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BIOGRAPHY – SUZANNE SHAW



Dr. Suzanne Shaw joined Dingli & Dingli Law Firm in 1995 and was admitted as a Partner in 2010. She graduated as Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) from the University of Malta in 1995. After gaining valuable work experience, she advanced her academic studies by reading for a Masters' Degree at the IMO's International Maritime Law Institute in Malta, where she graduated LL.M. (IMLI) with distinction in 2004.

She was admitted to the Bar at Valletta, Malta in 1995, and practices as an Advocate.

She is a member of the Chamber of Advocates and currently occupies the post of Vice-President of the Malta Maritime Law Association.

BIOGRAPHY – ANN FENECH



Ann Fenech is the Managing Partner of Fenech & Fenech Advocates - Malta. She graduated as Doctor of Laws in 1986 and joined Holman Fenwick and Willan in London. In 1989 she obtained her LLM in Maritime Law from the University of London. In 1991 she moved from HFW to Chaffe, McCall, Phillips Toler and Sarpy in New Orleans. In 1992 she joined Fenech & Fenech Advocates setting up the Marine Litigation Department. She was appointed Managing Partner in June 2008.

She has extensive experience in disputes ranging from ship building contracts to immediate casualty response in collisions having acted and advised some of the most important international maritime operators.

She has been responsible for the drafting of a number of laws related to the maritime sector including the Pilotage Regulations and the sections on Jurisdiction in Rem in the Code of Organisation and Civil Procedure. She lectures extensively on the subject in Malta and abroad; she is the President of the Malta Maritime Law Association.

In October 2010 she was appointed Executive Board Member of the European Maritime Law Organisation. In 2012, 2014 and 2015 she was awarded Best in Shipping Law at the European Women in Business Awards held in London. In October 2013 she was appointed Honorary Patron of the Malta Law Academy and in June 2014 was elected on the Executive Council of the Comité Maritime International. She was also appointed Chairman of the international working group on ship finance security practices. In October 2015 she was appointed on the Malta Maritime Forum Board of Directors and in April 2016 she was also appointed to represent the Malta Maritime Law Association on the board of the government agency Malta Marittima. In September 2017 she was elected to serve a second term on the Executive Council of the Comité Maritime International.

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BIOGRAPHY – IAN BORG



Dr. Ian Borg was born on 28th February 1986. Dr Borg's political career started in 2005, when he was elected Mayor of his hometown Dingli, a role for which he was re-elected in 2008.

Following successful roles in the Local Council Association and the North Regional Committee, and service in the Users' Committee of the Malta Environment and Planning Authority, Dr Borg was elected as a member of the Maltese delegation to the Committee of the Regions in 2010. The following year President of the Labour Party Councillors Section, hence serving as a member of the Labour Party Administration. 2012 was the year of his graduation as a lawyer from the University of Malta together with re-election as Mayor.

Dr Ian Borg was first elected to Parliament in March 2013, and he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for the EU Presidency 2017 and EU Funds, a role which he served in for four successful years. With a track record of a 100% absorption rate of EU Funding and a 6-month Presidency characterised by several positive conclusions and successful advancements in policy, Dr Borg was re-elected to Parliament in 2017 and appointed Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects.

BIOGRAPHY – STUART HETHERINGTON



Stuart Hetherington is the President of the Comité Maritime International and a partner at Colin Biggers & Paisley. Stuart was awarded the Lloyd's List DCN Maritime Service Award in 2010. He has also served on the boards of the Sydney Port Authority and the Sydney Ports Corporation.

In 2013 and 2014-15, Stuart was listed in Best Lawyers in Australia for shipping and maritime, transportation and insurance. In its 2016 and 2017 editions, he was once again recognised in these categories, as well as in alternative dispute resolution and litigation. Best Lawyers also named Stuart the Shipping and Maritime Lawyer of the Year in Australia in 2014-15.

In 2015 and 2016, Doyle's Guide listed Stuart as a recommended Australian shipping lawyer, and named him as a leading shipping and maritime lawyer in Australia. In 2017, Doyle's Guide listed Stuart as a preeminent shipping and maritime lawyer.

In addition, Stuart was listed as a recommended lawyer in transport in the Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2015 and 2016 editions. He has also been recognised as a leading lawyer in shipping in Chambers and Partners (2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016) and Who's Who Legal Transport 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Stuart is an accomplished author, having published Annotated Admiralty Legislation in 1988 and numerous articles. He has also presented papers at seminars for clients, the legal profession and the insurance and shipping industries.

