

# International Maritime Law Institute

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## 36<sup>th</sup> GRADUATION CEREMONY

14 June 2025

“Serving the Rule of International Maritime Law”

Venue: Sir Temi Zammit Hall  
University of Malta

Time: 10:00 am

## PROGRAMME

Procession:	Faculty and Class of 2025
Welcoming Address:	Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez Director, IMLI
Graduation Address:	Mr. Arsenio Domínguez IMO Secretary-General and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board
Host Country Address:	The Honourable Dr. Chris Bonett MP Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works
Valedictory Address:	LCDR Pietro Vicedomini (Italy) on behalf of the Students
Presentation of Candidates:	Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI
Conferment of IMLI Degrees:	Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez Director, IMLI
Presentation of Prizes:	IMO Secretary-General's Prize for Best Dissertation Government of Malta Prize for the Best Maritime Legislation Drafting Project Professor David Attard Prize for Best Performance in the Law of the Sea Transport Malta Prize for Best Performance in Shipping Law Sasakawa Prize for the Best Performing Nippon Foundation Scholar LRF Prize for the Best Performing Lloyd's Register Foundation Scholar Dr. Kofi Mbiah's Prize for the Best Performing African Scholar ITF Seafarers' Trust Prize on Seafarer's Law Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malta Branch Prize for Best Performance in Maritime Transport Law REMPEC Marine Environment Law Prize CMI Prize for Best Overall Performance

## **A MESSAGE FROM MR. ARSENIO DOMÍNGUEZ SECRETARY-GENERAL OF IMO AND CHAIR OF THE IMLI GOVERNING BOARD**

“Today marks the celebration of IMLI’s 36th Graduation Ceremony. Since its inception, IMLI has played a central role in successfully training more than 1,180 maritime professionals from over 152 States and territories with specialized legal training from a wide range of cultural and professional backgrounds.

The Institute continues to uphold its vital mission of strengthening the legal capacities of the international maritime community. Excellence in legal education means that IMLI graduates are well-prepared to support the implementation of international maritime instruments within their States’ national legal frameworks.

IMLI’s progressive stance on gender inclusion, with half of its programme places reserved for qualified female candidates, is to be commended, empowering them to make significant contributions to academia and the maritime industry.

To the Class of 2025, my warmest congratulations on your graduation. Today, you join an influential alumni community whose collective expertise continues to strengthen the global maritime sector. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the IMLI Director, Professor Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, the Institute’s dedicated staff, and all the generous supporters and donors whose efforts have made this success possible. Special appreciation to the Government of Malta’s unwavering support as host nation which has been instrumental to IMLI’s continued growth.

I am confident that this new cohort of graduates will carry forward IMLI’s legacy with the same dedication and professionalism as those before them. I wish each of you every success in your future endeavours and look forward to welcoming you at IMO in your professional roles in the near future.”



**Mr. Arsenio Domínguez**  
*IMO Secretary-General,  
Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board*



## IMLI GOVERNING BOARD

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<i>Members Emeriti:</i>	<p>Mr. K. Lim, Secretary-General Emeritus, IMO</p> <p>Mr. K. Sekimizu, Secretary-General Emeritus, IMO</p> <p>Mr. E.E. Mitropoulos, Secretary-General Emeritus, IMO</p>

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## FACULTY MEMBERS – ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 – 2025



**PROFESSOR DR. NORMAN A. MARTÍNEZ GUTIÉRREZ**  
(HONDURAS)

*Lic. (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Honduras)*

*LL.M. (IMLI)*

*Ph.D (IMLI)*

*Advocate (Honduras)*

**Director**



**JUDGE PROFESSOR DAVID J. ATTARD**  
(MALTA)

*LL.D. (University of Malta)*

*D. Phil. (University of Oxford)*

*Advocate (Malta)*

*Barrister-at-Law (London)*

**Professor of Public International Law and the Law of the Sea**



**MS. ELDA KAZARA-BELJA**  
(ALBANIA)

*Jurist (Ethniko kai Kapodistriako*

*University of Athens)*

*LL.M. (IMLI)*

**Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration**



**MS. RAMAT JARAIE ANGELICA JALLOH**  
(SIERRA LEONE)

*B.A. (University of Sierra Leone)*

*LL.B. (University of Sierra Leone)*

*LL.M. (IMLI)*

*Barrister-at-Law and Solicitor*

**Lecturer**



**MS. NOUR NOHRA**  
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*Bachelor of Laws (Lebanese University - Filière Francophone de Droit)*

*Master I (Lebanese University - Filière Francophone de Droit)*

*LL.M. (IMLI)*

*Advocate (Lebanon-Beirut Bar Association)*

**ITF Seafarers' Trust Assistant Lecturer on Seafarers' Rights**



**PROFESSOR MALGOSIA FITZMAURICE**  
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*LL.B. (University of Warsaw)*

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**The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law**



**DR. MURAT SÜMER**  
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*LL.B. (Ankara University)*

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*Advocate (Türkiye)*

**The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law**



**DR. SANJEET RUHAL**  
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*LL.M. (The Indian Law Institute)*

*Ph.D. (University of Delhi)*

*Advocate (India)*

**The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law**



**DR. RAFAEL PRADO**  
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*LL.B. (Communitarian University of Joinville Region)*

