

LIFTED Knowledge Guides

Maritime and Shipping

This practice area deals with matters relating to shipping and admiralty. The practice comprises (i) contentious wet and dry work (disputes) and (ii) non-contentious dry work (advisory and transactional). The practice also encompasses the international sale of goods and commodities.

Proficiency Levels	
Intermediate	Advanced
Standard form contracts and clauses (BIMCO)	International maritime and shipping law and conventions (e.g. IMO Conventions, UNCTAD Conventions, UNCLOS, MARPOL, CBD)
Ship sale, purchase and recycling (IMO Regulations; Hong Kong Convention; Ship Sale Forms; brokerage)	Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations and regulations (decarbonisation; IMO net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050; cleaner and alternative marine fuels; notations for Singapore ships; green and sustainable ship finance [Poseidon principles])
Ship building, repair, marine construction and maintenance (refund guarantees; assignment; novation; liens; warranties)	Macro business environment (geopolitics and geoeconomy; sanctions, export/import bans and trade embargoes)
Ship finance (loan financing; sale and leaseback; tax and incentives; mortgage and collateral security)	Multi-jurisdictional case law, trends and policy developments
Vessel ownership and registration (IMO Conventions; Choice of Flag; IMO 2020 Sulphur Limit; documentation; fraudulent registration)	Intra-disciplinary and industry knowledge (construction, data and digital economy - electronic/blockchain bills of lading; insolvency; energy)
Marine insurance, reinsurance and salvage operations (cargo; hull & machinery; protection & indemnity; freight, demurrage & defence; war risks; mortgagee's interests)	Dispute resolution before maritime international arbitration bodies (SCMA; CAMP, LMAA, SMA, AMTAC, HKMAG)
International trade and finance (Sale of Goods Act; UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods; UNIDROIT principles; international commodities trading contracts and Incoterms; certification; inspection; Letters of Credit)	Shipping and commodities industries' trends and market developments and their regulation
Carriage of goods by sea (charterparties; bills of lading; letters of indemnity; cargo claims; misdelivery claims)	
Admiralty matters (e.g. pollution; collisions; fires; groundings; capsizing; casualties and other accidents; piracy; general average; salvage; loss or damage of cargo at sea; crew claims)	
Vessel arrest (High Court (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Act)	
Employment matters (Maritime Labour Convention; crew contracts; collective bargaining agreements with local maritime unions; work injury compensation)	