Training course on Maritime Law and Shipping

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Legal Institute	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

Maritime Law and Shipping stands as one of the oldest and most globally interconnected fields of law, governing an industry that is the backbone of international trade, accounting for over 80% of global commerce by volume. The intricate legal and regulatory frameworks surrounding shipping, navigation, and maritime activities are critical for ensuring the safe, efficient, and orderly conduct of operations across the world's oceans. From the complex contractual arrangements governing the carriage of goods and passengers to the liability for maritime casualties and the pressing demands of environmental protection, this specialized area of law presents unique challenges and requires a profound understanding of its international dimensions. The inherent risks of the sea, coupled with evolving geopolitical landscapes and technological advancements, necessitate robust legal compliance and adept risk management for shipowners, charterers, insurers, port authorities, and legal practitioners alike. Training Course on Maritime Law and Shipping is meticulously designed to equip participants with the advanced theoretical insights and practical tools necessary to navigate the multifaceted legal and commercial realities of the maritime sector, fostering effective operations and resilient dispute resolution. This course will delve deeply into the foundational principles of admiralty law, exploring key international conventions such as the Hague-Visby Rules, Hamburg Rules, and the Athens Convention, and examining their implementation in national legal systems. Participants will gain crucial insights into the legal intricacies of charterparties, bills of lading, marine insurance, and ship finance. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the legal liabilities arising from maritime casualties (e.g., collisions, salvage, general average), the regulatory landscape for environmental protection at sea, and the critical importance of port state control. By analyzing landmark court decisions, engaging with contemporary industry challenges such as cybersecurity in shipping and the complexities of autonomous vessels, attendees will develop the strategic acumen to effectively advise clients, mitigate legal exposures, and contribute meaningfully to the sustainable and efficient operation of global shipping, ensuring both operational excellence and adherence to international maritime governance.

Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the historical development and foundational principles of **Maritime Law** and **Admiralty Jurisdiction**.
2. Interpret key international conventions governing the **carriage of goods by sea** (e.g., Hague-Visby, Hamburg, Rotterdam Rules).
3. Understand the legal characteristics and strategic use of **charterparties** and **bills of lading**.
4. Examine the principles and practice of **marine insurance** (hull, cargo, P&I).
5. Assess legal liabilities and responsibilities arising from **maritime casualties** (e.g., collision, salvage, general average).
6. Navigate the legal framework for **ship registration**, **ship finance**, and maritime liens.
7. Understand international and national regulations for **maritime environmental protection** and pollution prevention.
8. Discuss the legal aspects of **seafarers' rights**, employment contracts, and maritime labor conventions.
9. Explore the role of **port state control** and flag state responsibilities.
10. Analyze the legal aspects of **piracy**, **maritime security**, and international responses.
11. Examine the mechanisms for **maritime dispute resolution** (admiralty courts, arbitration).

12. Identify and address emerging legal issues in **shipping technology** (e.g., autonomous ships, cybersecurity).
13. Formulate strategies for **legal compliance** and **risk management** in the global shipping industry.

Target Audience

This course is designed for a broad range of professionals and individuals involved in the maritime and shipping industries, as well as the legal sector:

1. **Legal Professionals:** Lawyers specializing in maritime law, shipping law, international trade law, or dispute resolution.
2. **Shipping Company Executives:** Managers and directors of shipowning, chartering, and operating companies.
3. **Marine Insurers & Brokers:** Professionals involved in underwriting and managing marine insurance policies.
4. **Shipbrokers & Agents:** Individuals involved in chartering and vessel agency services.
5. **Port and Harbour Authorities:** Officials responsible for port operations, regulation, and safety.
6. **Seafarers & Master Mariners:** Deck and engine officers, and captains seeking to understand their legal obligations.
7. **Government Officials:** Policymakers and regulators in maritime administrations, customs, and environmental agencies.
8. **Academics & Researchers:** Scholars and students in maritime studies, international law, and transportation.