*LL.M. (University Rovira i Virgili)*

*Ph.D. (University of Barcelona and Federal University of Santa Catarina)*

*Advocate (Brazil and Portugal)*

**The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance**

## MASTER GRADUATES (1989 – 2024)\*

Albania	3	Guatemala	3	Peru	9
Algeria	12	Guinea-Bissau	3	Philippines (the)	38
Angola	16	Guyana	9	Poland	2
Antigua and Barbuda	5	Haiti	1	Portugal	1
Argentina	6	Honduras	9	Russian Federation (the)	6
Azerbaijan	6	India	20	Saint Kitts and Nevis	6
Bahamas (the)	16	Indonesia	12	Saint Lucia	1
Bahrain	3	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	11	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	4
Bangladesh	11	Iraq	2	Samoa	6
Barbados	3	Israel	1	Sao Tome and Principe	1
Belarus	2	Italy	5	Saudi Arabia	13
Belize	2	Jamaica	10	Senegal	6
Benin	3	Japan	3	Serbia	2
Bolivia	3	Jordan	7	Seychelles	12
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	Kazakhstan	5	Sierra Leone	12
Brazil	13	Kenya	34	Singapore	1
Bulgaria	5	Kiribati	2	Slovenia	5
Burundi	1	Korea (the Democratic People's Republic of)	8	Solomon Islands	5
Cameroon	7	Latvia	7	Somalia	8
Cape Verde	2	Lebanon	4	South Africa	9
Canada	1	Lesotho	1	Spain	1
China	21	Liberia	10	Sri Lanka	22
Chile	2	Libya	7	Sudan (the)	6
Colombia	6	Lithuania	6	Suriname	4
Comoros Islands (the)	4	Luxembourg	1	Switzerland	3
Congo (the)	3	Madagascar	10	Syrian Arab Republic (the)	1
Congo (Democratic Republic of the)	3	Malawi	7	Tanzania (the United Republic of)	24
Cook Islands	1	Malaysia	10	Thailand	8
Costa Rica	1	Maldives	12	Togo	4
Côte d'Ivoire	1	Malta	97	Tonga	2
Croatia	5	Marshall Islands (the)	3	Trinidad and Tobago	10
Cuba	1	Mauritania	1	Tunisia	9
Djibouti	1	Mauritius	6	Türkiye	9
Dominica	6	Mexico	17	Turkmenistan	1
Dominican Republic (the)	2	Mongolia	2	Turks and Caicos	1
Ecuador	3	Montenegro	6	Tuvalu	5
Egypt	11	Morocco	2	Uganda	6
El Salvador	3	Mozambique	8	Ukraine	9
Eritrea	3	Myanmar	12	United Kingdom (the)	1
Estonia	1	Namibia	10	United States of America (the)	5
Ethiopia	14	New Zealand	1	Uruguay	3
Fiji	7	Nicaragua	4	Vanuatu	2
France	1	Nigeria	90	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2
Gabon	1	Niue	1	Vietnam	6
Gambia (the)	13	Norway	2	Yemen	6
Georgia	15	Oman	1	Zambia	4
Germany	3	Pakistan	9	Zimbabwe	2
Ghana	34	Panama	5	Hong Kong, China	1
Greece	4	Papua New Guinea	5	Palestine (State of)	3
Grenada	2	Paraguay	1		

\* Includes students who were awarded the Degree of Master of Laws in International Maritime Law, the Degree of Master of Humanities in International Maritime Legislation, the Degree of Master of Philosophy in International Maritime Law and Ocean Policy and the Degree of Master of Science in International Maritime Law and Logistics.

## **MAJOR DONORS 2024 – 2025**

### **INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION**

IMO continues to support IMLI's funding requirements by annually providing fellowships which are intended for deserving government nominated candidates who wish to pursue post-graduate studies in the full spectrum of international maritime law at the Institute. Thanks to this funding, the following students were able to receive training at IMLI during the current academic year: Oumuori Fazda (Comoros), Daddy Jobe (the Gambia), Nana Ama Gyamfua Marfo (Ghana), Edenia del Carmen Suazo Guifarro (Honduras), Nevis Obino Ombasa (Kenya), Diego Alejandro Barrancos Morales (Panama), Christohper Jundhi Pablico (the Philippines), Adama Boima (Sierra Leone), Jenny Namu (Solomon Islands), Esther Wabulala Matulile (the United Republic of Tanzania), Mesia Ernest Gang 'Olo (the United Republic of Tanzania).

### **THE NIPPON FOUNDATION**

The Nippon Foundation, through its joint project with IMLI, known as the "Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Legal Order for the Oceans," continues to support deserving government nominated fellows. For the academic year 2024-2025 the following students were selected as fellows under the Project: Shakara Shadae Olive Ernest (the Bahamas), Juan Sebastián Herrera Caicedo (Colombia), Tigst Getahun Asfaw (Ethiopia), Tiffany Ann Hohenkirk (Guyana), Getho Bazelais (Haiti), Florence Jepkogei Magoma (Kenya), Alma Ahmed (Maldives), Rosa Araceli Fuentes Jerónimo (Mexico), Hind Deldou (Morocco), Mary Joy P. Olut (the Philippines), Jovia Ishimwe (Rwanda), Abubakarr Kamara (Sierra Leone), Suhuur Salaad Carey (Somalia), Sameera Lakshantha Hughmaye (Sri Lanka), and Norhen Rebaii (Tunisia).

The project also contributes by sponsoring four teaching positions at the Institute: The Professorship on Marine Environmental Law and the Lectureships on International Maritime Security Law, Global Ocean Governance and International Maritime Law.

### **THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION (ITF) SEAFARERS' TRUST**

The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) Seafarers' Trust has provided funding that allowed maritime professionals from mostly developing States to receive training in the Institute's LL.M. and M.Hum. programmes. For the current academic year, the ITF Seafarers' Trust provided five fellowships to government nominated officers to pursue training at IMLI. The nominated officers are Sandra Adu Boakyewaa (Ghana), Kunal Suresh Gaikwad (India), Christine Jesang Chongwo (Kenya), Daniel Martin G. Oral (the Philippines) and Anaam Dahir Khalif (Somalia).

