



DIRECTOR OF THE IMO LEGAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIVISION DELIVERS THE INAUGURAL LECTURE AT IMLI

Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) on 8 October 2019 and delivered the Institute's Inaugural Lecture for the academic year 2019-2020. His lecture entitled "The IMO Treaty-Making Process: How Does IMO Make Law?" was very well received by the students who expressed their appreciation for the enlightening presentation.



Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. with the IMLI Class of 2019-2020

Mr. Kenney started his lecture by recognising the unique contribution of IMLI graduates to the work of the IMO. He reminded the students that they are at IMLI to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to be applied in the service of their respective countries at home or as delegates to the IMO. The students were further reminded that the duty to ratify and 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. He also highlighted the role of women in terms of creating a truly diverse shipping workforce and commended IMLI's role in empowering women in the maritime community.

Mr. Kenney's lecture introduced the students to the work of IMO, the relationship between IMO and United Nations and how conventions are made at IMO. He emphasised IMO's role for creating a uniform set of rules and global standards for safety and security of shipping and protection of the marine environment..



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

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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