Course Duration: 10 Days

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations and Sources of Maritime Law

- Historical Development of Maritime Law: From Ancient Codes to Modern Conventions
- Nature and Characteristics of Admiralty/Maritime Jurisdiction
- Sources of Maritime Law: International Conventions, National Legislation, Custom, Case Law
- Key Concepts: Ship, Seafarer, Vessel, Maritime Lien
- The Role of International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Module 2: Ship Registration and Nationality

- Principles of Ship Registration: Open Registers vs. National Registers
- Flag State Jurisdiction and Responsibilities
- Legal Implications of Ship Nationality: Taxation, Labour Laws, Safety Standards
- Bareboat Charter Registration and Dual Registration
- Legal Issues in Ship Sale and Purchase

Module 3: Ship Finance and Security Interests

- Methods of Ship Finance: Loans, Mortgages, Leasing, Bareboat Charters
- Maritime Liens: Nature, Priority, and Enforcement
- Ship Mortgages: Registration, Priority, and Enforcement Procedures
- Arrest of Ships: Legal Basis and Procedures
- Challenges in Cross-Border Ship Finance and Enforcement

Module 4: Carriage of Goods by Sea: Conventions

- The Hague Rules (1924) and Hague-Visby Rules (1968/1979): Scope and Principles
- The Hamburg Rules (1978): Carrier Liability and Shipper Rights
- The Rotterdam Rules (2008): Modernizing International Carriage of Goods by Sea
- Comparison of Carrier Liabilities, Defenses, and Responsibilities under each Regime
- Impact of Mandatory Application and Incorporation by Reference

Module 5: Carriage of Goods by Sea: Contracts and Documentation

- Bills of Lading: Functions (Receipt, Document of Title, Contract of Carriage)
- Negotiable vs. Non-Negotiable Bills of Lading
- Electronic Bills of Lading and Digital Documentation
- Waybills and Sea Waybills: Legal Characteristics
- Letters of Indemnity (LOIs) and Their Legal Effect

Module 6: Charterparties: Types and Clauses

- Overview of Charterparties: Contract for the Use of a Ship
- Types of Charterparties: Voyage, Time, Demise (Bareboat)
- Key Clauses in Charterparties: Hire, Freight, Laytime, Demurrage, Off-Hire
- Responsibilities of Shipowner vs. Charterer
- Breach of Charterparty and Remedies

Module 7: Marine Insurance

- Principles of Marine Insurance: Utmost Good Faith, Indemnity, Subrogation, Proximate Cause
- Types of Marine Insurance Policies: Hull & Machinery (H&M), Cargo, Loss of Hire
- Protection and Indemnity (P&I) Clubs: Mutual Insurance for Third-Party Liabilities
- War Risks Insurance and Piracy Cover
- Claims Procedure and Dispute Resolution in Marine Insurance

Module 8: Maritime Casualties and Liabilities

- Collisions: Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs), Apportionment of Fault
- Salvage: Principles (Voluntary Act, Success, Danger), Salvage Awards
- General Average: Principles (Common Maritime Adventure, Sacrifice, Expenses), Adjustment
- Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims (e.g., LLMC Convention)
- Wreck Removal and Abandonment of Vessels

Module 9: Maritime Environmental Law and Pollution Prevention

- MARPOL Convention (International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships): Annexes and Scope
- Prevention of Oil Pollution and Other Harmful Substances
- Ballast Water Management Convention
- Ship Recycling (Hong Kong Convention)
- Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (CLC Convention) and Fund Convention

Module 10: Seafarers' Rights and Maritime Labour Law

- Maritime Labour Convention (MLC, 2006): "Seafarers' Bill of Rights"

- Employment Contracts for Seafarers: Wages, Working Hours, Health and Safety
- Abandonment of Seafarers and Repatriation
- Personal Injury Claims of Seafarers
- Flag State and Port State Responsibilities for Seafarer Welfare

Module 11: Maritime Security, Piracy, and Illicit Activities

- Legal Frameworks for Maritime Security (e.g., SOLAS, ISPS Code)
- Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea: UNCLOS, UN Resolutions
- Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSCs) and Rules on Use of Force
- Illicit Trafficking by Sea: Drugs, Arms, Human Smuggling
- Sanctions Compliance in Shipping Operations

Module 12: Maritime Dispute Resolution and Emerging Issues

- Admiralty Courts and Their Jurisdiction
- Maritime Arbitration: LMAA, SCMA, AAA and Ad Hoc Arbitration
- Mediation and Other ADR Mechanisms in Shipping Disputes
- Legal Challenges of Autonomous Ships (MAS): Liability, Manning, Regulation
- Cybersecurity Risks in Shipping: Legal and Regulatory Responses
- Arctic Shipping and Polar Code Legal Regime

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.

- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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