

The Quest for Uniformity in a Global Context

Honorable Johanne Gauthier:

Justice Gauthier was appointed to the Federal Court in December 2002, to the Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada in February 2003, as a judicial member of the Competition Tribunal on November 26, 2009, and to the Federal Court of Appeal on October 21, 2011. Before her appointment to the Federal Court, Justice Gauthier was a partner in the law firm of Ogilvy Renault, where she practiced since 1979 as a litigator and mediator and arbitrator in the field of Maritime Law. She holds an LLM from the London School of Economics and an LLL from the University of Montreal.

Captain Melissa Bert:

Captain Bert is the Chief of the Office of Maritime and International Law for the United States Coast Guard. Captain Bert's Coast Guard career has encompassed operational and legal tours. She served aboard two cutters, including as executive officer of the Cutter Redbire in Baltimore, Maryland. During the attacks of 9/11, she was the operations officer for the Coast Guard sector in Los Angeles, California and was responsible for port security, marine safety, search and rescue, and law enforcement in the ports and coastline of Southern California. Captain Bert is a graduate of the Coast Guard Academy and George Washington University Law School. She also holds a command and staff degree in strategic studies from the Naval War College. She has taught as an adjunct professor at George Washington University and Florida International University.

She has also served as Captain of Port and Commander of Coast Guard Sector, Juneau, Alaska, in addition to being a national security fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Daniel G. McDermott:

Mr. McDermott is a shareholder at Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin in New York. His practice has included numerous kinds of maritime and complex insurance litigation since 1979. Dan is presently the chair of the Uniformity of U.S. Laws Committee of the Maritime Law Association of the United States. He attended LeMoyne College and New York University Law School.

Angel Ramos Brusiloff:

Mr. Ramos Brusiloff has been practicing law since 1987. He is the former president of the IIDM, a member of the Judicial Reform Commission of the Dominican Republic, co-editor of the Dominican Republic Commercial Code, and a university professor of commercial legislation and maritime law.

Olmedo Arrocha (Moderator):

Maritime Casualties: From Negligence to Strict Liability to Criminalization

Joseph A. Walsh, II:

Joe Walsh is a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. He then served in the U.S. Navy, retiring as Captain. He also attained a Coast Guard license to serve as Master (1600 tons) and Second Mate (unlimited). He is a member of the California bar, and a shareholder at Kessal, Young & Logan. Mr. Walsh's practice focuses primarily on oil and chemical pollution matters, casualty investigation, claims for cargo damage, personal injury, and vessel damage.

Esther Mallach:

Esther Mallach is a partner at Dabelstein&Passehl in Hamburg, Germany. She specializes in international litigation and arbitration, shipping and insurance law, charter party and yacht disputes, international carriage by road and air, transport logistics, international commercial law, employment law, and the international enforcement of awards and judgments. She is a qualified lawyer in Germany and is also a practicing English solicitor. She is a member of the board of the German Maritime Arbitration Association, a member of the IIDM, and a supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitration Association.

José Modesto Apolo (Moderator):

**Current Challenges in Providing Adequate Insurance Coverage in
Major Environmental Disasters: Prevention v. Prosecution**

Charles B. Anderson:

Charles is the head of Skuld North America Inc., New York based representative of Assuranceforeningen Skuld, a leading P&I Club with offices worldwide. Previously he was a partner in Holland & Knight, where he practiced in all areas of maritime law. He received his law degree from Columbia Law School, and teaches admiralty and marine environmental law at Columbia and NYU. In June 2010 he testified on behalf of the International Group of P&I Clubs before the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on liability and financial responsibility under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 following the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill.

Stirling Leech:

Stirling Leach is a Partner of Clyde & Co International law firm and head of Latin American Team, based in Brazil. He has considerable experience in shipping, insurance and off-shore sectors and Latin America general. His cases include acting on the P-36 and Aban Pearl platform total loss disasters and several shipping pollution incidents. Mr. Leech speaks fluent Portuguese and Spanish.

Richard H. Hobbie, III:

Richard Hobbie is the President and CEO of the Water Quality Insurance Syndicate. He is a graduate of Columbia University and a former U.S. Coast Guard officer.

He serves as the President of the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York and is a non-lawyer member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States.

