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OXFORD UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR EMERITUS LECTURES AT IMLI

Professor Francis M.B. Reynolds, Q.C. (Hon.) (Barrister / Professor Emeritus, University of Oxford) delivered his annual lectures on the "Carriage of Goods by Sea" to the IMLI Class of 2019-2020. Professor Reynolds' lectures constitute the other half of the core part of the lectures delivered within one of the Institute's main subjects in Shipping Law.



Professor Francis M.B. Reynolds (Barrister / Professor Emeritus, University of Oxford) meeting the students of the IMLI Class of 2019-2020

Professor Reynolds' lectures covered contracts evidenced by Bills of Lading and rights and obligations arising under them, international rules governing carriage of goods by sea, such as the Hague and Hague-Visby Rules, contracts of sales covering most consignments shipped, and the role of banks in facilitating these sales.

The lectures delivered by Professor Reynolds were very well received by the class. Students acknowledged Professor Reynolds' innate ability to make this rather challenging subject matter very easy to understand using both practical examples and real life disputed case laws.



Professor Francis M.B. Reynolds delivering his first lecture

Professor Francis 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 Comité Maritime International (CMI) 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 IMLI (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.

He 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.

Professor Reynolds' academic contribution to the Institute continues to be very significant and invaluable.

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