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FOLEY HOAG LLP PARTNER LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Derek Smith (Partner at Foley Hoag LLP, Washington, DC, USA) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute on 16 and 17 April 2018 and delivered lectures on “Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries” to the IMLI Class of 2017-2018.



Dr. Derek Smith (Partner, Foley Hoag LLP) and Judge Prof. David Attard (Director, IMO-IMLI), with the IMLI Class of 2017-2018

Dr. Smith commenced with his lectures by providing the students with a general overview of the Maritime Boundary Delimitation rules under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). He discussed various stages of the legal process in the resolution of maritime boundary disputes by states, namely: determining strategic objectives and formulating a claim, the negotiation stage, the consideration of issues of third party dispute settlement, and finally, preparation for litigation or arbitration. Dr. Smith then presented an analysis of the decisions of the International Court of Justice and UNCLOS tribunals in the most recent maritime boundary delimitation cases.

The students certainly appreciated and considered themselves truly fortunate to have learned from his vast experience and expert knowledge of the subject.



Dr. Derek Smith (Partner, Foley Hoag LLP) lectures to the IMLI Class of 2017-2018

Dr. Derek Smith practices in the areas of international dispute resolution, public international law and petroleum law. He represents governments and state entities in international arbitration and other dispute settlement proceedings, including at ICSID, the ICC and the International Court of Justice. He also works with governments of petroleum producing countries and national oil companies in the full range of matters related to oil and gas exploration, production and monetisation, including the resolution of disputes. Dr. Smith has advised clients in liquid natural gas projects and represents government clients with regard to the settlement of international boundary disputes that implicate oil and gas development, and assists them in establishing unitisation agreements and other legal mechanisms for handling transboundary resources. He also advises private oil companies on boundary and resource questions. Prior to joining the firm, Dr. Smith was chair of the Investment Arbitration and Public International Law Practice Group of Dewey & LeBoeuf, where he was also a member of the international oil and gas practice group.

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