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Margarita (MB) Bartzi

Commercial Director, OceanEx Global LLC, USA

Margarita attended the Swansea LLM Career Fair, where she made valuable contacts within the shipping industry. These contacts led to an internship at M Taher & Co Solicitors, an international law firm based in the Lloyd's Building in London, where she worked on cases involving European sanctions. She later worked as Business Development Manager at Margetis Maritime in Piraeus, Greece.

Margarita now serves as Commercial Director at OceanEx Global LLC in the USA, focusing on strategic partnerships, commercial growth, business development, and maritime advisory.





Nínive Sheriline Pineda Carranza

**Department Head of International Maritime Affairs, Mexican Navy,
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Nínive completed her LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University, a degree she credits with directly enabling her to secure her current position. The LLM gave her the knowledge to understand the diverse world of maritime law and practice, while also helping her think from a broader perspective, develop critical analytical skills, and improve her English, both speaking and writing. On a personal level, the programme helped her build a global network and lasting friendships with professors and alumni. Her advice to current students is to pursue a job they feel passionate about, and not to be shy about asking for help from the university, professors, or other alumni — there are plenty of sources and experiences to share at Swansea University.



Edmundo Deville

Gerente Legal (Legal Manager), PwC Perú, Lima



Edmundo completed his LLM in International Maritime Law at Swansea University (2021–2022) with honours. He is a qualified lawyer with over 10 years of experience in corporate, commercial, international maritime law, and M&A transactions, having worked with global firms and advised multinational companies and high-net-worth clients. He also lectures in Commercial Law and Maritime Law at Universidad de Piura (UDEP). Prior to his current role, he worked as an Abogado Extranjero (Foreign Lawyer) at Tatham Macinnes LLP in London, and as a Senior Associate at DAC Beachcroft in Lima. He has been the Legal Manager at PwC Perú since February 2025, leading corporate and commercial legal advice for the firm's client portfolio, managing complex transactions, corporate structures, and risk mitigation strategies.

María Belén Espiñeira

Partner, ESPIÑEIRA Maritime Lawyers, Buenos Aires



María obtained her LLM in International Maritime Law with distinction from Swansea University (2007–2008). She is the founder and Partner at ESPIÑEIRA Maritime Lawyers (formerly IT&L Legal Consultants), a firm she established in Buenos Aires in 2011, providing pre-emptive legal support and handling administrative, mediation, judicial, and arbitration proceedings in shipping and maritime matters. She is also Director of the Postgraduate Specialisation Course on Management of the Marine Environment Protection, offered by the Instituto Universitario Superior, dependent on the Prefectura Naval Argentina, and a lecturer on Maritime Law at the Escuela Nacional de Náutica "Manuel Belgrano". She was one of the founders of WISTA Argentina.

In recognition of her academic and professional achievements, she received the "Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Award" from the International Bar Association in Tokyo. She is a member of the International Bar Association, the Argentine Maritime Law Association, and the Iberoamerican Institute of Maritime Law.



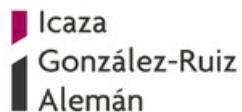


Alexandra Lasso Marín

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Alexandra completed her LLM in International Commercial Law and Maritime Law at Swansea University as a Chevening Scholar, awarded a scholarship by the British Government. She is an Associate Attorney at Icaza, González-Ruiz & Alemán, a Panamanian law firm with over a century of legal experience, where she is part of the Finance and Mergers & Acquisitions team, advising national and international clients on complex and high-value transactions.

Prior to this, she worked as an Associate at Arias Law and Anzola Robles y Asociados, and as a Research Analyst at Refinitiv, an LSEG business, in Panama City. Alexandra credits her Swansea LLM with giving her the tools she needed for her current position — not just the legal knowledge, but also improved English, which has allowed her to build stronger connections with clients and colleagues. Her advice to current students is to never give up, never doubt what they have learned, and to stay active on LinkedIn, because you never know what a friendship can bring to your professional life.





José Guzmán

Partner, Guzman, Mejia & Smith, Panama City

José obtained his LLM in International Maritime and Commercial Law from Swansea University. He is one of the founding partners of the law firm Guzman, Mejia & Smith in Panama City, established in 2019. He also works as a lawyer in the General Council Office of the Panama Canal Authority, a role he has held since 2019.



He previously served as a Professor at the Universidad Marítima Internacional de Panamá (2018–2020), and earlier worked as a Junior Associate at De Castro & Robles and as a Legal Assistant at Palermo, Palermo & Asociados. He is a member of the Maritime Law Commission of the National Bar Association of Panama and the Panamanian Association of Maritime Law.



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