Stuart was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1973 and admitted as a solicitor in NSW in 1978. He is admitted to practice in the Supreme Courts of NSW and Victoria, the Federal Court and the High Court of Australia.

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BIOGRAPHY – RYAN HARRINGTON



Ryan Harrington is a Legal Officer and the Legal Librarian for the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs/International Trade Law Division (UNCITRAL). He services the Secretariat for Working Group I (Micro-, Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises) and Working Group VI (Security Interests). He is also charged with the promotion of adoption and uniform interpretation of UNCITRAL texts on the sale of goods.

He received his Juris Doctor from Georgetown University in 2005 and began with UNCITRAL in 2016 after eight years at the Yale Law School as a Lecturer and its International Law Librarian. He has published on international and comparative law, particularly with regard to treaty formation and domestic implementation.

BIOGRAPHY – CAMILA MENDES VIANNA CARDOSO



Mrs. Camila Mendes Vianna Cardoso is a Senior Partner of Kincaid | Mendes Vianna Advogados. Mrs. Cardoso has practice and a wide experience in Maritime, Tax and Customs, Corporate, Litigation and Arbitration, Ports and Infrastructure, Energy, Oil and Gas, Employment, Aviation, Compliance and Railroad.

She also received for the past years recognition by the most accredited international publications such as Chambers and Partners, Legal 500 and Who's Who as Leading Lawyer in her field and a regular speaker at events and seminars in Brazil and abroad in her areas of expertise. She holds a law degree from Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC/RJ), a LLM in Maritime Law, Marine Insurance, Carriage of goods by sea and International law of natural resource from London School of Economics and Leadership in Law Firm Program from Harvard Law School.

She is the Vice President of Maritime and Port Law Committee of the Brazilian Center Mediation and Arbitration (CBMA) and member of the International Bar Association (IBA), Ship Finance Security International Working Group (CMI), Brazilian Bar Association (OAB/RJ and OAB/SP), Member of International Chambers of Commerce Brazil (ICC BRAZIL), Member of International Law and Mediation, Conciliation and Arbitration Law Committees (IAB), Member of Brazilian Association of Maritime Law (ABDM). Mrs. Cardoso is also the author of various articles and chapters relating to shipping and speaks fluently Portuguese, English and Spanish.

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BIOGRAPHY – JAN-ERIK PÖTSCHKE



Dr. Jan-Erik Pötschke is a partner in the shipping department of Ahlers & Vogel in Hamburg and primarily advises ship owners, shipyards, P & I clubs and ship managers. He studied law in Trier and Freiburg and did his doctorate on the liability of shipowners under German and English law.

His international training included work in law firms in Mumbai and Singapore. He has been admitted to the bar since 1997. After working as a lawyer with an insurance broker in the field of transport insurance, Dr. Pötschke joined Ahlers & Vogel in 1999 and has been a partner since 2002.

He has considerable experience in charter party disputes, Ship purchases and sales as well as freight contract disputes and belongs to the casualty response team at Ahlers & Vogel, where he advises shipowners and their insurers on ship accidents in Germany and abroad. Dr. Pötschke is co-author of the Law of the Sea in the Munich Commentary on the Commercial Code.

Dr. Pötschke is a member of the German Association for International Law of the Sea, German Society for Transport Law and German Singaporean Lawyers Association.

BIOGRAPHY – LAWRENCE TEH



Lawrence Teh is a Senior Partner in the Maritime practice of Dentons Rodyk and has wide experience handling maritime and commercial disputes, including those related to carriage of goods by sea, international trade and commodities, charter parties, ship and offshore construction, conversion and repairs, mortgage enforcement, ownership, ship agency and investment disputes in maritime businesses.

Lawrence oversees all of the Firm's maritime work and maritime clientele and is often the contact partner for outgoing and incoming investments, ship purchase and finance, and corporate and tax work.

Lawrence advises clients and acts as counsel in all areas of commercial law and appears regularly as lead counsel in the Singapore courts, in arbitration, mediation and other forms of dispute resolution. He is also considered and appointed regularly as an arbitrator in international disputes under the rules and auspices of international arbitration institutions and in ad hoc arbitrations.

He is the Administrator of the Comité Maritime International (CMI), a supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA), chairman of the Promotion Committee of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA).

He is named in numerous legal guides and directories including the The Legal 500 Asia Pacific, International Who's Who for Commercial Litigation, International Who's Who of Shipping & Maritime and Asialaw Leading Lawyers for Shipping, Maritime & Aviation and in the Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Lawyers.