### **LLOYD'S REGISTER FOUNDATION**

Lloyd's Register Foundation was established to fund the advancement in transport, science, engineering, and technology education, training and research worldwide for the benefit of all, and to enhance the safety of life and property at sea, land and in the air. Since 2002, the Foundation has been generously funding nominated candidates to IMLI. In addition, it awards the LRF Prize for Best Performing Lloyd's Register Foundation Scholar to one of the three candidates who excels in the IMLI Masters' programmes. For the year 2024-2025, LRF sponsored René Alberto Ruescas Mejía (Bolivia), Jacqueline Agyemang-Gyau (Ghana), and Aina Charity Shalonga Keshongo (Namibia).

### **AUSTRALIAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY (AMSA)**

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) is the national regulatory body which promotes the safety and protection of the marine environment and combats ship sourced pollution. It provides the infrastructure for safety of navigation in Australian waters by maintaining national search and rescue services for the maritime and aviation sector. It also contributes to the continuous improvement and development of maritime safety, environmental management, and emergency response systems in the region. To this end AMSA is keen to provide fellowships to IMLI, for the benefit of participants from countries located in the South Pacific. For the academic year 2024-2025, AMSA sponsored two students, Yabaki Vosadrau (Fiji) and Lloyd Fikiasi (Vanuatu).

### **EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY (EMSA)**

In 2023, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) awarded the Institute a contract for services in the amount of Euro 600,000. Through this contract, EMSA will sponsor the studies of suitable government officers from beneficiary countries, in the Institute's masters' and research degree programmes. For the academic year 2024-2025, EMSA sponsored Ramida Ismayilova (Azerbaijan), Ahmad Bassam Alfaraheed (Jordan), and Btissam Maaras (Morocco) to pursue studies in the Institute's master programmes.

### **INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF P&I CLUBS**

The International Group of P&I Clubs, comprising of thirteen P&I Clubs between them, provides marine liability cover (protection and indemnity) for approximately 90% of the world's ocean-going tonnage. The aim of this Group includes, inter alia, promoting insurance related interests of shipping companies through a unified and collective voice. The Group has been supporting IMLI through fellowships and, for this academic year, enabled the studies of Switle Mae Tamang (the Philippines).

### **INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING**

The International Chamber of Shipping is the global trade association for shipowners and operators which represents the world's national shipowner associations, and over 80% of the world merchant fleet. A long-standing supporter of IMLI, the Chamber extended its collaboration with the Institute this academic year through the provision of a fellowship to Florence Nuamaa Darko (Ghana).

### **NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS**

For the academic year 2024-2025, the Government of Malaysia supported IMLI through the provision of two full fellowships. The recipients of these fellowships are Patterson Nyenati Blamo (Liberia) and Mohamed Ansari Dicritan (the Philippines). The Government of the Republic of Korea continues to support the studies of government nominated officers. Their generous funding enabled the training of Rajin Wickrama Gooneratne (Sri Lanka) and Mcphyson Ndibalema (the United Republic of Tanzania) at IMLI for the academic year 2024-2025. The Government of Nigeria sponsored the training of three Government Officials from Nigeria, namely Yvonne Binitie, Diwari Kelvin Peterside and Gambo Ado Gezawa. The National Centre for Environmental Compliance of Saudi Arabia sponsored the studies of Omar Mahal Almohammadi and Abdulaziz Alsaif. The Mexican Navy sponsored for the first time the studies of one of its officers, Alberto Hernández Gastelú. Other government entities also funded the studies of their officers, such as the Tanzania Ports Authority which sponsored the training of Mussa Jacobo Luhiso; the Indian Navy sponsored Prashant Bhatt; the Indian Coastguard sponsored Asha Dahiya; and the Italian Coastguard sponsored Pietro Vicedomini. Further, the Kingdom of the Netherlands sponsored the studies of Palvi Parisius from Curaçao. IMLI is also grateful to the Government of Malta for its continued and dedicated support.



## IMLI VISITING FELLOWS – ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 – 2025

### **Mr. Charles Abela (Malta)**

Senior Project Officer, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA); Alternate Representative of the European Commission to IMO

“Port Security and Trade Facilitation”

### **Mr. Julián Abril García (Spain)**

Head, Facilitation Section, Maritime Safety Division, IMO

“Benefits of Maritime Trade Facilitation for the Port States”

“Introduction to the IMO Facilitation Convention on International Maritime Traffic and Its Annex”

### **Professor Pinar Akan (Türkiye)**

Head, Maritime Law Department, Marmara University

“Containerization: From Freight to Demurrage”

### **Judge Frida Maria Armas Pfirter (Argentina)**

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)

“Provisional Measures”

“Conciliation”

### **Mr. Robert Ashdown (the United Kingdom)**

Secretary General, International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)

“The Role of the International Association of Classification Societies”

### **Professor Pieter Bekker (the Netherlands)**

Chair in International Law, University of Dundee (UK)

“Maritime Limits and Boundaries: Legal & Scientific Delimitation Workshop”

### **Ms. Hassiba Benamara (Canada)**

Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

“Review of Maritime Transport: Navigating Maritime Chokepoints”

### **Mr. Marco Benatar (Belgium)**

Legal Officer, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)

“Limitations and Exceptions Under Part XV Section 3 UNCLOS”

### **Ms. Maria Pia Benosa (the Philippines)**

Depositary and Legal Officer, Legal Affairs Office, IMO

“IMO Treaties: From Adoption to Amendment”

“Final Provisions of a Treaty: Depositary and Official Languages”

