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## **FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE IMO LEGAL COMMITTEE AND FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE GHANA SHIPPERS' AUTHORITY LECTURES AT IMLI**

Dr. Kofi Mbiah (Former Chairman of the IMO Legal Committee and Former Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Shippers' Authority) visited IMLI on 7 March 2018 and delivered a lecture on "The Work of the IMO Legal Committee: Challenges and Prospects" to the IMLI Class of 2017-2018.



*Dr. Kofi Mbiah (Former Chairman of the IMO Legal Committee and Former Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Shippers' Authority) lecturing at IMLI*

Dr. Mbiah began his lecture with a historical background on the establishment of the IMO Legal Committee. Upon briefly informing the students on the mandate and structure of IMO, Dr. Mbiah delved into discussions on the mandate and work of the Committee and considerations taken into account by the Committee for new instruments. He also explained the importance of implementation of IMO conventions and the role IMLI plays in this respect.



*Professor David J. Attard (Director, IMLI) presenting Dr. Kofi Mbiah (Former Chairman of the IMO Legal Committee and Former Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Shippers' Authority) a token of appreciation on behalf of IMLI*

Students appreciated greatly the discussions by Dr. Mbiah, especially the practical aspects of his lecture. They acknowledged that, as it has become now a tradition with many IMLI alumni representing their countries in IMO meetings, they also may have such an honour in the future. For this reason, Dr. Mbiah's enlightening presentation will be of great value.



*Dr. Kofi Mbiah (Former Chairman of the IMO Legal Committee and Former Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Shippers' Authority) with the IMLI Class of 2017-2018*

**Dr. Kofi Mbiah** graduated from the University of Ghana, Legon, in 1980 with a Bachelor of Laws degree, (L.L.B) and in 1982, he became a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ghana after obtaining his Barrister at Law certificate (B.L.), from the Ghana School of Law in 1982.

Dr. Mbiah holds a Master in Marine Management, (M.M.M.) from Dalhousie University, Canada, and a Master of Laws, (LL.M.), from the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) Malta, where he graduated with distinction and was the recipient of the IMO Secretary General's Award for Best Overall Performance. Dr. Mbiah also obtained a Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, in 2005. He obtained his PhD. in Maritime Administration from World Maritime University, Sweden in 2011.

Dr. Mbiah started his working career at Ghana Shippers' Authority in 1982 as an Assistant Legal Officer and rose through the ranks by dint of hard work to become the Chief Executive Officer in 1998.

Dr. Mbiah was Vice Chairman of the Legal Committee of the IMO for 11 years, until his election in 2010 as Chairman of the Committee. Apart from participating in the development of various IMO instruments and signing them on behalf of his country, Dr. Mbiah has also contributed to the work of the IMO. He was the Chairman of the Drafting Committee for the Protocol to the Athens Convention, 2002, Chairman of the Drafting Committee to the Protocol on the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by sea 2010, and one of the Vice presidents of the Diplomatic

Conference for the Adoption of the Nairobi Wreck Removal Convention. He has also served on various sub-committees and working groups in furtherance of the work of the IMO.

Dr. Mbiah has also represented Ghana at both UNCTAD and UNCITRAL Conferences. Dr. Mbiah was the leader of Ghana's delegation to the UNCITRAL sessions for the development of the Rotterdam Rules.

From 2006, Dr. Mbiah has been at various times, a visiting professor at the World Maritime and Lund Universities in Malmo, Sweden. He has also presented papers at the Maritime Law Seminars for Judges of the Superior Courts of Ghana, Nigeria and Kenya.

He has consulted local and international bodies, including the Regional Maritime University in Ghana and the World Bank and has contributed articles and papers to various publications.

Dr. Mbiah's steadfast contribution to the development of the maritime industry has been recognised through a number of awards including, the IMLI Graduate International Achievement Award (2013) and the African Maritime and Energy Evergreen Award (2014).

He is a Member of the IMLI Governing Board and also a Member of the IMLI Academic Committee.

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