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## **IMLI GRADUATE APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS**

Dr. Juan Carlos Rivera García (IMLI Class of 2004-2005) was recently appointed Director of the Maritime Administration of the Republic of Honduras (General Directorate of the Merchant Marine).



*Dr. Juan Carlos Rivera García (right) taking the Oath of Office before the Minister of the Presidency, The Honourable Ricardo Cardona (left)*

Prior to his appointment, Dr. Rivera García had worked on many legal issues, including national and international maritime jurisdiction, seafarers rights, maritime labour law, marine environment protection, maritime safety, international maritime conventions, fishing regulation, maritime boundary delimitation, maritime liens and ship arrest.

His expertise in maritime legislation drafting, a skill he acquired at IMLI, was very beneficial to him in the drafting of laws and regulations that adequately incorporate international maritime conventions into the national legislation of Honduras.

Dr. Rivera García has 15-year post-call experience as a lawyer and holds a speciality in Commercial Law from the National Autonomous University of Honduras. Asimismo, Rivera García tiene una maestría en Derecho Marítimo Internacional del International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) de la Organización Marítima Internacional (OMI), en la República de Malta. He holds a Master's Degree in International Maritime Law from the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (2005). At IMLI, Dr. Rivera García wrote a dissertation on 'The Effects of the ISPS Code on the Republic of Honduras and the Central American Perspective'. His Maritime Legislation Drafting Project was an 'Enabling Decree and Regulations for the Implementation of the Maritime Search and Rescue Convention.'

Dr. Rivera García replaces Mr. Roberto Cardona Lopez, who has been appointed as the Director of the National Institute of Vocational Training.

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