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BIOGRAPHY – CHARLES BUSS



Charles trained at Slaughter and May, qualifying as a solicitor in 1993. In 1995, he joined Watson Farley & Williams LLP, where he became a partner in 2000. He has acted for numerous ship mortgagees enforcing security by arrest and sale around the world. He has represented most of the leading players in the ship finance market, including the main UK, US, Japanese, French, German and Scandinavian banks and several private equity funds. He also is well known to the ship-owning community throughout Europe, in particular in Greece, Turkey, Italy and Germany. In 2015, he co-authored with David Osborne the second edition of “The Law of Ship Mortgages”, the industry’s most comprehensive book on English law on the topic.

Charles is recommended in the latest edition of Legal 500 UK, where he is described as “energetic, creative and never gives up in trying to get a result for the client” and as a litigator who “looks at every case from every angle”.

BIOGRAPHY – BROOKE SHAPIRO



Brooke Shapiro is an associate with Winston & Strawn LLP in their New York office. She focuses her practice on admiralty, maritime, government contracts, regulatory compliance, maritime bankruptcy and reorganization, sale-lease back transactions, corporate finance, marine pollution investigations, and general litigation.

Brooke has represented vessel owners, vessel operators, U.S. government contractors, ship managers, marine terminal operators, logistics providers, and other entities engaged in marine transportation services. Brooke has also represented various financial institutions in the acquisition of distressed shipping-related debt and enforcement of mortgagee rights.

Brooke regularly represents clients in matters before the U.S. Maritime Administration, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Federal Maritime Commission, and U.S. Department of Justice. Brooke received a B.A. in English, cum laude, and a minor in Crime and Justice from the University of Michigan and J.D. from St. John's University School of Law.

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BIOGRAPHY – ALEXANDER VON ZIEGLER



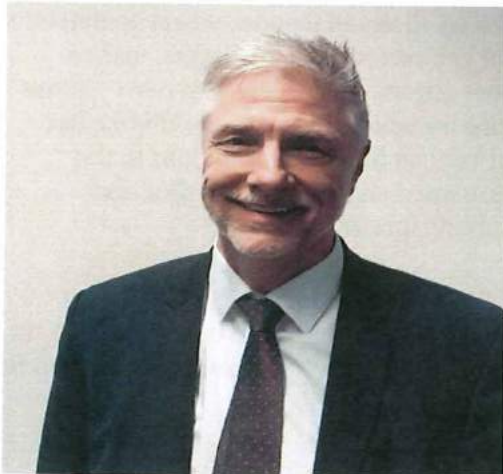
Alexander von Ziegler is a partner in Schellenberg Wittmer's Dispute Resolution Group in Zurich and he also heads the firm's Trade and Transport Group as well as the Insurance Practice Group. He has specialized in all aspects of trade and transportation, including maritime and aviation law.

Alexander von Ziegler was Secretary General both of the International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI) and the Comité Maritime International (CMI) and has this year been elected to the Executive Council of the CMI. He is president of the Swiss Maritime Law Association and of the Swiss Transport Commission.

He also was a member of the Swiss delegation at UNCITRAL tasked with creating a new Transport Convention (Rotterdam Rules) and is now representing Switzerland in the project of "Recognition of Foreign Judicial Sales of Ships" at UNCITRAL.

After graduating from the University of Zurich, School of Law in 1981, he obtained a Master of Laws from Tulane University, New Orleans (maritime law program, LL.M. in Admiralty) in 1984. He was admitted to the bar in Switzerland in 1988 after joining Schellenberg Wittmer that same year, and became a partner in 1993. Since 1990 he has been lecturing at the University of Zurich, where, in 1999, he became Associate Professor (Privatdozent) and in 2005 Professor (Titularprofessor) teaching transport, maritime, trade and insurance.

BIOGRAPHY – TILMAN STEIN



Tilman Stein is Director and Senior Counsel of Deutsche Bank AG – Deutsche Shipping Legal.

In 1991 he sat for his First Juristic State Exam at Albert-Ludwigs-University, Freiburg i.Br., Baden-Württemberg, Germany and passed the Second Juristic State Exam in Baden-Württemberg in 1994.

He started his legal career with the Hamburg law firm Esche, Schumann, Commichau as an Associate in March 1994 whereby he stayed till May 1996.

In June 1996 he joined Deutsche Bank AG, Group Legal; Ship Financing Department. He moved to Deutsche Bank AG, NY, USA, Group Legal; Corporate Finance Department in October 2000.

Tilman returned to Hamburg in October 2002 at Deutsche Bank AG, Group Legal; Ship Financing Department, whereby he has been appointed head of Legal Shipping in 2008.