### **Ms. Michelle Wiese Bockmann (Australia)**

Maritime Intelligence Journalist and Analyst “Understanding the Dark Fleet and its Legal and Security Challenges”

### **Professor h.c. Dr. Philippe Boisson (France)**

Maritime Arbitrator and Maritime Consultant to Bureau Veritas, Paris; Member, IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee (FINCOM)

“Maritime Safety Law, Realities and Perspectives in the 21st Century”

### **Honourable Chris Bonett MP (Malta)**

Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works of Malta

“Malta – The Maritime Nation”

### **Professor Simone Borg (Malta)**

Ambassador for Malta on Climate Action; Professor of Environmental and Resources Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta

“The Climate Change International Regulatory Framework Implications on the Maritime Sector”

### **Judge Kathy-Ann Brown (Jamaica)**

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)

“International Dispute Settlement”

### **Dr. Alicia Bugeja Said (Malta)**

Parliamentary Secretary, Fisheries,

Aquaculture and Animal Rights of Malta

“Inaugural Address of the IMLI Workshop on IUU Fishing and Maritime Security”

### **Judge Oscar Cabello Sarubbi (Paraguay)**

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)

“Advisory Opinion on Fishing in The EEZ of Other States (Case No. 21)”

### **Judge Ida Caracciolo (Italy)**

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)

“Management of the Case: Creation and Coordination of Legal Team”

### **Professor Laura Carballo Piñeiro (Spain)**

Professor, Dean of the Faculty of International Relations, University of Vigo

“The Role of Port States in Upholding Maritime Labor Standards”

### **Mr. Andrew Chamberlain (the United Kingdom)**

Partner, Holman, Fenwick & Willan “Law of Salvage”

### **Ms. Patricia Charlebois (Canada)**

Deputy Director, Marine Environment Division, IMO

“Inaugural Lecture of the IMLI Course on The Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance”

### **Ms. Aicha Cherif (France)**

Legal Officer, Legal Affairs Office, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO

“Implementing IMO Instruments: Turning International Conventions into National Law”

“Workshop on General Principles of Drafting National Legislation”

“Fraudulent Registration and Fraudulent Registries of Ships”

### **Mr. Watchara Chiemanukulkit (Thailand)**

Chief, International Affairs Division, Marine Department, Thailand; Chair, IMO Facilitation Committee

“Wildlife Smuggling on Ships Engaged in International Maritime Traffic”

### **Professor Aldo Chircop (Malta)**

Professor of Law/Former Canada Research Chair in Maritime Law & Policy (Tier I), Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University

“Access to Ports – Rights and Obligations of the Port States”

### **Mr. Andrew Clarke (the United Kingdom)**

Technical Officer, Maritime Security Section, Maritime Safety Division, IMO

“The ISPS Code and its Implementation”

“IMO Model on the Whole of Government Approach to Maritime Security”

### **Dr. Kai-Dieter Classen (Germany)**

Deputy Director External Affairs/SEC2-2 Workplace Internationalization, EU State Aid Law, Hamburg Port Authority

“The Green Ports Concept – Selected Public Policies for Greening Ports”

### **Dr. Robin Cleverly (the United Kingdom)**

Maritime Boundary Expert, Marbdy Consulting Ltd

“Technical Aspects of the Recent Maritime Boundary Delimitation Cases”

### **Dr. Harry Conway (Liberia)**

Alternate Permanent Representative of Liberia to IMO; Chair, IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee

“A Governance Perspective on Marine Litter: Why Innovation is Crucial”

### **Dr. Ali Kamal Deen (Ghana)**

Director-General, Ghana Maritime Authority “Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy and Maritime Governance Frameworks”

### **Professor Alan Deidun (Malta)**

Ocean Ambassador, Malta; Director, International Ocean Institute Malta Training Centre

“Ocean Acidification and Climate Change”

### **Ms. Chiara Della Mea (Italy)**

Head, Pollution Preparedness and Response Section, Subdivision for Ocean Policy and Pollution Response, Marine Environment Division, IMO

“Oil and Chemical Pollution Response – The International Regulatory Framework and a Review of Recent Incidents”

### **Dr. Heike Deggin (Germany)**

Director, Marine Environment Division, IMO

“Role and Achievements of IMO’s Marine Environment Division”

### **Ms. Gerardine Delanoye (Belgium)**

Capacity Building & Resources Manager, IALA World-Wide Academy

“Introduction to IALA”

“IALA Risk Management Toolbox”

“IMO Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services”

### **Mr. Rafael Duarte (Portugal)**

Head of Sector Cooperation, European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)

“Overview of EFCA Activities and its Contribution to the Fight Against IUU Fishing”

### **Ms. Simone Egerton (the United Kingdom)**

Legal Officer, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO

“International Organizations – Privileges and Immunities”

### **Professor Peter Ehlers (Germany)**

Former President of the German Maritime and Hydrographic Agency

“Use of and Threats to the Oceans”

“What has Already been Done for Sustainable Ocean Governance?”

“What Needs to be Done for Sustainable Ocean Governance?”

