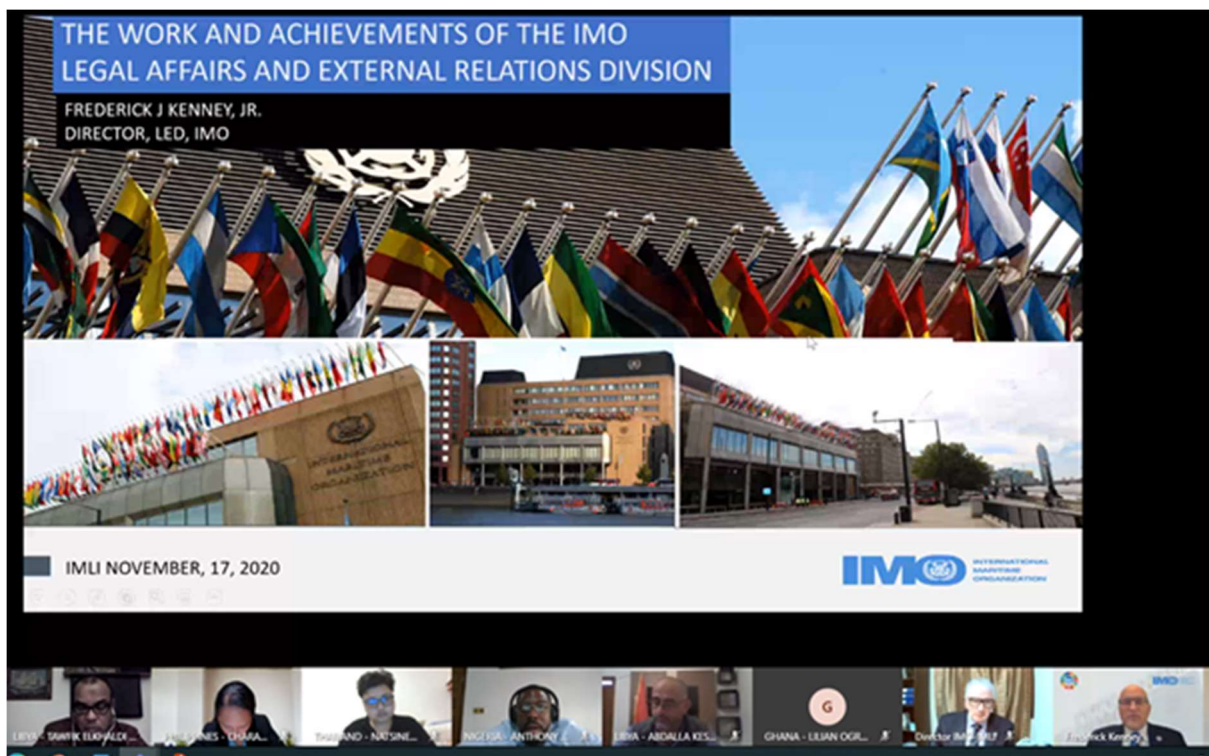




## DIRECTOR OF THE IMO LEGAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIVISION LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division) was for the second time since the commencement of the academic year, introduced by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) to the IMLI Class of 2020-2021 to deliver a lecture as part of the IMO Operational Aspects Programme. Mr. Kenney's lecture was entitled "*The Work and Achievements of the IMO Legal and External Relations Division*". This lecture was held today, 17 November 2020.



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In his captivating lecture, Mr. Kenney explained the origin of the IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, mentioning some of his distinguished predecessors as Directors

of that office. His lecture comprehensively covered the structure of the Division and the work being carried out in each of them. During his engaging lecture, Mr. Kenney discussed the work carried out by some key offices within the structure such as the Director's Office, the External Relations Office, the Public Information Services, the Maritime Knowledge Centre and the Legal Affairs Office amongst others.

At the conclusion of the lecture, many pertinent and interesting questions were raised by the students, which were excellently responded to by Mr. Kenney. Professor Attard thanked Mr. Kenney for once again sharing his knowledge with the students, noting the herculean task carried out so efficiently by such a small office.

Mr. Frederick J. Kenney currently serves as the Director of Legal and External Affairs at the International Maritime Organization, London. In this capacity, he is 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 sub-committees 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. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Kenney has been serving as the Chair of the Secretary-General's Seafarers Crisis Action Team.

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