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Frank first joined Gard in March of 2008 and was assigned to the Casualty/Environmental/Property department in the main office in Arendal, Norway. He was also attached to charterer/trader group for several years, and still works on charterer/trader matters occasionally. In 2010, he was transferred to Gard (North America) in New York, where he still works today.

In his work at Gard, his specialty is marine casualty handling, with an emphasis on environmental claims. He has worked on numerous marine casualties in his career, not only in the U.S., but in Mexico, Spain, Norway, Italy, Argentina, Brazil, and other locations. He is also involved in marine casualty response planning and preparation and participates or organizes drill exercise programs.

As a maritime lawyer, before joining Gard, he functioned as a legal correspondent in the Houston, Texas area, not only for Gard, but also for most of the other IG Clubs, for a period of 24+ years. In addition to dealing with vessel casualties and other ship related maritime claims, Frank also worked on liquid, dry and bulk cargo claims, on offshore energy facility related cases, as well as some claims for stevedore clients and general commercial and contractual claims.

He has represented Gard as various industry and academic conferences and international meetings, such as the International Oil Spill Conference, the Lillehammer Energy Claims Conference, Clean Gulf/Pacific, the Tulane Admiralty Law Institute, the East-West Center North Pacific Arctic Conference, and the International Marine Claims Conference.

He is a proctor member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States and served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Houston Law Center. He is an active member of the State Bar of Texas.

He is the author of numerous law review articles, in the Tulane Law Review, ABA Admiralty Law compendium, Texas Environmental Law Journal, the University of San Francisco Maritime Law Journal, and has been a contributor to various shipping and legal periodicals.