### **Mr. Paul Falzon (Malta)**

International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) Inspector, Malta

“Crew Abandonment- A Stark Reality”

### **Professor Michael G. Faure (Belgium)**

Academic Director, Maastricht European Institute for Transnational Legal Research - Maastricht University

“Criminal Liability for Oil Pollution Damage: An Economic Analysis”

### **Dr. Ann Fenech (Malta)**

President, Comité Maritime International (CMI)

“General Characteristics of a Maritime Lawyer”

“The Role of the Maritime Practitioner in the Shipping Industry”

“Judicial Sale of Ships Convention and the CMI”

### **Dr. Stefano Filletti (Malta)**

Leading Partner, Filletti & Filletti Advocates / Honorary Consul of the Republic of Ecuador in Malta

“UNCLOS and the Protection of the Marine Environment”

### **Professor Craig Forrest (Australia)**

Director, Marine and Shipping Law Unit; Fellow, Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law, and Fellow, Australian Centre for Private Law

“Wreck Removal Convention and Potentially Polluting Wrecks”

### **Ambassador Vanessa Frazier (Malta)**

Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations

“International Maritime Security: The Role of the UN Security Council”

### **Dr. Gotthard Gauci (Malta)**

Lecturer, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Business, University of Plymouth

“Liability and Compensation in Case of Bunker Oil Pollution”

### **Professor Philippe Gautier (Belgium)**

Registrar, International Court of Justice (ICJ)

“Treatment of Evidence and Expert Witness”

### **Ms. Gillian Grant (Canada)**

HNS Project Manager, IOPC Funds

“Relevance of the HNS Convention for Ports”

**Dr. Mitja Grbec (Slovenia)**

Secretary-General, Maritime Law Association of Slovenia; Attorney-at-Law; Assistant Professor, Faculty of Management, University of Primorska  
“Liability and Compensation Regimes in Case of Oil Pollution”

**Dr. Omar Grech (Malta)**

Associate Professor, Department of International Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta  
“Introduction to International Human Rights”  
“Human Rights at Sea”

**Dr. Antoine Grima (Malta)**

Head of the Environmental and Resources Law Department, University of Malta  
“Sea Level Rise and International Security Implications”

**Mr. Fredrik Haag (Sweden)**

Head of Office for the London Convention/Protocol and Ocean Affairs, Marine Environment Division, IMO  
“Protection of the Marine Environment from Dumping of Waste and Other Matter”

**Dr. h.c. James T. Harrison (the United Kingdom)**

Vice-Chairman, IMLI Governing Board; Chairman, IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee (FINCOM)  
“How to Succeed as an In-House Lawyer”

**Mr. Omar Hassein (Morocco)**

Head, Member State Audits, Department for Member State Audit and Implementation Support, IMO  
“IMO Member State Audit Scheme – Port States Rights and Obligations under various IMO instruments”

**Judge Tomas Heidar (Iceland)**

President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)  
“Inaugural Address of the IMLI Specialized Course on Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes and Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries”  
“Dispute Settlement under UNCLOS and the Role of ITLOS”  
“Advisory Opinion of ITLOS on Climate Change”

**Dr. Axel Henriksen (Germany)**

Lawyer, Specialist in Commercial and Corporate Law  
“Ship Building Contracts: A Practical Perspective”

**Mr. Steven Hill**

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Executive Secretary, International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law  
“The Use of Force, Maritime Terrorism, and Lessons from NATO’s Migration Operations”

**Dr. Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce (Chile/Germany)**

Registrar, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)  
“Jurisdiction of the Tribunal”  
“Relations Between ITLOS and State Parties”

**Mr. Roel Hoenders (the Netherlands)**

Head, Climate Action and Clean Air, Marine Environment Division, IMO  
“Protection of the Marine Environment from Ships Emissions”

**Dr. Jan Hoffmann (Germany)**

Global Lead, Maritime Transport and Ports, The World Bank  
“Role of Ports in Global Supply Chains, and Recent Trends and Outlooks”

**Judge Maria Teresa Infante Caffi (Chile)**

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)  
“Appearing Before the Court: A Practitioner’s Perspective”

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Academic Lecturer and Consultant in Maritime and Environmental Matters; Former Director and Chief Executive Officer IOPC Funds

“Global Ocean Governance and the IMO Liability Conventions”

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Director, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations (DOALOS)  
“The Role and Functions of the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea in the Context of Global Ocean Governance”

**Dr. Angeles Jimenez Garcia-Carriazo (Spain)**

Ramon y Cajal Research Fellow at University of Cadiz  
“Extended Continental Shelf”

**Judge Maurice Kamga (Cameroon)**

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)  
“Prompt Release”

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Research Director, Canon Institute for Global Studies; Senior Fellow, Sasakawa Peace Foundation; Member, IMLI Governing Board

“The Houthi Rebels’ Attack against Japan - Related Vessel in the Red Sea: An Idea of ‘The Right to Protect Uses of Sea’”

**Professor Nobukatsu Kanehara (Japan)**

Executive Councillor, Sasakawa Peace Foundation  
“Turbulent International Situation and Japan”

**Dr. Şadan Kaptanoğlu (Türkiye)**

CEO of Kaptanoğlu Shipping; Former President, BIMCO  
“Maritime Governance: The Industry’s Perspective”

**Dr. Theofanis Karayannis (Greece)**

Head, Marine Biosafety, Subdivision for Protective Measures, Marine Environment Division, IMO

“Implementation and Enforcement of the Ballast Water Management Convention”

**Ambassador Nancy Karigithu (Kenya)**

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“Blue Economy as a Crucial Action to Attain SDG 14 and Ocean Governance”

**Professor Stuart B. Kaye (Australia)**

Director and Professor of Law, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS)  
“Addressing IUU Fishing through Enhanced Maritime Cooperation”

**Mr. Andrew Kennedy (the United Kingdom)**

Lloyd’s Register’s Global Head of Dispute Resolution and Compliance  
“The Legal Position of Marine Classification Societies”

**Mr. Frederick Kenney (the United States of America)**

Adjunct Professor, Swansea University; Former Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO  
“ISPS Code and Ports”  
“Legal Foundations of the Black Sea Grain Initiative”

**Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj (France)**

Secretary-General, Federation of European Private Port Companies and Terminals (FEPORT)

“The Relationship between Shipowners and Ports”