Mr. Hobbie was an advisor on the U.S. delegation to the International Conference on Liability and Compensation for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage of the International Maritime Organization; he has been an instructor at the U.S. Coast Guard OSC Crisis Management School and serves on the Faculty of the Business school at St. John's University.

Eugenio Moreno:

Eugenio holds a law degree from the Santa Maria University, Caracas, Venezuela; a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, with a major in Material and Financial Resources from the Experimental Simón Rodríguez, Caracas, Venezuela; and a Technical Degree in International Trade from the Instituto Universitario de Nuevas Profesiones, Caracas, Venezuela. He is a Specialist in Maritime Law, accredited by the Pontificia Comillas University, Instituto Marítimo Español, Madrid, Spain. He also holds a Master's Degree in International Maritime Trade with a major in Naval Management from the Escuela de Estudios Superiores de la Marina Mercante, Caracas, Venezuela, and Loss Adjuster.

Marc de Man (Moderator):

MARC DE MAN is a Barrister and Solicitor in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He is a Partner at the law firm of De Man, Pilote. He specializes in Maritime Law and Transportation Law in general. He has degrees from Brussels Free University, and McGill University. He has been a Guest Speaker at numerous conferences in Canada, the United States, Latin America, North Africa, Europe and Asia. He is currently the Vice President for Canada at the IIDM (Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Marítimo).

Current Issues Involving Oil Pollution, Environmental Damages, Fishing Treaties and Salvage

Gary Mauseth:

Mr. Mauseth has over 40 years of experience in handling the management and technical aspects of projects in marine and fresh water environments. He has provided scientific support to vessel interests in over 90 oil spills, groundings, and natural resource damage assessment cases. He handles matters in the United States and its territories, as well as Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean Seas, New Zealand, Micronesia, South America, and Europe. Mr. Mauseth is a principal and president of Polaris Applied Sciences in Kirkland, Washington. He has a bachelor of science in biology from Whitman College and a master of marine biology from the University of the Pacific.

Michael Roberts:

Michael Roberts is senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for Crowley. Prior to his current position at Crowley, Roberts spent several years in private practice in Washington, DC working on domestic and international trade and transportation matters. Roberts' work over the years in private practice and at Crowley has included legal, regulatory, and legislative issues including Jones Act and Maritime Security Act matters, Ocean Shipping Reform Act matters dealing with the Jones Act, the Maritime Security Act and the Ocean Shipping Reform Act among others. Roberts has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and his law degree from American University, Washington College of Law.

Louis Robert Leven Siano:

Mr. Siano is a founding partner of the firm Siano & Martins, specializing in maritime law. He is the vice president for the Brazilian branch of the IIDM. He is a member of the Brazilian Association of Maritime Law and received his master's in international law and economic integration at State University of Rio de Janeiro.

Manolo T. Rodriquez-Bird:

Mr. Rodriquez-Bird is a partner in the law firm Jiménez, Graffam & Lausell. He has been practicing law in Puerto Rico since 1983. He concentrates his practice in all areas of maritime law with a strong concentration in the defense of maritime claims, collision, and cases that impact natural resources and the environment. Mr. Rodriquez-Bird currently serves as secretary general of the IIDM. Prior to studying law, he obtained a U.S. Merchant Marine officer's license and worked aboard charter fishing vessels.

Guillermo Sarmiento Rodriguez (Moderator):

Offshore Industry in the 21st Century: Practice, Procedure and Liability

Clifton J. Hall:

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Christopher O. Davis:

Chris Davis is a shareholder in the New Orleans and Washington, D.C., offices of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, and the contact for the Firm's International Arbitration Practice Group. For the past 30 years, he has represented marine, energy and insurance clients in arbitration and litigation matters. Mr. Davis is bilingual (English and Spanish) and has a working knowledge of French and Portuguese. He has been awarded the AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory which is the highest possible rating for legal ability and ethical standards.

Chris is a former board member of the MLA and is a member of the Comité Maritime International, having been recently elected First Vice President of the CMI earlier this year.

José Vicente Guzmán:

Mr. Guzman practices at the firm *Guzmán Escobar & Asociados* in Bogota, Columbia. He specializes in maritime law, aviation law, transportation law, international trade law and insurance law.

