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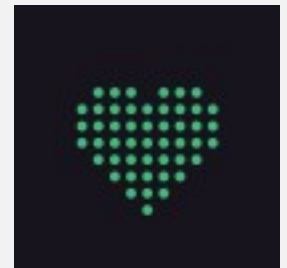
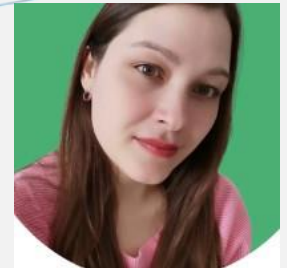
Gonzalo completed his LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University (2023–2024). He now works as a Claims Handler at TT Club – Hispania P&I Correspondents in Barcelona, with experience in P&I and maritime insurance claims, focusing on shipping liability and marine casualty handling. He also spent a week at Preston Turnbull LLP in London on a work-shadowing placement, gaining first-hand insight into the day-to-day work of a specialist maritime law firm.



Marija Caturjana

Quality Assurance Engineer, Nutrameg, Riga

Marija completed her LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University with distinction in 2018. During her time at Swansea, she worked as a research intern on the "Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Risks" project under the supervision of Professor Soyer and Dr Leloudas. She then spent over four years at Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC), starting as a Logistics Documentation Specialist, then as a Cargo Claims Officer in P&I Insurance Legal & Claims, and also as an MSC Academy Lecturer. She later moved into quality assurance and software testing roles at TestDevLab and Printful. Marija now works as a Quality Assurance Engineer at Nutrameg in Riga.





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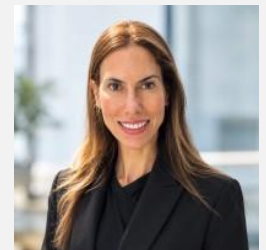
Pablo is a dual-qualified lawyer (England & Wales, Spain) with over 12 years of PQE in (re)insurance coverage and claims. He completed his LLM in International Commercial and Maritime Law at Swansea University. Following his LLM, he worked as a Senior (Re)Insurance Wordings Lawyer at AXA XL, then as a Wordings Lawyer Team Leader at Beazley, and later as Head of Cyber Claims & Products – Europe at Marsh McLennan. Pablo now leads the development of cyber and financial lines coverage and claims management for EMEA at AON, based in London. He is a member of the British Insurance Law Association and the London Market Forum.



Aida García de Diego Álvarez

Senior Contract Analyst & Legal Counsel, Dragados Offshore, Madrid

Aida is a Spanish and Panamanian qualified lawyer specialising in commercial law, insurance, foreign trade, and commercial practices. She holds an LLM in International Law, Foreign Trade and International Relations from the High Institute of Law and Economy of Madrid, and studied an LLM in Maritime Law at Swansea University, focusing on International Carriage of Goods by Sea, Land and Air, Admiralty Law, Charterparties, and Marine Insurance. She qualified as an attorney in international law firms, specialising in litigation and conflict resolution for dry and liquid cargo claims, recoveries, ship collisions, personal injuries, and ship seizures. She was also Legal Counsel & Insurance Manager for six years in freight forwarding and EPC companies. Aida is currently a Senior Contract Analyst & Legal Counsel at Dragados Offshore in Madrid.





Neele Eiken

Insurance Risk Manager EMEA, ADM, Hamburg

Neele holds an LLM from Swansea University and an MSc, and has built a career in marine and corporate insurance risk management. She began her career as a Claims & Recovery Consultant at Reck & Co. GmbH, followed by roles at RHL Reederei Hamburger Lloyd, Hamburg Süd, and Georg Duncker Marine Insurance Brokers. She joined ADM in 2018 as a Claims Coordinator, later becoming Global Risk Manager for Trade, Transportation & Casualty, and Insurance Risk Manager for APAC. She now serves as Insurance Risk Manager EMEA at ADM in Hamburg, with a focus on strategic management of trade, transport, political risk, violence, casualty, and FINPRO-related insurance programmes.



Marine de Geofroy

Secrétaire générale (General Secretary), Romande Energie, Morges, Switzerland

Marine completed her LLM at Swansea University and began her career at Metinvest International SA in Geneva, where she worked on international trade and shipping contracts. She later held senior roles at Louis Dreyfus Company as Commercial Legal Counsel for Europe, the Middle East and Africa, and at Kolmar Group AG as General Counsel and Head of Compliance, where she was also a member of the Global Management Team. She was an Alternate Member of the Board at Zug Commodity Association and a Communication Committee Member at SUISSENÉGOCE. Marine is now Secrétaire générale at Romande Energie, a leading Swiss energy company listed on the stock exchange and a key player in the energy transition, where she supports the Group's governance, strategic direction and transformation.





