

**DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE FOR SEAFARERS' RIGHTS AT SEAMEN'S CHURCH  
INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY LECTURES AT IMLI**

IMLI had the honour of hosting Mr. Douglas B. Stevenson, Director of the Centre for Seafarers' Rights at Seamen's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey on Friday, 15 January 2016. During his visit, Mr. Stevenson delivered two comprehensive lectures on seafarers' rights and Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006.



*Mr. Douglas B. Stevenson meeting the students of the IMLI Class of 2015-2016*

During his lectures, Mr. Stevenson discussed in detail the seafarers' rights, including wages, jobs security, food, medical care and shore leave. He further explained, through the use of practical examples, the provisions of MLC, 2006 prescribing the minimum standards of working and living condition for seafarers as the baseline for their rights.

He concluded his lecture by emphasizing the importance of the Government of maritime countries to enact legislation to make the maritime industry a safe and enticing place for seafarers to work.

Mr. Douglas B. Stevenson directs the Centre for Seafarers' Rights at the Seamen's Church Institute of New York & New Jersey, providing legal assistance and advocacy for merchant mariners worldwide.

Mr. Stevenson is a maritime lawyer and a retired U.S. Coast Guard officer. Prior to joining the staff of the Seamen's Church Institute, he served in a variety of Coast Guard legal and operational assignments including command at sea and as political and security advisor at the US Mission to the United Nations.

He is the recipient of the Chamber of Shipping of America's Rear Admiral Halpert C. Shephard award and the Diocese of New York's Servant of Justice award. He also serves as President of the Life Saving Benevolent Association of New York and is Past Chairman of the International Christian Maritime Association.

Mr. Stevenson is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the University Of Miami School Of Law.

The students of the IMLI Class of 2015-2016 were very appreciative of his practical and enlightening lectures.

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