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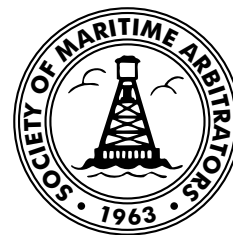
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This Issue 8.0 of the Index and Digest of SMA Awards is dedicated to the memory of Michael Marks Cohen, its longtime, tireless and prodigious editor.

Soon after its founding in 1963, the Society of Maritime Arbitrators began reproducing awards and periodically sending them in bundles to its members and subscribers. In 1980, distribution was enhanced by compiling the awards in bound paperback volumes. In 1983 the awards became available on the LexisNexis information retrieval service and since 1993 the awards have been published by the SMA in typeset looseleaf format. The SMA awards are also available on Westlaw, and can be obtained in hard copy from the SMA.

Various topic and other indices to the awards were prepared almost from the beginning, but they were very basic and pointed only to major subjects. This changed in 1979, when the SMA and 46 members of the New York and international maritime community joined to sponsor a project, directed and edited by Michael Marks Cohen, to prepare a comprehensive topic index scheme and to digest in detail and classify all of the nearly 1,800 awards that had been issued up to that time. This project became the first SMA Digest.

Subsequent Digests were issued under Michael's direction and editing in 1983, 1986, 1990, and 1995. From 2001 to 2008, two installments of a single volume (6.1) were issued with the help of leading New York maritime law firms under the chairmanship of David W. Martowski, who edited the first installment, and Michael edited the other.

As a special favor to the present chair of the Committee, Michael agreed to edit Digest 7.0, which covered Awards from 2009 to 2011.

Michael will be sorely missed by the SMA community but, thankfully, Keith Heard has agreed to take up the arduous task of editing the Index and Digest of SMA Awards issued from 2012 to 2017.

These eight volumes have provided the main point of entry for research in the extensive body of maritime arbitration awards issued in New York over half a century.

We hope you find the Digests and the published awards which they describe to be useful in defining the rights and obligations of those engaged in the business of shipping.

## Using the SMA Digests

The coverage of the SMA Digests is shown in the following table:

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5	1995	2625–3105	Jan 1990–Sep 1994
6	2001	3106–3630	Sep 1994–Jun 2000 (Note: superseded by 6.1)
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7.0	2012	4001–4157	May 2008–Dec 2011
8.0	2017	4158–4300	Jan 2012–Mar 2017

The award dates shown above are only approximate; awards are generally numbered in the sequence in which issued, but not always. The SMA number is not assigned until the award is submitted to the SMA for publication.

In Digests 1 through 5, a four-digit number at the end of each entry identifies the SMA award covered by the entry. Beginning with Digest 6, the computer program was completely revised by Thomas J. Hawley with the numbering at the end of each entry changed to a new format. The first four digits, to the left of the decimal, identify the SMA award as before; the last two digits, to the right of the decimal, identify the number of the digest entry for this award. An award will usually have multiple digest entries, and these entries may appear under multiple topic headings. A given digest entry will always have the same two-digit entry number regardless of where it appears.

The original index topic scheme generally has been maintained throughout the Digests for continuity. However, some topics in the original scheme have never been used, and they have been omitted from the Digests. This has caused gaps in the numbering; for example, the topic Arbitration—E. Award begins with subtopic 4; subtopics 1-3 have never been used.

In Digests 1 through 5, five “major topics” (Arbitration, Carriage of Goods by Sea, Charter, Damages and Freight) preceded 32 “minor topics.” Beginning with Digest 6, all topics were listed alphabetically, and the Digests were expanded and reissued periodically in electronic format. Digest 8 returns to the five “major topics” which are followed by 32 “additional topics.”

This offers an opportunity to make additions, revisions, and corrections, and users are encouraged to submit these by email to [info@many.org](mailto:info@many.org).