

# 40 years specialising in both shipping and admiralty law

AS CYPRUS' largest law firm, Andreas Neocleous & Co LLC offers a full service in all fields, including shipping and admiralty law, in which it has specialised for more than 40 years. It advises a wide range of market-leading shipping businesses, helping them to successfully resolve their legal problems and achieve their business objectives.

It deals with all types of shipping and maritime matters, including advising and assisting with the acquisition and financing of new tonnage, choice of flag and registration, together with all related company law and tax issues. It advises lenders on ship finance transactions, leveraging

the specialist expertise of staff from shipping and banking and finance departments. The company's client list includes many well-known western European, American, Russian and Asian banks, who it assists with registration of security and enforcement of mortgages. The experienced admiralty litigation team has an unparalleled track record of successfully handling claims for loss or damage to cargo, salvage claims and other disputes on behalf of shippers and their insurers.

In shipping, as in every other area of the law, the company is at the top of the Legal 500 and Chambers rankings of Cyprus

law firms, a position it has held for several years, demonstrating consistent service and commitment to clients.

It has a highly-qualified and experienced shipping team, headed by Panayiotis Neocleous, who also heads the firm's dispute resolution department. Panayiotis specialises in large commercial and shipping disputes. He graduated in law from Bristol University in 1994 and was admitted to the Cyprus Bar in 1995, since when he has achieved a reputation as one of Cyprus' leading litigators. Panayiotis is a director of the Mediterranean Maritime Arbitration Association.

Costas Stamatou, another partner in the department, graduated in law from the University of Wales, Cardiff in 2001 and gained a Master's degree in maritime law at Cardiff in 2002 and a second Master's degree in EU law at Bristol University in 2003. He was admitted to the Cyprus Bar in 2004, and is a member of the shipping committee of the Cyprus Bar Association.

Marina Joud joined the shipping department in 2006. Marina is a graduate in law of the Democritus University of Thrace and holds a Master's degree in EU Law from the University of Manchester. Marina was admitted to the Cyprus Bar in 2007. Her main areas of practice are shipping and shipping litigation, contract law, international trade and torts.

Vassilis Psyras graduated from the University of Piraeus in 2003 with a BSc in Maritime Studies and completed his legal studies at the College of Law, London in 2009. He is a member of the Cyprus Bar and a non-practising solicitor (England and Wales). Vassilis also has solid practical experience in the shipping industry. He has seagoing experience with Dorian Hellas SA and he also worked ashore for four years with Naftotrade Shipping and Commercial SA, where he was responsible for operations including insurance and claims handling, safety and ISM Code compliance.

George Chrysaphinis, who coordinates the finance team, is a qualified lawyer who also holds a Master's degree in management from Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris and an MBA from INSEAD. He has considerable commercial experience and knows what clients want from their legal advisers.



Panayiotis Neocleous



Costas Stamatou



Maria Ioannou



Marina Joud



Vassilis Psyras



George Chrysaphinis



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With a team of more than one hundred and thirty professionals we provide world-class standards of quality and responsiveness. We value diversity and our staff speak most major European languages. All are fluent in English.

We are a leader in admiralty and shipping law, advising financial institutions, owners, managers, charterers, freight forwarders and their respective insurers and advisers, and helping to resolve commercial and legal problems in Cyprus and abroad. We are committed to understanding their objectives and providing clear, practical advice and responsive service.

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