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OXFORD UNIVERSITY EMERITUS PROFESSOR DELIVERS THE ANNUAL IMLI COURSE ON CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY SEA

IMLI had the honour of hosting Professor Francis M.B, Reynolds, Q.C. (Hon.), Emeritus Professor of Law in the University of Oxford, for two weeks between 9 and 13 November and between 30 November and 4 December 2015. During his two visits, Professor Reynolds gave his annual course on “Carriage of Goods by Sea” to the IMLI Class of 2015-2016.



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), and Professor Francis M.B. Reynolds (Barrister/Professor Emeritus, University of Oxford) with the students of IMLI Class of 2015-2016

Professor Reynolds emphasises that his is a course in private law. He always seeks to stress that though the great majority of any IMLI Class will not be much involved in private law, but rather, in public and governmental law, implementation of international conventions and so forth, it is

important for them to understand the commercial background to shipping operations worldwide, from international sale of goods, letter of credit and similar topics to charterparties, bills of lading and the other documents used in connection with carriage contracts. This helps the understanding of why shippers, carriers, charterers and shipowners act in certain ways and require certain facilities. For those with a civil law background, this is also a very good subject in which to learn some of the essentials of common law method, for many of the cases lay down general principles.

This is Professor Reynolds' nineteenth visit to the IMLI Class, and he says every year that he much enjoys meeting the varied group who come to Malta, and finds each year as good as or better than the last.

Professor Reynolds is an Emeritus Professor of Law at the University of Oxford, where he has taught contract and commercial law for 40 years. He is a barrister, an Honorary Queen's Counsel, an Honorary Bencher of the Inner Temple, a Fellow of the British Academy, and a member of C.M.I. (Comité Maritime International). Professor Reynolds is also a consultant on English law to Ang & Partners in Singapore.

Professor Reynolds has written and co-authored a number of books, including *Bowstead and Reynolds on Agency*, *Carver on Bills of Lading* and *Benjamin's Sale of Goods*, *Chitty on Contracts* and *English Private Law*. He served as editor of the *Law Quarterly Review* from 1988 to 2014. Professor Reynolds has also been a visiting Professor at many distinguished universities around the world.

Professor Reynolds' visit coincided with his birthday on 11 November. The Institute's Director (Professor David Attard) and staff had the pleasure of celebrating with him. During the celebration, the Director presented Professor Reynolds with a birthday present, after he had cut his birthday cake.



The Institute once again wish Professor Reynolds all the best for another great year in his professional and personal life.

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