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BIOGRAPHY – PETER LAURIJSSSEN



Peter Laurijssen is the Manager of the Legal Department at CMB - Compagnie Maritime Belge NV. He graduated with a bachelor of law from the University of Namur in 1990. He obtained his bachelor of philosophy from the University of Leuven in 1992, master of law from the University of Leuven in 1993 and a master of economic law from the University Louvain-la-Neuve in 1994.

Peter started his career in 1994 as a Lawyer at Antwerp Bar in marine & transport law practice. In 1998 he joined CMB Transport – later renamed Safmarine Container Lines – as a legal consultant and in 2000 he was named as legal consultant and manager cargo claims department at Safmarine Container Lines where he stayed till 2006.

In 2007 he joined Delphis /Team Lines as manager of their legal department. In 2014 he moved to CMB - Compagnie Maritime Belge in the position of manager of the legal department.

He is the author of various articles on issues of maritime & transport law and a regular speaker at events regarding said issues. Peter is a member of the editorial board of ETL – European Transport Law since 1996 and co-editor in chief of ETL - European Transport Law since 2014. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers since 2002, fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers since 2003 and examiner & assessor of various legal courses at the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers since 2004. Peter is also a member of the Belgian Maritime Law Association since 1997 and a member of the general council of the Belgian Maritime Law Association since 2011. He is the winner of Clarkson's award for dry cargo chartering (2000) and winner of maritime policy & management award for economics of sea transport and maritime trade (2002). He is also an owner member of BIMCO documentary committee since 2013.

BIOGRAPHY – CORNELIA ZAMMIT GERMAN



Cornelia Zammit German is the Chief Executive Officer of the Falzon Group of Companies, one of Malta's longest established fuel suppliers with activities extending to various Mediterranean ports. She graduated Doctor of Laws from the University of Malta in 1999 and read for a Masters in International Maritime Law at the IMO's International Maritime Law Institute in the following year.

She is a member of the International Bunker Industry Association, the Energy Institute and the Committee of the Yachting Trade Section within the Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry.

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BIOGRAPHY – SIMON WARD



Simon Ward started his career at a ship-owning company in Liverpool. He became a ship sale & purchase broker, also in Liverpool, in 1993 before moving to London in 1997. In 2008 he moved to Greece to open and run HSBC Shipping Services Ltd in Piraeus. Despite moving back to London at the end of 2012, he returned to Greece in 2013 to open a new sale & purchase venture in Piraeus with Ursa Shipbrokers.

A Member of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers since 1995 he was accepted as a Fellow in 2009. He speaks on behalf of the Institute on matters concerning Sale and Purchase as a member of the Education and Training Committee.

He also lectures to students preparing for their professional qualification examinations, and is a guest lecturer at the University of Piraeus and Athens University of Economics and Business as well as a regular speaker at industry events.

BIOGRAPHY – IVAN SAMMUT



Ivan Sammut has 18 years' experience in the international maritime industry and graduated with a Master of Science degree in International Maritime Studies from the University of Southampton, United Kingdom. He is the current Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, responsible for the Merchant Shipping Directorate within Transport Malta – the Malta Ship and Yacht Register.

He is Malta's representative on the Administrative Board of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and the European Sustainable Shipping Forum (ESSF).

Mr. Sammut is also Malta's head of delegation at a number of meetings of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Yachting Malta and a member of the Board of Directors of Malta Marittima Agency.

For the last eight years, Mr Sammut is entrusted to regulate, control and administer all matters related to ship and yacht registration under the Malta flag and their technical performance with regards to safety and pollution prevention and to promote Maritime Malta with the international shipping community. He is also entrusted with regulating the employment and certification of seafarers and to promote and advance the skills of seafarers and of persons employed in the maritime industry, to foster Malta's relations in international shipping fora and to administer the implementation of maritime and other related international conventions and agreements.

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BIOGRAPHY – NORMAN MARTINEZ



Norman Martínez is an Associate Professor of International Maritime Law at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) where he has been lecturing for nearly 20 years. He read law at the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH) and holds an LL.M. Degree (with Distinction) and a Ph.D. Degree (cum laude) from IMLI. In 2005 he was admitted as an Advocate to the Honduran Lawyers' Bar Association.

Prior to joining IMLI, he was engaged in 1997 by the Honduran General Directorate of the Merchant Marine where he occupied different posts. Norman has acted as an international maritime law consultant since the year 2000 and in 2013 he became a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the Câmara Arbitral Marítima no Rio de Janeiro, Brasil.

Norman has authored, co-authored and edited a number of books, has published numerous articles in prestigious law journals, and has delivered a number of papers at conferences around the world.