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Principal Director (Legal), Secretary, Insurance and Maritime Law Committee, International Chamber of Shipping (ICS); Member, IMLI Governing Board  
“Consistent Application of The 1992 Convention on Liability and Compensation for Ship-Sourced Pollution”  
“The Promotion of Greater Ratification of the International Maritime Conventions”

**Judge Dr. Kriangsak Kittichaisaree (Thailand)**

Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)

“Legality of Enforcement Activities at Sea (ITLOS Cases No. 2, 19, 24, 25 and 30)”

**Professor Natalie Klein (Australia)**

ARC Future Fellow, UNSW Faculty of Law and Justice  
“The International Legal Regime Relating to Underwater Maritime Autonomous Vehicles”

**Professor James Kraska (the United States of America)**

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“The Right of Approach and Visit”

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Deputy Director, Sub-division for Member State Audit and Implementation, Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division, IMO

“Inaugural Lecture of the IMLI Course on the Law of Ports”

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“FAO’s Work in Combatting IUU Fishing”

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“Advisory Proceedings under UNCLOS”

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“Digital-Driven Path to Decarbonization”

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“Seafarers’ Work: Challenges and Opportunities in an Era of Emerging Technologies and Green Shipping”

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Inaugural Lecture of IMLI’s 36th Academic Year - “Maritime Governance at IMO”

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“Agreements on Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries”

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“Navigating the Blue Frontier: Biodiversity, Ocean Conversation & International Maritime Law”

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“Use of Force by the Private Maritime Security Guards and Vessel Protection Detachments Against Suspected Pirates”

**Professor Alina Miron (Romania)**

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“Consultations and Identification of the Judicial Body & Preparation of Oral Pleading”

**Minister Fernanda Millicay (Argentina)**

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“The New Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction”

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“MLC In Practice: Effective Implementation and the Role of the ILO Committee of Experts”

**Brigadier Clinton J. O'Neill (Malta)**

Commander, Armed Forces of Malta  
“Maritime Domain and Security”

**Mr. Lesther A. Ortega Lemus (Guatemala)**

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“The Contribution of ICJ to the Development of the Law on Settlement of Maritime Disputes”

**Professor Adriana V. Padovan (Croatia)**

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“Shipbuilders Insurance”

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“ESG Compliance in Maritime”

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“Regulatory Oversight of Certain Satellite Communication Systems and Coordination of the LRIT System”

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“Filing Claims and Preparing Written Pleadings in Inter-State Disputes”

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“Workshop on General Principles of Drafting National Legislation”

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“Marine Insurance Law”

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“The Right of Hot Pursuit”

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“Conflict of Laws and International Maritime Law”

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“The Commission of Maritime Crimes with Autonomous Ships: Legal Challenges Ahead”

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“Role and Achievements of IMO’s Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division”

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“Interim Obligations in the Law of Treaties”  
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Head of Office, Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)  
“Regional Approach to Preparedness,

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“Seafarers Mental Health and Wellbeing - Initiatives by Trade Unions”

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“P&I Clubs and their Important Role in the Compensatory Regime”

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“COLREGs: An Overview”  
“Operational Safety in the Maritime Context”

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“UN Global and Regional Treaties for the Oceans II: Regional Seas Programme”

**Mr. Gaute Sivertsen (Norway)**

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“The Fund Conventions and their Contribution to Adequate Compensation in Case of Pollution Incidents”

**Dr. Chris Soler (Malta)**

State Advocate, Malta  
“Constitutional Office and the Functions of the State Advocate”

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“Baselines”

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“Seafarers’ Rights under the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006”

**Professor Aleke Stöfen-O’Brien (Germany)**

Assistant Professor, Research/Ocean Sustainability, Governance & Management, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute  
“Accommodating a Future Plastics Treaty: The ‘Plasticity’ of UNCLOS”

**Professor Michael Sturley (the United States of America)**

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“The International Regimes Governing Carriage of Goods by Sea”

**Professor Yoshifumi Tanaka (Japan)**

Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark; Member, Centre for Private Governance (CEPRI)  
“Inaugural Lecture of the IMLI Law of the Sea Modules”

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“Maritime Transport Policy Seminar”

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“EMSA in Support of the EU Environmental Agenda”

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“Legal Foundations of the Black Sea Grain Initiative”

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“Keynote Address of the Workshop on General Principles of Drafting National Legislation”

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Senior Legal Consultant and Lead Trainer  
“Seafarers and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)”  
“Challenges For Multi-Flagged Fleets in Ensuring Regulatory Compliance with the MLC: The Role of Maritime Administrations”

**Ms. Beatriz Vacotto (Argentina)**

Head, Maritime Unit, International Labour Standards Department, International Labour Organization (ILO)

“Inaugural Lecture of the IMLI Specialized Course on Seafarers’ Rights”

**Mr. Robert van de Poll (the Netherlands)**

Fugro’s Global Law of the Sea Director (responsible for A-to-Z LOS applications in 162 Countries); Geology Director, Dundee Ocean & Lake Frontiers Institute & Neutrals (DOLFIN)

“Maritime Limits and Boundaries: Legal & Scientific Delimitation Workshop”

**Dr. Ivan Vella (Malta)**

Director & Founding Partner, Vella Advocates; Member, Maritime Law Advisory Council  
“International Conventions on Maritime Liens and Mortgages”

**Dr. Patrick Verhoeven (Belgium)**

Managing Director, International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH)  
“International Policy and Regulation for Seaports: Global and European Perspectives”

**Ms. Jennifer Watson (the United Kingdom)**

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“Workshop on General Principles of Drafting National Legislation”

**Mr. Godwin Xerri (Malta)**

Managing Director, Combined Maritime Services Limited  
“Shipping Law: An Overview”  
“Sale and Purchase Procedure”  
“Management and Operation of Ships”

