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Assistant General Counsel – Commercial, Oman Air, Muscat



Taher completed his Master's in International Commercial and Maritime Law at Swansea University (2014–2015), where he also served as an International Maritime Organization Consultant and Auditor. Since graduating, he has been involved in various legal projects as a draftsman, supervisor, auditor, and legal consultant, including drafting several statutes in Oman and implementing IMO Conventions into local law. He served as Director of Maritime Legislation Department and Head of Section of Maritime Law at the Ministry of Transport and Communications in Oman, and was appointed by the IMO as a consultant and auditor in 2017, advising IMO member states on the effective implementation of IMO conventions into national legal systems. He later served as Director General of Maritime Affairs at the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology. Taher now works as Assistant General Counsel – Commercial at Oman Air in Muscat.



Sibel Almobideen

Group General Counsel, Global Feeder Shipping L.L.C., Dubai



Sibel completed her LLM in International Commercial and Maritime Law at Swansea University (2009–2010). Soon after graduating, she was offered an internship at the Legal Affairs Department of the International Maritime Organization in London, where she observed the functioning of the regulatory framework for the shipping industry on safety, security, and environmental performance. She then worked as an Associate at Çelik Law Group in Istanbul and as a Legal Associate at Jabir Al Ansari Advocates & Legal Consultants in Dubai. She later joined Simatech Shipping and Forwarding L.L.C. as Senior Legal Counsel, where she was responsible for all legal affairs of the group, including claims handling, arbitration and litigation, new vessel building, sale and purchase, ship finance, corporate matters, and coordinating with offices across Europe, India, Singapore, Cyprus, UAE, Africa, Iraq, and Malaysia. Sibel now works as Group General Counsel at Global Feeder Shipping L.L.C. in Dubai.



Yi-Cheng (Jack) Chen

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Yi-Cheng completed his LLM in International Commercial and Maritime Law at Swansea University (2018–2019) with Merit. He holds a PhD in Law from National Chung Cheng University (2022), and has been a qualified lawyer in Taiwan since 1998. He previously worked as a Senior Supervisor at Taiwan International Ports Corporation, Ltd. (2015–2023), where he provided support to heads of departments in identifying legal issues in transactions, and advised on negotiations and drafting of commercial contracts. He is also an Arbitrator at the Chinese Arbitration Association, Taipei, and a reviewer for Maritime Quarterly. He now works as an Attorney at Law at Favour Law Office in Taipei.



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Abdul completed his Master's in Maritime Law at Swansea University (2007–2008) with Distinction. He joined TT Club as a Claims Executive in 2013, having previously worked at the Claims Department of MacAndrews & Co Ltd and as a Claims Manager at CMA CGM. He went on to become a Senior Claims Executive at TT Club, handling liability and property damage claims for intermodal operators, NVOCs, logistics operators, marine terminals, stevedores, port authorities, and ship operators servicing Club members in the Eastern Mediterranean, Turkey, North Africa, and Southern Europe. He also served as a Member of the Legal and Insurance Committee at the UK Chamber of Shipping. Abdul relocated to the TTMS (Gulf) office in Dubai, where he now serves as TTMS Gulf – Business Development & Marketing Director for the Middle East & Africa.



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Evans completed his LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University (2018–2019). He previously worked as a Paralegal and Associate at Ince & Co in Shanghai, where he advised clients in the shipping industry on contentious and non-contentious matters relating to commodity trade, shipbuilding, charterparties, and carriage of goods. Prior to that, he gained internship experience with China P&I Club, Chubb, and Clyde & Co. Evans is qualified in England and Wales and now works as Legal Manager at Stephenson Harwood LLP in Shanghai.

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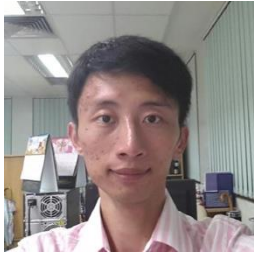


Tariq Idais

Senior Associate, HFW, Dubai



Tariq completed his LLM in International Trade Law at Swansea University. He is a qualified Jordanian lawyer and holds two Master of Laws (LLM) degrees in International Trade Law and Commercial Law. Prior to joining HFW, he practised with a leading Emirati law firm in Dubai in its Transport and Insurance department, and later worked as a litigator in Jordan, handling a broad range of civil, commercial, and tax disputes. He joined HFW's shipping litigation team in Dubai in 2022, where he advises clients on cargo claims, ship arrests, charterparty disputes, collisions, general average matters, and complex civil, commercial, and criminal proceedings across the Middle East. He regularly acts for shipowners, charterers, insurers, and other maritime industry participants in high-value and cross-border disputes. Tariq is also a contributing author to *The Shipping Law Review: United Arab Emirates*.



Shengyi Jiang

Assistant Manager, New Golden, Singapore

Shengyi completed his LLM at Swansea University, where he had the opportunity to attend internships with Holman Fenwick Willan LLP and Willis, one of the world's largest professional services firms specialising in insurance brokerage and risk management. He found these internships enhanced his practical understanding of shipping and insurance law and assisted him in securing a role at COSCO South East Asia in Singapore as Shipping Executive. He previously worked as a Senior Operation Executive at New Golden Sea Shipping Line from 2013. He now works as an Assistant Manager at New Golden in Singapore.