Francisco Gross
Group Compliance Legal Counsel, Royal Terberg Group,
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Francisco completed his LLM at Swansea University and then worked for HFW for two years in the insurance and reinsurance team, managing claims and lawsuits in Latin America for insurance contracts. He joined Vale in 2017 as Senior Legal Counsel in Rio de Janeiro, where he negotiated and reviewed local and international contracts for the sale and purchase of commodities, including iron ore, nickel, and coal, ensuring favourable terms. He later worked at Vale Canada Limited as Technical Lead for Sanctions & Data Protection, and at Vale Holdings as Trade Compliance Manager. Francisco now works as Group Compliance Legal Counsel at Royal Terberg Group in Amsterdam, leading the design and implementation of a global compliance programme covering anti-bribery, corruption (ABC), and international trade controls.



Chloe Guilfoyle
Founder, Avalon, Paris

Chloe completed her LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University and began her career at Marsh in Paris, where she completed the Graduate Programme and worked on private equity, mergers & acquisitions (PEMA), and transactional risk insurance. She then founded Spot On Travel, a travel and tech startup focused on local and sustainable travel, before becoming General Director & COO at Femmes Business Angels, Europe's leading network of women investors. Chloe is now the Founder of Avalon, a "Guild of Citizen Entrepreneurs" that builds a new model for everyday hospitality, combining community, guidance, and physical spaces to help founders grow without burning out. She is also a TEDx speaker.



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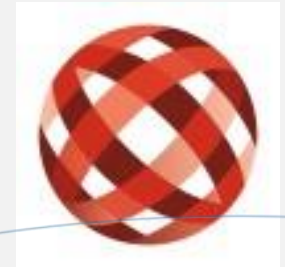
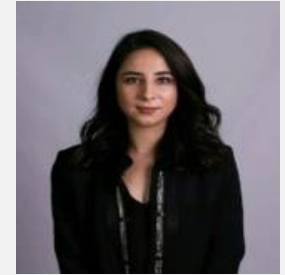
Martin holds an LLM in International Maritime Law from Swansea University. He began his career as an Assistant Attorney at Kammeradvokaten/Poul Schmith, and then spent four years at Hafnia Law Firm as an Attorney at Law, working on wet and dry shipping, offshore contracts, insurance, international sanctions, and risk reviews. He later served as Assistant Vice President at Skuld, working with P&I and FDD matters for shipowners and charterers. Martin now works as Legal Counsel and Advokat (L) at BW Group in Copenhagen, with main areas of interest including shipping and offshore, energy, insurance, international sanctions, and compliance.



Martha Kazantzidou
Lawyer at Court of Appeal, Martha Kazantzidou Law Office, Athens

Martha was offered an internship with Zaiwalla & Co Solicitors, a London law firm specialising in shipping law. During her internship, she drafted and lodged shipping lawsuits, prepared court documentation, and attended trials. She also handled general maritime matters such as ship sales and purchases, vessel mortgages, and auctions. Martha found the internship invaluable, as it allowed her to put her LLM knowledge into practice. She now works as a Lawyer at the Court of Appeal at her own law office in Athens, practising immigration law, penal law, maritime law, investment law, and golden visa work.

Selcan Kocak
Counsel, Esenyel & Partners, Istanbul



Selcan graduated with an LLM in International Maritime and Commercial Law from Swansea University in 2016. After graduating, she interned at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) before joining Esenyel & Partners in 2018 as an Avukat. She was promoted to Senior Associate in 2021 and has served as Counsel since 2026, advising clients on complex maritime and commercial disputes and representing them in international arbitration proceedings in London and Türkiye.



Katerina Kokkala
Associate Legal Counsel, Hellenic Cables, Greece

Katerina completed her LLM at Swansea University with distinction and was selected to work as an intern at the UN World Food Programme in Rome. She then spent five years at the WFP as a Legal Consultant, providing legal advice on cargo claims, fumigation claims, and laytime/demurrage claims, as well as handling claims for late delivery and off-specification goods. She now works as Associate Legal Counsel at Hellenic Cables in Greece.



Theodora Kostara
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Theodora completed her LLM in Transport (including Aviation) and Energy Law at Swansea University. She was offered a summer placement at Norton Rose Fulbright Greece in Athens, where she worked in the shipping litigation and shipping finance departments, drafting and proofreading legal documents and preparing submissions for arbitration tribunals. She later worked as a Litigation Lawyer at Papankolaou Law Office in Athens, focusing on civil litigation, data protection (GDPR), and banking. She then completed a Bluebook Traineeship at the European Commission, followed by a role as Legal Officer at the European Research Executive Agency (REA). Theodora now works as a Financial Officer at the European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA) in Brussels.