**Mr. Hiroyuki Yamada (Japan)**

Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO  
“Inaugural lecture of the IMLI Course on International Maritime Security Law”

**Captain Joseph Zerafa (Malta)**

Maritime Consultant  
“Technical Aspects of Shipping”





Mr. Nick Shaw (Chief Executive Officer, International Group of P&I Clubs) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)



Dr. Ann Fenech (President, Comité Maritime International) and the IMLI Class of 2024-2025 at the end of her lectures on "The Judicial Sale of Ships Convention and the CMI"



A Maltese Delegation led by The Honourable Dr. Chris Bonett MP (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works) with Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), during a meeting at the IMO Headquarters wherein Minister Bonett informed the Secretary-General of the Government of Malta's enhanced support to IMLI



Mr. Blaise K Kuemlangan (Chief, Development Law Service, FAO), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Dr. Alicia Bugeja Said (Parliamentary Secretary, Fisheries, Aquaculture and Animal Rights of Malta), and Mr. Rafael Duarte (Head of Sector Cooperation, European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)) at the IMLI Workshop on IUU Fishing and Maritime Security



President Tomas Heidar (President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)) placing the IMLI Pin on the World Map on behalf of the first student from Rwanda



Ms. Aicha Cherif (Legal Officer, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO), Ms. Jennifer Watson (IMO Consultant), Mr. Mark Patel (IMO Consultant), and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2024-2025 during the Workshop on General Principles of Drafting National Legislation to Implement IMO Conventions organized by IMO for the first time at IMLI



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), and the IMLI Class of 2024-2025 at the IMO Headquarters



Mr. Mutsuyuki Unno (Executive Director, The Nippon Foundation) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) during a meeting held at The Nippon Foundation Headquarters in Tokyo



Ms. Katie Higginbottom (Head, ITF Seafarers' Trust) together with Ms. Sandra A. Boakyewaa (Ghana), Ms. Anaam D. Khalif (Somalia), Mr. Daniel M.G. Oral (the Philippines), Ms. Christine J. Chongwo (Kenya) and Mr. Kunal S. Gaikwad (India)



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## *LL.M. programme*

### **Ms. Ramida Ismayilova (Azerbaijan)**

*Specialist, Law Department, State Maritime and Port Agency, Ministry of Digital Development and Transport*  
Comparative Legal Frameworks for Underwater Cultural Heritage in International Maritime Law: Application in the Caspian Sea\* / A Set of Laws and Regulations to Implement IMO Resolution A.1079(28) – Recommendations for the Training and Certification of Personnel on Mobile Offshore Units in the Laws of Azerbaijan\*\*

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*Assistant Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, Ministry of Legal Affairs*  
A Legal Analysis of the Effectiveness of the Paris Agreement and its Significance for the Commonwealth of the Bahamas as a Small Island Developing State\* / A Law to Provide for the Incorporation of the 2022 Amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006 into the Laws of the Bahamas and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

### **Mr. Bruno Amin Da Silva (Brazil)**

*Partner, Private Sector Engineering Company*  
A Legal Analysis of International Legal Instruments Addressing Marine Plastic Litter\* / A Decree to Incorporate the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea into the Laws of Brazil and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

### **Mr. Juan Sebastián Herrera Caicedo (Colombia)**

*Payment Executive Process Lawyer*  
A Comparative Legal Analysis of Ship Registration Models: Implementing Best Practices to Enhance the Colombian Ship Registry\* / A Law to Incorporate the Protocol of 1996 to Amend the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims 1976, as Amended into the Laws of Colombia and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

### **Ms. Oumouri Fazda (Comoros)**

*Marine Casualties Investigation, Maritime Administration, Security and Safety Department, National Agency of Maritime Affairs*  
Exploring Legal Challenges and Opportunities of the Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean: A Comorian Perspective\* / A Law to Incorporate the London Convention 1972 and London Protocol 1996 into the Laws of Comoros and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

### **Ms. Pálvi Sirikit Virpi Parisius (Curaçao)**

*Senior Legal Advisor, Maritime Authority of Curaçao*  
The Small Commercial Vessel Code in Curaçao: A Pathway to Safer Maritime Operations\* / Ship to Ship Operations Bylaw\*\*

### **Ms. Tigst Getahun Asfaw (Ethiopia)**

*Legal Executive Director, Ministry of Transport and Logistics*  
Linking Ethiopia to Global Maritime Routes: A Legal Analysis of Bilateral and Multilateral Agreements\* / A Law to Incorporate the London Convention 1972 and its Protocol 1996 into the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

### **Ms. Yabaki Vosadrau (Fiji)**

*Principal Legal Officer, Office of the Attorney-General*  
Exploring Conciliation under UNCLOS as a Recommendation for Resolving Maritime Boundary Disputes: A Case Study of Claims over the Minerva Reef\* / A Bill to Amend the Maritime Transport Act 2013 to Incorporate the Nairobi International

Convention on the Removal of Wrecks 2007 and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

### **LT Daddy Jobe (The Gambia)**

*Lieutenant, Legal Officer, The Gambia Armed Forces*  
Enhancing Maritime Law Enforcement for Sustainable Fisheries: A Critical Legal Analysis of Illegal Unreported and Unregulated Fishing in the Gambia\* / An Act to Incorporate the Protocol Against Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air into the Immigration Act of the Gambia and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

### **Ms. Sandra Adu Boakyewaa (Ghana)**

*Assistant Officer, Legal, Ghana Maritime Authority*  
Assessing the Implementation and Enforcement of Seafarers Rights under the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC 2006): A Case Study of Ghana\* / Ghana Shipping (Load Lines) Regulations, 2025 - Regulations to Provide for the Effective Implementation of the International Convention on Load Lines, as Amended in the Laws of Ghana\*\*

