IMO LEGAL COMMITTEE ELECTS IMLI GRADUATE AS VICE-CHAIR

IMLI notes with pride the election of Mr. Ivane Abashidze (Georgia), as Vice-Chair of the IMO Legal Committee during its 108th Session held 26-30 July 2021. He was unanimously elected by the Member States. Mr. Abashidze is an IMLI graduate of the class of 2013-2014.

Mr. Ivane Abashidze (newly elected Vice-Chair of the IMO Legal Committee)

Mr. Abashidze is currently the Deputy Director of the Maritime Transport Agency of his country and was also the Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO).
Upon his election as Vice-Chair of the Legal Committee, the IMLI media office had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Abashidze. In the interview, he had this to say:

"A couple of years back when I came to study at IMLI, I had the determination to be the change for my country and to make a difference on the international scene. After a successful graduation from IMLI, I came back to Georgia and pursued my career in the maritime administration with even greater responsibilities. Today I am honoured, and so is my country, to have been elected as Vice-Chair of the Legal Committee, one of the main bodies of IMO.

IMLI graduates are truly changing the understanding of modern maritime law, which demonstrates the success this Institute enjoys throughout the globe under the able leadership of Professor Attard.

It is with humility that some years ago, as a proud graduate of the Institute, I joined fellow graduates as a delegate of Georgia. And today, with even greater humility and pride I welcome my election as Vice-Chair of the Legal Committee. It is not an easy undertaking. As a proud IMLI graduate, I shall do my utmost to live up to the needs and expectations of Member States and to that of the whole Committee."
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