



CMI FORMER PRESIDENT LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Patrick J.S. Griggs CBE (Former President of the Comité Maritime International) and one of the world's foremost authorities on codification of international maritime law recently delivered a set of lectures at IMLI on various topics related to international maritime law.

Dr. Griggs delivered a lecture on the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007. The presentation was particularly interesting and useful as it was based on Dr. Griggs's significant involvement with the CMI, IMO and other intergovernmental organisations over the past 30 years and illustrated with many real examples. Dr. Griggs, as a CMI representative, personally contributed and participated throughout the drafting of a number of international maritime conventions, including the Wreck Removal Convention and could therefore bring closer to the class the background and history of its particular provisions.

His lecture on Obstacles to the Uniformity of Maritime Law illustrated all the hurdles that need to be surpassed on the voyage from an initiative for international codification of maritime law by virtue of an international maritime convention, through its drafting and adoption, entry into force and finally effective implementation and uniform application worldwide.

Dr. Griggs also conducted a very interesting presentation on two case studies that involved disasters at sea. As both cases analyzed involved loss of life on passenger ship, the analysis provided was very relevant in the context of the ongoing Costa Concordia incident.



Dr. Patrick J.S. Griggs CBE (Former President of the Comité Maritime International) meeting the students of the Class of 2011/2012

Throughout his professional career, Dr. Griggs specialized in marine and aviation disaster litigation having been involved in some major legal cases in the field. He joined the leading London based Maritime Law Firm of Ince & Co. in 1958 where he became a Partner in 1966 and Senior Partner in 1989. Dr. Griggs has been a regular speaker at seminars and conferences on various aspects of maritime law. He is co-author of the book '*Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims*', which is one of the leading publications on this topic. In May 2011, IMLI conferred on him the Degree of Doctor of International Maritime Law *Honoris Causa*.

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