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CANADIAN COMMERCIAL MARITIME LAW EXPERT LECTURES AT IMLI

The Director and staff of IMLI and students of the Class of 2014/2015 had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Andrew Barry Oland, (Founding Partner, Oland & Co., Canada, Barristers and Solicitors), who visited the Institute on Friday 24 October and delivered an introductory course on Commercial Maritime Law.

During his visit, the Director, Professor David Attard, invited the staff and students to observe a minutes silence in honour of the victims of the Ottawa War Memorial Parliament shooting, which sad event took place on the 22 October.



Mr. Oland meeting the students of the Class of 2014/2015

This was Mr. Oland's first visit to the Institute and Professor Attard warmly welcomed the newly found friend of IMLI and stated that his visit fits in perfectly with the Institute's tradition of not only delivering academic knowledge to its students, but also practical knowledge, as Mr. Oland is very active in private maritime law practice in his country.

Mr. Oland thanked the Director, staff and students for their show of solidarity and sympathy for the tragedy suffered in his country. He stated further that he was very honoured to be given this exceptional opportunity to deliver a lecture at IMLI. He noted that many of the students are from a government or regulatory background, which gives him the unique opportunity to provide an overview of commercial maritime law from the perspective of a practitioner principally dealing with maritime commercial litigation.

Addressing the students, Mr. Oland stated that international maritime commerce is the reason for both his professional existence as well as theirs, whether as a maritime lawyer, academic or governmental regulator. He stated further that to adequately fulfil their roles as government maritime officials, Coast Guard officers or IMO Legal Committee representatives, time spent in the maritime commercial world would be a great asset.

During his lecture, Mr. Oland covered a wide spectrum of subjects in Shipping Law, dealing with carriage of goods by sea, the law of maritime salvage, limitation of liability for maritime claims, general average, arrest of ship, marine insurance and maritime fraud.

Mr. Barry Oland obtained his law degree from Dalhousie Law School, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada in 1967. Thereafter, he worked in several private law firms. In 1981, he established his own law firm, Oland & Co. Barristers and Solicitors. He was president of the Canadian Maritime Law Association (CMLA) from 1998 to 2000. Prior to which, Mr. Oland was Chairman of the Committee dealing with Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims and worked with officials of Transport Canada to implement the 1976 Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims (LLMC) and its 1996 Protocol.

Between the years 2002 to 2003, Mr. Oland studied for and attained the degree of Master of Laws at the University College in London. During this time, he was able to attend diplomatic conferences of the IMO as a Member of the Canadian delegation.

Mr. Oland was (CMLA's) spokesman on carriage of goods by sea at the 2001 and 2008 CMI Conferences in Singapore and Athens.

Mr. A. Barry Oland is and has been a Member of many professional associations including the Law Society of British Columbia, Law Society of England and Wales, Canadian Bar Association and the Comité Maritime International. He has been part of the diplomatic conferences representing his country, including IMO conferences and has also assumed the role of Speaker in many such conferences. Mr. Oland has been the recipient of several awards including that of "The Best Lawyers in Canada".

The students of the IMLI Class of 2014/2015 were indeed appreciative of his very practical and enlightening lecture.

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