Siddharth Mahajan

Loss Prevention Manager, Asia, Gard AS, Singapore



Siddharth is a Master Mariner with more than 20 years of sailing and shore-based experience in the maritime industry. He obtained his LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University (2014–2015), where he was awarded the Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law Prize, was a runner-up in the IISTL National Maritime and Commercial Law Mooting Competition, and served as a Student Representative. Following his LLM, he worked as a DPA/CSO/QHSE Manager for a tanker owner in Thailand for three years, where he was in charge of ISM and TMSA-related matters. He later worked as an Independent Marine Surveyor in Swansea, conducting condition surveys, delivery/redelivery surveys, draft surveys, and attending cargo contamination cases on behalf of charterers, owners, and P&I Clubs. Siddharth now works at Gard AS in Singapore, a leading marine insurer, where he was promoted from Senior Loss Prevention Executive to Loss Prevention Manager for Asia in 2024. His role entails serving members and clients through workshops, seminars, and internal reviews, presenting in industry forums, writing articles, conducting causation analysis of claims, providing technical advice, and assessing the suitability of vessels for cover. He also occasionally writes for The Nautical Institute's *Seaways* publication.



Munhak Pahk

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Munhak completed his LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University (2014–2015). During his time at Swansea, he was invited to participate in a number of internships with international maritime law firms in London (Stephenson Harwood, Mays & Brown Solicitors, Tatham Macinnes LLP) and Newcastle (Mills & Co). These internships gave him the opportunity to work closely with solicitors dealing with different maritime cases, gaining hands-on experience in marine insurance, carriage of goods, charterparties, and admiralty law — subjects he studied during his maritime LLM at Swansea. He previously worked as a Lawyer at Law & Law in Busan, and as a Partner Lawyer at Law & K. He has been a Partner Lawyer at Sejin in Busan since 2016, specialising in shipping, marine insurance, charterparties, admiralty, and international trade.



Yuhao (Charles) Qiu

Assistant Vice President, Head of Casualty, Skuld Hong Kong



Charles completed his LLM in Maritime Law at Swansea University (2008–2009), following his first degree in business studies from Dalian Maritime University. After graduating, he joined Wang Jing & Co., one of China's most prominent shipping law firms, where he qualified as a Chinese lawyer and built a career in maritime law. His clients were predominantly shipowners, their P&I Clubs, and underwriters, and he worked as a Chinese shipping lawyer for nine years. In 2019, the Norwegian P&I Club Skuld offered him a position as a Senior Claims Executive, and he was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Head of Casualty, Skuld Hong Kong in 2023.



Florian Schacker

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Florian completed his LLM in International Commercial and Maritime Law at Swansea University (2010–2011) with Distinction, following his LLB in Law and Economics at Swansea (2007–2010, First Class Honours). He is dual-qualified in England and Wales and Germany. Following work placements with More Fisher Brown (MFB) and Ince & Co, he was offered a training contract by Ince & Co, where he worked as a Trainee Solicitor and Associate (2014–2019). He then moved to HFW, a leading international law firm, where he worked in the London and Dubai offices as an Associate and Senior Associate (2019–2025), advising owners, charterers, managers, P&I clubs, and insurers on shipping, international trade, and marine insurance, and acting for clients in litigation and arbitration. He has been Legal Counsel at ENESEL Bulk Logistics DMCC in Dubai since May 2025.



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Daniel completed his LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University (2014–2015). During his time in the UK, he interned at Marsh & McLennan Companies in London, working on marine and energy matters, and later worked as an Insurance Broker at NDI Insurance & Reinsurance Brokers Ltd in London, focusing on marine and energy. He then returned to Indonesia and served as Managing Director at PT INARE Proteksi Internasional from 2017 to 2025, where he managed marine, energy, and financial lines. He is now an Independent Commissioner at PT Independen Pialang Asuransi in Jakarta.

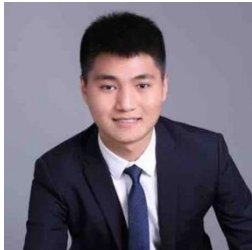


Mayank Suri

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Mayank completed his LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University (2016–2017). During his time there, he worked for two weeks as a research intern at the Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law under the supervision of Professor Soyer, assisting on the Institute's research project on legal issues concerning unmanned ships. He presented his findings to Institute members in July and later presented a further paper at the Cyber Security Conference organised by PhD students at Swansea in September. His research focused on the planned use of artificial intelligence to automate ship functions and the need for strategies to combat cyber risks in an operational context. He is a registered advocate in India and has worked with various law firms in New Delhi, specialising in maritime and offshore oil and gas law. He previously worked as an Advocate at Bose & Mitra & Co in Mumbai, as a Research Fellow at the Centre for Maritime Law, NUS Law School in Singapore, and as an Assistant Professor at O.P. Jindal Global University. He now works as a Professor of Practice (Maritime and Technology Law) at DY Patil University in Navi Mumbai.



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Rusen completed his LLM in International Maritime Law and Commercial Law at Swansea University (2013–2016) with Merit. He was offered the unique opportunity to undertake an internship at Aon Risk Solutions in Beijing, where he gained insight into how the insurance and reinsurance sector operates and what the role of a broker entails. He joined EY in October 2016 and has been a Consultant in Performance Improvement (Government and Public Sector) in the Advisory team for over 10 years, based in Beijing.



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