the limitation of liability for maritime claims”*, *“Competition and Regulation in Shipping and Shipping Related Industries”*, *“Shareholders’ activism and corporate monitoring”*, and *Intellectual Property – Greece.”*

She has also participated in and organized numerous international and national Conferences and Congresses.

Her lectures were very well received by the students, who greatly appreciated her vast knowledge in the field of competition law.

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