



OXFORD UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR LECTURES AT IMLI

Professor Francis M.B. Reynolds (Q.C., Professor Emeritus, Oxford University) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) in November and December 2017 and delivered his course of lectures on ‘Carriage of Goods by Sea’ to the IMLI Class of 2017-2018.



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Through his discussions, the students were able to advance their understanding of the commercial background of shipping operations worldwide- from international sale of goods and letters of credits to central topics such as charterparties, bills of lading and the other documents used in connection with carriage of goods by sea contracts. His lectures assisted in the students’ appreciation of the relationship between shippers, charterers, carriers, and consignees, the international rules governing carriage of goods by sea, and the problems which arise everywhere but to which the solutions may differ from one country to another (for example the idea of document of title, and the methods for and the effect of transfer of a bill of lading).

Students responded very well to Professor Reynolds’ lectures. This is due to his method of teaching whereby the fundamental principles are illustrated by way of a number of practical examples based on actual disputed cases and real commercial documents.

Professor Reynolds is Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of Oxford, where he 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, a titular member of the C.M.I. (Comité Maritime International) and has been a visiting professor at University College London, the National University of Singapore, Singapore Management University, the Universities of Hong Kong, Melbourne, Sydney, Auckland, Otago, Monash University and the International Maritime Law Institute, Malta (where he has the title of Honorary Professor). He was one of the Advisers to the American Law Institute in respect of Restatement, Third, Agency.

Professor Reynolds is a consultant on English law to Ang & Partners, Singapore, a firm handling shipping business, and undertakes consultancy and some arbitration generally. He has written the book now called Bowstead and Reynolds on Agency from its 13th edition of 1968 to the 18th edition of 2006, and remains associated with it under its present editor Professor P.G. Watts of the University of Auckland; and he is co-author (with Professor Sir Guenter Treitel) of Carver on Bills of Lading. He has written parts of Benjamin's Sale of Goods, Chitty on Contracts and English Private Law. He was the Editor of the Law Quarterly Review from 1988 to 2014.

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