

IMLI ALERT

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IMLI MOURNS THE PASSING OF MR. ARCHIE BISHOP

The IMLI family mourns the passing on of one of its distinguished visiting fellows, Mr. Archie Bishop, who passed away on 10 February 2024.

Mr. Bishop was a longstanding supporter of the Institute. He commenced his IMLI journey in the Academic Year 1994-1995, and remained a staunch supporter of the Institute's academic activities for 27 years. He visited the Institute every academic year, where he would deliver several core lectures on the Law of Maritime Salvage. Mr. Bishop also served as external examiner of the Institute.

Being considered as one of the most renowned specialists in this field of maritime law of his time, the students were always very appreciative of his precise, practical and enlightening lectures.



Mr. Bishop was a Solicitor, both in England and Hong Kong, an Examiner in Admiralty and a former Senior Partner of Holman Fenwick Willan (1988 and 2000), with whom he continued on as a Consultant.



*Mr. Archie Bishop and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)
with the IMLI Class of 2017-2018*

Throughout his distinguished legal career Mr. Bishop specialized in collision, salvage, total loss and all other casualties to which his nautical expertise as a seafarer was invaluable. His considerable experience spanned over many areas such as salvage claims, the investigation of large casualties, the resultant legal issues, choice and enforcement of appropriate jurisdiction, public enquiries and dealing with claims by government and local authorities concerning oil pollution, and he was also involved in many leading cases.

He was the Legal Adviser to the International Salvage Union between 1982 and 2010, and in that capacity worked with the Legal Committee of IMO in the preparation of the Salvage Convention 1989; sat on the drafting committee of LOF and the Lloyd's Salvage Group; played a leading role in the development of the SCOPIC Clause; chaired the SCOPIC Committee; and had responsibility for much of the legal documentation and contracts that effect the salvage industry.



Mr. Archie Bishop meeting the IMLI Class of 2016-2017



Mr. Archie Bishop lecturing to the IMLI Class of 2006-2007

Mr. Bishop was a CEDR Accredited Mediator; a member of the IMLI Distinguished Visiting Fellows Programme, an author of numerous correspondence courses on maritime law, and a frequent contributor and speaker at international conferences.



Mr. Archie Bishop and Professor David Attard (former Director, IMLI) with the IMLI Class of 1994-1995 during his first lecturing visit to the Institute



Mr. Archie Bishop and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) with the IMLI Class of 2018-2019

The Institute and its over one thousand graduates are a testament to the commitment and dedication of Mr. Bishop and others, who like him and with him, have believed in IMLI's mission, its unique contribution to the rule of international maritime law and to training the maritime leaders of tomorrow. He will be sorely missed.

The Director, on behalf of the Institute, expresses his heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Bishop, stating “*may your fond memories of him sustain you during this difficult time.*”