He received his JD from Universidad Externado de Colombia, and his LLM in Maritime Law from University of Wales in the UK. He is a lecturer of Maritime and Transportation Law at the Universidad Externado de Colombia (Bogotá DC).

He serves as an Arbitrator and has Authored books on “Admiralty Jurisdiction in Colombia” (2002), “Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Sea - Bills of Lading” (2007) and “Contracts o Carriage” (2009) among others.

Member of the IIDM, the CMI and is President of the Colombian Association of Maritime Law.

Jorge Radovich:

Jorge is a Partner of the Law Firm Radovich&Porcell in Buenos Aires. He graduated from the School of Law and Social Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires in 1978.

He is Member of the ExCoof the Argentine MLA and was its Secretary-General for six years. He is Vicepresident for Argentina of the Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Marítimo,

Full Professor of Maritime, Air and Spatial Law in the School of Juridic and Social Sciences of the Museo Social Argentino University. He is also Member of the Arbitration Committee of the Argentine Association of Maritime Law as of 2005. He has recently been elected as Titulary Member of the Comité Maritime International ExCo.

He has also been practicing in the maritime law field for 30 years, specializing on marine insurance, collision, salvage, shipbuilding and sale and purchase, and general average.

Alessander Lopes Pinto:

ALESSANDER is a Partner of the França, Lopes Pinto law firm, in Brazil. He studied Maritime Law at Southampton University and specializes in Maritime and Port Regulating Law and in Corporate Law. Worked as contracted attorney of ANTAQ – Brazilian Waterways Transportation Agency, from 2002 to 2005, and is a Member of both the Brazilian Association of Maritime Law – ABDM, and of the Ibero-American Maritime Law Institute - IIDM.

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IWAM JAEGER JR.: Graduated in law at Fundação Universidade do Rio Grande-RS, post-graduated in Corporate Law from FVG/RJ - INDIOPU - 1983 (Latu Sensu), post-graduated in Corporate Law from PUC/RJ - IAG-Master - 1995/1996 (Latu Sensu); trainee at Clifford Chance/London - 1989 and Professor of Commercial Law at PUC/RJ - 1998/1999. Partner at Kincaid | Mendes Vianna Advogados since 1990. Thirty years' experience in disputes involving insurance and companies, assureds and reinsurers, trading companies, importers and exporters, shipowners, charterers, cargo and passenger sea carriers, P&I Club, shipping agents, NVOCCs, Offshore – Gas & Oil, port terminals and operators, shipyards, cargo shippers and consignees. Member of IIDM - Instituto Ibero-Americano de Direito Marítimo, LMAA - London Maritime Arbitration Association - as a Supporting Member, IBA - International Bar Association, arbitrator for the Fundação Getúlio Vargas Arbitration and Conciliation Chamber, Brazilian Arbitration Committee – CBar, Brazilian Maritime Law Association and speaker at seminars in Brazil and abroad on Maritime and Insurance and Reinsurance Law.

At Sea With Universal Jurisdiction

Hon. Juan R. Torruella:

J. Ramón Rivera-Morales (Moderator):

Current Issues of the Federal Maritime Commission: Past, Present and Future

Hon. Michael A. Khouri:

Commissioner Mike Khouri is serving in his second term with the Federal Maritime Commission. He was nominated by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2009 and was re-nominated and confirmed for a full five year term in 2011.

Commissioner Khouri began his maritime career forty-two years ago as deck crewman on inland river towboats. He has worked in the engine room and the wheelhouse, earning his Master's and First Class Pilot license.

He served as General Counsel for American Commercial Lines, as President of MERS/Economy Boat, and in private practice at Pedley & Gordinier law firm in Louisville, KY.

He received his undergraduate degree from Tulane, a graduate degree from Harvard, and his law degree from University of Louisville.

Comparison of International Rivers: Practice, Jurisdiction, Liability and Insurance

Dennis Minichello:

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Javier Alvarez:

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Charles G. De Leo (Moderator):

Charles De Leo is the principal partner in the Miami law firm of De Leo & Kuylenstierna. Charles practices maritime law--principally representing P&I clubs, owners, operators and other marine insurers in connection with all types of litigation, arbitration and casualties. He is a member of the IIDM and the MLA where he is Vice-Chair of the Casualties Committee.