Magdalena (Malén) Oriol Lapetra
Legal Manager, Nortegas / Norbogas Renovables, Madrid

Magdalena completed her LLM at Swansea University and was a finalist in the University Moot Competition. Prior to her LLM, she was a junior litigation lawyer at Vázquez Padura Abogados in Madrid. She then worked as a Senior Associate Lawyer at Uría Menéndez, advising on financing, construction, and repair contracts for vessels and port terminals. She later worked as a Business Development Manager at Tecnologías NavalSub, and as a copywriter at Onda Cero. Magdalena now works as Legal Manager at Nortegas / Norbogas Renovables in Madrid.





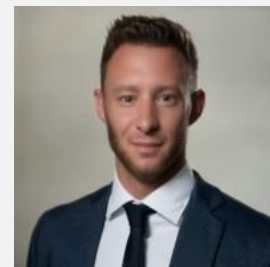
Zoya Mehandzhiyska
Assistant Underwriter (Marine), CNA Hardy, Brussels

Zoya completed her LLM in International Commercial and Maritime Law at Swansea University. Before joining CNA Hardy, she worked in marine operations at Euro Marine Logistics in Brussels, giving her practical understanding of the challenges faced by the maritime sector. She now works as an Assistant Underwriter (Marine) at CNA Hardy in Brussels, supporting the underwriting of new and renewal marine business by analysing risks, preparing quotations, maintaining broker relationships, and helping manage a profitable portfolio. She works closely with colleagues across Claims, Compliance, Legal, Risk Control, Distribution, and Multinational teams to deliver practical solutions for brokers and clients. Zoya is also an AI Champion, a participant in Innovation Hub Cohort 2, a Europe Ambassador, and Facilitator for the Social & Charity Committee at CNA Hardy.



Pieter-Jan Van Mierlo
Head of Litigation / Lawyer (Counsel), PKF BOFIDI Legal, Brussels

Straight after graduating from Swansea, Pieter-Jan started working at the boutique maritime law firm Bettens De Cocker Van Hemelen in Antwerp, where he mainly acted for cargo insurers in subrogation actions and was involved in CMR and CIM-related cases. After three years, he moved to Lydian, the second-largest Belgian independent law firm, where he spent ten years as an Associate, Senior Associate, and Counsel, focusing on commercial, insurance, and litigation practice. He was also a member of Lydian's "Ports & Logistics" practice group. Pieter-Jan now works as Head of Litigation and Lawyer (Counsel) at PKF BOFIDI Legal in Brussels, heading the Commercial & Litigation practice of a full-service law firm with more than 6000 SME clients.





Vincenzo Olivito

Sales Manager, Tomex Danmark A/S, Puerto del Rosario, Canary Islands

Vincenzo interned at Studio Legale Zunarelli e Associati in Bologna, one of Italy's leading international maritime law firms, where he worked with prominent lawyers in the field. This internship gave him valuable experience in insurance and international trade law — two subjects he studied during his Swansea LLM. His performance led to an offer to cooperate with one of the firm's foreign offices, and he was invited to contribute a chapter on maritime law to a book edited by Massimiliano Musi. Vincenzo then worked as an Export Area Manager at ESS-FOOD A/S in Barcelona for over four years, and as an Export Manager at Diamax Food. He now works as a Sales Manager at Tomex Danmark A/S, based in Puerto del Rosario in the Canary Islands, with expertise in international sales, negotiation, and raw materials for the petfood industry.



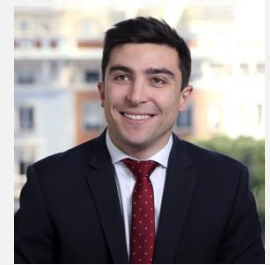
Ole Ollmann **Broker, John T. Essberger B.V., Bremen**

While working on his dissertation, Ole was offered an internship at Hapag-Lloyd AG, one of Germany's oldest and most respected shipping companies and a leading global container line. During his three-month internship, he worked in the bunkering department, gaining insight into oil markets, trading, hedging, and procurement strategies. He procured bunker fuels for ships, prepared documentation, and dealt with bunker claims, as well as general matters of relevant law including general terms and conditions of sale and charterparty terms. After his internship, Ole moved to a permanent position in the chartering and operations department at Carl Büttner GmbH & Co. KG, where he later became a Tanker Operator and Chartering professional. He now works as a Broker at John T. Essberger B.V. in Bremen.



