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Why This Course

The maritime industry operates within one of the most complex legal environments in global commerce. Shipping transactions routinely involve multiple jurisdictions, international conventions, specialized contracts, and significant financial and operational risks. A solid understanding of maritime law and shipping contracts is therefore essential for professionals working in shipping, logistics, legal practice, insurance, and trade.

The **Maritime Law & Shipping Contracts Excellence Program** is an intensive one-week course designed to provide participants with a structured and practical understanding of the legal framework governing international shipping. The program covers core maritime law principles, carriage of goods by sea, charter parties, marine insurance, and dispute resolution mechanisms.

By combining legal theory with real-world case studies and practical contract analysis, the course equips participants with the confidence and skills needed to navigate maritime legal issues effectively.

What You'll Learn and Practice

By the end of this program, participants will be able to:

- Understand the fundamental principles of maritime law and their application in international shipping
- Analyze and interpret key shipping contracts, including bills of lading and charter parties
- Evaluate legal issues related to carriage of goods by sea and marine insurance
- Allocate and manage risk effectively in maritime transactions
- Apply maritime regulations and conventions to real-world shipping scenarios
- Handle maritime disputes using appropriate resolution mechanisms

The Program Flow 1-Week Structure

Day 1 - Introduction to Maritime Law

- Historical development and key sources of maritime law
- International maritime conventions and regulatory frameworks
- Jurisdiction, choice of law, and conflict of laws in maritime disputes
- Ship registration, flag states, and their legal responsibilities



Day 2 - Carriage of Goods by Sea

- Bills of lading: functions, types, and legal implications
- Hague-Visby Rules, Hamburg Rules, and their application
- Carrier obligations, liabilities, and available defenses
- Cargo claims, limitation of liability, and claims handling

Day 3 - Charter Parties & Contracts of Affreightment

- Voyage, time, and bareboat charter parties
- Key commercial and legal clauses in charter party agreements
- Laytime, demurrage, and dispatch calculations
- Contracts of affreightment and their contractual characteristics

Day 4 - Marine Insurance & Salvage

- Core principles of marine insurance law
- Types of marine insurance policies and coverage structures
- Warranties, exclusions, and claims considerations
- Maritime salvage law, rights, and operational implications

Day 5 - Dispute Resolution & Practical Application

- Arbitration and alternative dispute resolution in maritime disputes
- Admiralty court proceedings and enforcement mechanisms
- Arrest of ships and maritime claims enforcement
- Case studies and practical exercises in maritime contract and dispute analysis

Individual Impact

Participants will leave the program with:

- Greater confidence in drafting, reviewing, and negotiating shipping contracts
- Stronger ability to identify and manage legal risks in maritime transactions
- Practical skills for handling maritime claims and disputes
- Improved understanding of international maritime legal frameworks
- Enhanced professional credibility in shipping and maritime-related roles

Organizational Impact

Organizations will benefit through:



- Reduced legal and contractual risk in shipping operations
- Better-structured and more balanced shipping contracts
- Improved handling of cargo claims, insurance issues, and disputes
- Stronger compliance with international maritime regulations
- More informed decision-making in maritime and logistics operations

Training Methodology

The program follows a practical, industry-oriented learning approach, including:

- Real-world maritime law case studies
- Contract analysis and clause interpretation exercises
- Group discussions and scenario-based problem-solving
- Practical frameworks for risk allocation and dispute resolution
- Expert-led instruction grounded in maritime legal practice

Beyond the Course

After completing the program, participants will be ready to:

- Navigate the legal complexities of international shipping with confidence
- Draft and negotiate shipping contracts more effectively
- Manage maritime risks, insurance issues, and disputes proactively
- Contribute to stronger legal and commercial outcomes in maritime operations

