



Marine Disputes

With decades of experience in the shipping, casualty, offshore, international transportation, trade, shipbuilding, ports and insurance industries, our Marine team protects its clients' interests in all aspects of their operations.

We have experienced shipping lawyers operating in the world's key markets, the flexibility to marshal focused marine teams and multi-disciplinary teams for marine cases, and capable partners and other fee earners ready to deal with all aspects of shipping and marine-related cases.

In addition to marine litigators and non-contentious marine lawyers, our practice includes experienced professionals from across DLA Piper who offer high-quality advice in regulatory and government affairs; corporate crime; investigations; commercial litigation; finance and projects; restructuring; corporate transactions; employment; intellectual property and technology; real estate; and tax. Our lawyers know the shipping sector and offer advice which takes your commercial realities into account.

CAPABILITES

- Shipbuilding disputes, both in relation to quality issues and finance problems
- Offshore engineering and construction
- Ship finance disputes and loan restructurings
- Charterparties
- Bills of lading
- Sale of goods and documentary credits
- Derivatives
- Maritime casualties
- Marine insurance
- Personal injuries

EXPERIENCE

- Acting for a Swiss-based offshore pipelaying company, in an arbitration in London in relation to a major shipbuilding dispute concerning the conversion of a bulk carrier to a specialised deep sea pipelaying vessel.
- Advising buyers in connection with arbitrations with Russian shipyard over delays in construction and delivery of hull newbuildings.

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- Represented disputes between a Scandinavian buyer and a Far Eastern builder on delivery of a large LNG newbuilding vessel, mainly involving alleged coatings defects.
- Arbitrating under The London Maritime Arbitrators Association Terms on disputes relating to delivery of large newbuilding Moss-type LNG vessel due to issues relating to alleged defects in propulsion system and safety/consumption issues.
- Advising on several occasions, either owners or credit providers, on disputes arising out of ship finance agreements, including withdrawal of committed finance, renegotiations of terms, credit worthiness issues and innovative refinancings.
- Representing charterers of a car carrier high-jacked by pirates off the coast of Africa. Advising on allocation of cargo liability under a NYPE and Owners' liability for unseaworthiness of vessel.
- Numerous casualties and collisions in the South China Seas, Korean Peninsula, Sea of Japan, in and about the Singapore Strait, Indonesia and elsewhere.
- Numerous dry and wet cargo charterparty cases.
- Numerous forward freight and other derivatives disputes.
- Numerous total and partial loss cases under marine insurances.
- General corporate and business disputes, especially joint venture disputes.