Carlos Cid Parras
Socio / Legal Director, Clyde & Co, Madrid

Carlos completed his LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University (2013–2014), specialising in the Carriage of Goods by Sea, Land and Air. He attended an internship with Goñi & Co. Abogados in Madrid, a reputable maritime law firm with over 50 years of experience, where he assisted with cases involving cargo claims, charterparties, salvage, and maritime arbitration. He then undertook another internship with Waltons & Morse LLP in London, dealing with a variety of maritime cases. Carlos later worked as a Lawyer & Claims Handler at Atlantic Claims Management & Recovery Services, and as an Abogado at SanzAbascal Abogados. He joined Clyde & Co in 2016 as an Abogado and was promoted to Socio / Legal Director in 2023. He is also a Community Lead at AJPS – Asociación de Jóvenes Profesionales del Seguro.



Buğra Perdar
Founder, Nereus Law Office, Istanbul

Buğra is one of the founding partners of Nereus Law Office, which he established in October 2015. He specialises in shipping law, maritime claims, charterparty disputes, ship finance, banking, transport, commercial and corporate law, international trade, and arbitration, advising local and international clients across these fields. Prior to founding Nereus, he worked as an Attorney at Law at Doğu Law Firm and gained early experience as a Legal Intern at Yazıcıoğlu Law Firm and a Paralegal at Karataş Law Office.



Richard Rio
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Following completion of his LLM in International Commercial and Maritime Law at Swansea University (2017–2018), Richard worked as a trainee at Cargolux Airlines in Luxembourg, and later as a Legal Intern (Aviation) at HFW in Brussels. He then joined Cargolux Airlines as Legal Counsel, before moving to Amazon in 2022 as Associate Corporate Counsel for Prime Air in Luxembourg. He subsequently became Associate Corporate Counsel for WW Ops, Aviation in Paris, and now serves as Corporate Counsel for WW Ops, Aviation at Amazon in Paris. Richard has dealt with matters concerning aircraft finance, transport law, passenger claims, traffic rights, slots, security, competition law, and state aid.



Pieter Rombaut
Senior Legal Counsel, Boskalis, Papendrecht

Pieter completed his LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University (2012–2013) with distinction. Several months before graduation, he secured a training contract at a reputable shipping law firm in Antwerp. He later joined one of the leading fixed premium P&I insurers in Rotterdam, handling a broad scope of P&I and FD&D matters. Pieter then worked at Vroon, a diversified Dutch shipowner, as Legal Counsel, Managing Board Secretary, and Supervisory Board Secretary. He now works as Senior Legal Counsel at Boskalis in Papendrecht. Pieter's experience includes offshore tenders, large claims and litigation, compliance issues, and corporate projects, as well as general legal support. Whilst at Swansea, Pieter was part of a successful moot team that took part in the Murdock Maritime Moot.





Uğur Sadıkoğlu **Owner, SADIKOĞLU İNŞAAT, Istanbul**

Following completion of his LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University (2017–2018), Uğur found a position at Cavus & Coskunsu Law Firm, a leading maritime specialist firm based in Istanbul. There he assisted P&I Clubs, shipowners, and H&M underwriters in collisions, cargo claims, salvage cases, and charterparty disputes. Uğur acknowledges that his Swansea LLM provided him with a solid background in maritime law and enabled him to obtain his first job in the field soon after graduation. He also stresses that the Swansea LLM was taught in a practical fashion by leading academics and practitioners, making it easier for him to understand practical issues facing maritime lawyers. He now runs his family's construction business, SADIKOĞLU İNŞAAT, in Istanbul.



Elena Tsianakidou **Solicitor / Claims Associate, Steamship Mutual, Athens**

Elena graduated from the Law Faculty of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and completed her LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University with distinction. Having qualified as a Greek lawyer with the Piraeus Bar Association, she spent two years in private shipping practice. She later moved to London to work at Allianz Insurance, and then joined the claims department of West of England, one of the International Group of P&I Clubs, with claims handling responsibility for both Greek and international members. Elena joined Steamship Mutual in 2022 as a Claims Executive and was promoted to Claims Associate in 2025. She is also an Attorney at Law with the Piraeus Bar Association. Elena now works as Solicitor / Claims Associate at Steamship Mutual in Athens.





Ioanna-Maria Tsoka

Senior Claims Director, UK Defence Club, Piraeus

Ioanna-Maria graduated from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Law School and completed her LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University with distinction. She received two prizes: one for the best performance among LLM students in Part 1 of the programme, and one for the best performance in the Carriage of Goods by Sea module. Shortly after completing her studies, she joined Transport Counsellors International Ltd in Piraeus, a team of English maritime law advisors associated with the C Solutions Group of Companies. She joined the UK Defence Club in 2021 as a Claims Executive and was promoted to Senior Claims Executive in 2024 and Senior Claims Director in 2026. Ioanna has dealt with all issues related to dry shipping, including charterparty disputes, cargo claims, bills of lading, performance claims, and laytime/demurrage disputes. She has been involved in numerous arbitrations and has represented shipowners, operators, charterers, P&I Clubs, traders, cargo interests, and insurance companies.





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