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IMLI'S INAUGURAL LECTURE DELIVERED

Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) on 2 November 2018 and delivered the Institute's Inaugural Lecture for the academic year 2018-2019 on "*The IMO Treaty-Making Process: How Does IMO Make Law?*"



Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division) and Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) with the IMLI Class of 2018-2019

In introducing Mr. Kenney to the Class, Professor Attard explained that the purpose of the Inaugural Lecture was to formally introduce the academic year and also to firmly place the new crop of IMLI students on IMO activities.

Mr. Kenney observed that with the number of students from all over the world, IMLI's steady progress is indeed encouraging. He reminded the students that they are at IMLI to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to be applied in serving the interest of their respective countries and that they are going to be the catalyst to ensure the adoption of IMO regulatory regimes for effective implementation into their domestic legislation. The students were further reminded that the duty to ratify and effectively implement relevant IMO conventions is the responsibility of States and that they are expected to play a pivotal role in guiding their respective States to comply with these obligations.



Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. delivering the Inaugural Lecture

Mr. Kenney's lecture which was very well received by the students introduced them to the work of IMO, the relationship between IMO and United Nations and how conventions are made at IMO. The Inaugural Lecture was followed by the Institute's annual Flag Raising Ceremony where Students hoisted their respective national flags in the Institute's foyer to mark their presence at the Institute.



National Flags of the Countries represented at IMLI for the academic year 2018-2019

Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. currently serves as the Director of Legal and External Affairs at IMO, responsible for advising the Secretary-General on all legal issues associated with the functioning of the Organization, with special emphasis on matters of treaty law and the law of the sea. He provides legal counsel to the Secretariat staff supporting IMO's committees and subcommittees and has particular responsibility as Secretary for the Organization's Legal Committee. He oversees

the Organization's role as depositary for the 53 multilateral conventions adopted under the aegis of IMO. He also oversees the operation of the IMO's Public Information Service, its Maritime Knowledge Centre and External Relations Office.

Prior to joining IMO, Mr. Kenney served as the Judge Advocate General and Chief Counsel of the United States Coast Guard, attaining the rank of Rear Admiral.

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