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| **Editorial Comment** |
| **Source:** MLA**Date:** May 3, 2002**EDITORIAL COMMENT**In a few short pages, the Spring 2002 edition of the MLA Report highlightsthe remarkable breadth of the Association’s work and the diversity ofour practice as maritime lawyers. Few other professional associations that Iknow of cover the same range of topics, both domestic and international,through their activities and written work. Undoubtedly, Bill Dorsey, ourPresident for the past two years, deserves much credit from us all for his hardwork and leadership on the Association’s behalf.In addition, the committees and working groups of the Association playan essential role in maintaining this diversity. Whether participating internationallyon topics such as the UNESCO Draft Convention on the Protectionof Underwater Cultural Heritage, or running the gauntlet of individual staterequirements to become certified as a continuing legal education provider,the Association remains responsive to the membership through its committeestructure. Moreover, the written work of the committees provides a significantmeans for us to keep abreast of important legal developments. Indeed,the Committee on Marine Insurance and General Average continues to producewritten work of lasting value, with the fine scholarly summary of recentCMI marine insurance issues by former MLA President, Graydon Staring, afascinating discussion of bankruptcy issues in the context of mutual insurance,as well as summaries of recent jurisprudence in the U.S. Likewise, theCommittees on Recreational Boating and Carriage of Goods have again providedinformative, timely updates about recent legal decisions within theirpurview.This Comment would be incomplete without a note of thanks to AnneHopkins and her staff at AMC, who have assisted by providing parallel citationsto the AMC for many of the cases discussed in the Report. I am gratefulfor their assistance. As always, I encourage committees that do not ordinarilysubmit written materials to do so in time for the Fall 2002 generalmeeting in New York. Please do not hesitate to contact me (mmarion@healy.com) or LeRoy Lambert (llambert@healy.com) if you have any questionsor comments.Matthew A. Marion,*Editor*  |