### **Ms. Jacqueline Agyemang-Gyau (Ghana)**

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Towards the Protection of Fishers in Ghana: A Case for the Effective Implementation of Work in Fishing Convention, 2007\* / A Law to Incorporate the 2003 Seafarers' Identity Document Convention into the Laws of Ghana and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

### **Ms. Florence Nuamaa Darko (Ghana)**

*Assistant Legal Officer, Ghana Maritime Authority*  
Assessing the Legal Implications of Decarbonization Initiatives on Ship Management: Re-evaluating the Role of Shipping Companies\* / An Act to Incorporate the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of the Judicial Sales of Ships (the Beijing Convention) into the Laws of Ghana and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

### **Ms. Tiffany Ann Hohenkirk (Guyana)**

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International Maritime Law Enforcement and Compliance Measures to Develop Smart and Green Ports in the Republic of Guyana to Achieve the Blue Economy\* / Bunker Oil Pollution (Liability and Compensation) Act\*\*

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The Ship Mortgage in Honduras: A Comparative Legal Study with the International Legal Framework\* / The Law of Honduras on Maritime Interdiction - A Law to Establish the Legal Basis for Conducting Maritime Interdiction Operations in the Honduran Maritime Zones\*\*

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A Critical Legal Analysis of the Existing Regimes for the Preservation of Seafarers' Mental Health\* / An Act to Incorporate the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of the Judicial Sales of Ships (the Beijing Convention) into the Laws of India and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

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*Commandant, Legal Officer, Indian Coast Guard*  
Marine Environmental Protection in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction: The Role of the BBNJ Agreement and India's Emerging Legal Framework\* / Maritime Zones of India (Marine Scientific Research) Regulations, 2025 - Regulations

to Implement the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Governing Marine Scientific Research in the Laws of India\*\*

### **Ms. Florence Jepkoge Magoma (Kenya)**

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Assessing the Vulnerabilities and Threat Mitigation Strategies in Maritime Cybersecurity: A Case Study of Critical Infrastructure in Global Shipping Networks\* / Regulations to Incorporate the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as Amended, into the Laws of Kenya to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

### **Mr. Nevis Obino Ombasa (Kenya)**

*Principal State Counsel*  
A Legal Analysis of the Challenges Hindering the Adoption of Alternative Fuels as a Means to Combat Green Gas House Emissions\* / The Merchant Shipping Control Regulations of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems\*\*  
**Ms. Margaret Megan Muthoni Ngechu (Kenya)**  
*Litigation Counsel, Kenya Revenue Authority*  
Analysis of the Compulsory and Voluntary Procedure Mechanisms for Dispute Resolution under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea\* / Merchant Shipping Act (Bunkers Convention) Regulations 2025\*\*

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Maritime Security and Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea: Evaluating Liberia's Maritime Security Measures and their Compliance with International Standards to Address Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea\* / An Act to Amend the Maritime Laws of Liberia to Incorporate the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

### **Ms. Alma Ahmed (Maldives)**

*State Attorney, Attorney General's Office*  
A Critical Study of Legal Frameworks for Maritime Cyber Resilience in the Age of Emerging Technologies\* / An Act to Incorporate the BBNJ Agreement into the Laws of the Maldives and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

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A Legal Analysis of the UNCLOS Provisions concerning the Deep Seabed Mining Regime: Advocating for an Effective National Implementing Regime\* / A Law to Implement the 1994 Agreement for the Implementation of Part XI of UNCLOS in the Laws of Mexico\*\*

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Challenges Posed by Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships to Traditional Maritime Liability Regimes\* / A Law for the Incorporation of the 1996 International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea (HNS), and its 2010 Protocol into the Laws of Montenegro and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

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International Maritime Law and Namibia's Fisheries Governance: An Evaluation of Legal Harmonisation\* / A Law to Incorporate the International Conventions on the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel into the Law of the Republic of Namibia and to

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Implementing the Maritime Single Window to Sustain Maritime Transport: Challenges and Solutions for Developing States\* / The Merchant Shipping (Occupational Safety and Health in Dock Work) Regulations 2025 - Regulations to Incorporate the Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work) Convention, 1979 (No. 152) into the Laws of Nigeria and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

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An Analysis of the Outer Limits of the Continental Shelf beyond 200 Nautical Miles under the Law of the Sea: The Case of the Federal Republic of Nigeria\* / An Act to Incorporate the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of the Judicial Sales of Ships (the Beijing Convention) into the Laws of Nigeria and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

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Juridical Pathways to Maritime Decarbonization: Evaluating IMO Measures for Climate-Resilient Shipping\* / A Law to Incorporate the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of the Judicial Sales of Ships (the Beijing Convention) into the Laws of Panama and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

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Closing Governance Gaps in the South China Sea: Promoting Regional Cooperation among Claimant States through the Implementation of Area-Based Management Tools, including Marine Protected Areas under BBNJ Agreement: A Philippine Perspective\* / An Act to Adopt the BBNJ Agreement into the Laws of the Philippines and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

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The State of Maritime Cybersecurity in the Philippines: Policy Gaps, Emerging Threats, and a Call for an Effective and Efficient Legal Framework\* / An Act to Incorporate the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (2005 SUA Convention) into the Laws of the Philippines, Providing Penalties for Violations thereof, and for other Purposes\*\*

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Navigating Compliance with the Bunkers Convention: Assessing Legal Challenges in The Philippines\* / An Act to Incorporate Environmental Impact Assessments for Oil Transport in Compliance with the ESPOO Convention in the Philippines, and to Provide for the Effective Implementation thereof\*\*

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