



INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING'S PRINCIPAL LEGAL DIRECTOR LECTURES AT IMLI

Ms. Kiran Khosla (Principal Legal Director, International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute on 12 February 2020 and delivered a set of lectures covering 'Consistent Application of the 1992 Conventions on Liability and Compensation for Ship-sourced Pollution' and 'The Promotion of Greater Ratification of the International Maritime Conventions'.

Ms. Khosla started her lectures by introducing the ICS and its structure to the IMLI Class of 2019-2020. She explained that ICS is the principal international trade association for shipowners and operators which includes 34 national shipowners' associations from Asia, Europe and the Americas and represents interests of around 80% of the world merchant tonnage.



Ms. Kiran Khosla (Principal Legal Director, International Chamber of Shipping) meeting students of the IMLI Class of 2019-2020

Ms. Khosla moved on to explain the international rules adopted to tackle the issues which usually accompany maritime casualties such as types of shipowners' liability and shipowners' right of limitation. She emphasized the work of ICS in the promotion of ratification of key international conventions including the 2003 Supplementary Fund Protocol and the 2010 HNS Convention. Ms. Khosla also addressed concerns on the application of the CLC and Fund Conventions.



Ms. Kiran Khosla delivering her lecture to the IMLI Class of 2019-2020

Apart from issues related to maritime casualties, Ms. Khosla said that the ICS agenda includes a number of various topics such as the migrant rescue crisis, CO2 discussions, work across the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), compliance with the Global Sulphur Cap, implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention, Piracy and Security, Cyber security, safety, insurance and seafarer abandonment, among others.

Ms. Khosla is the Principal Director (Legal) at the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). ICS is the principal international trade association and employers' organisation for merchant shipowners and ship operators, representing all sectors and trades and about 80% of the world fleet. In her capacity, Ms. Khosla advises the national associations on all legal liability and insurance related matters affecting shipping and shipowners generally. Ms. Khosla represents ICS primarily at the IMO Legal Committee and, at the United Nations, on UNCLOS and ocean governance issues generally. She represented ICS in key discussions, including, the international Diplomatic Conference on the Nairobi Wreck Removal Convention (2007); the Diplomatic

Conference on the 2010 Protocol to the HNS Convention; the 2012 revisions of the shipowners' limits of liability in the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims (LLMC) 1976; the revision of the York Antwerp Rules on General Average in 2016. Ms. Khosla is currently representing ICS in the discussions at the United Nations for a new Implementing Agreement on the Protection and Conservation of Marine Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction ("BBNJ") and, at the IMO Legal Committee, on developing a unified interpretation on the test for breaking shipowners' right to limit liability in Article 4 of the LLMC 1976.

Prior to joining ICS, Ms. Khosla was Head of the Defence Department of a Scandinavian P&I Club. Before that, she was in private practice with a shipping law firm in London, dealing with insurance, charterparty and bills of lading disputes in the UK Admiralty and Commercial Court and London arbitration.

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