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Dear Delegate:

It is with great pleasure we welcome you to the twenty-fourth annual Hellenic/Norwegian-American Chambers of Commerce joint shipping conference in New York City.

Our industry continues to be disrupted in so many ways, that we felt a conference devoted to a discussion of disruption would be appropriate this year. We are confident that this year's program will allow for lively discussions of some of the important and challenging issues facing the maritime industry in turbulent and fast-changing times. After an opening presentation of Macro Shipping and Economic Overview, panels will debate:

- Pressures of Technological Changes
- Navigating Disrupted Seas
- Sources of Capital in a Disrupted Market
- Investor Activism Comes to Shipping
- Political Turmoil and its Effect on Shipping
- Impact of Environmental Activism and Regulation
- Concluding panel: Shipowners' Perspective

We truly appreciate that our distinguished speakers and panelists are willing to share their views of how new regulations, technologies and investor activism, to mention a few issues, are changing the way ships are operated and how strategies have to be constantly revised to meet the challenges of volatile markets.

We are looking forward to insightful exchanges with the audience during the Q/A sessions following each panel discussion and to meeting and networking amongst our colleagues. Together we may indeed discover new opportunities moving forward.

We are grateful to our organizing committee members, who volunteer their time and have been so active and supportive in developing this program, and to our many sponsors. Without our sponsor firms' generous support, this conference would not happen. We are also grateful to YOU for attending and participating in the event in such a positive way. Many of you come back year after year, and we truly appreciate this support. It reflects well on the two organizing chambers and on the New York Metropolitan area as a leading international shipping and business region. Welcome to all.



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8:15 AM REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – APELLA LOUNGE

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9:00 AM OPENING REMARKS

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MACRO SHIPPING AND ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

AMIT MEHROTRA, Director/Lead Analyst, U.S. Transportation & Shipping, Deutsche Bank

9:30 AM PRESSURES OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

Moderator: **JOHN C. STRATAKIS**

WILLIAM NUGENT, Vice President, International Seaways

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10:00 AM NAVIGATING DISRUPTED SEAS: AUTOMATING SHIP OPERATIONS: CYCLICALITY AND OVERSUPPLY / RISK MANAGEMENT – CASUALTY, CYBER, CHINA

Moderator: **PETROS ACHTYPIS**, Chief Executive Officer, Prevention at Sea

JAN HAGEN ANDERSEN, Business Development Director, DNV GL Maritime

AMIT BASU, Vice President & Chief Information Officer, International Seaways

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10:30 AM COFFEE AND NETWORKING – APELLA LOUNGE

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10:45 AM SOURCES OF CAPITAL IN A DISRUPTED MARKET

Moderator: **LAWRENCE RUTKOWSKI**, Partner, Seward & Kissel

MARTIN LUNDER, Managing Director/Head of Shipping, Offshore & Oil Services New York, Nordea

CHRISTIAN ASTRUP, Associate Director/Capital Markets, DNB Markets

JAMES LIGHTBOURN, Senior Associate, Alterna Capital Partners

JASON BRAUNSTEIN, Director – Transport, Hudson Structured Capital Management Ltd.

NICK DASKALAKIS, Director, Smarine Advisor

11:45 AM INVESTOR ACTIVISM COMES TO SHIPPING

Moderator: **LAMBROS PAPAECOMOU**, U.S. Correspondent, Lloyd's List

TOBIAS BACKER, Partner, Fleetscape

DARREN NOVAK, Executive Director, M&A Group, UBS Securities LLC

AMIT MEHROTRA, Director/Lead Analyst, U.S. Transportation & Shipping, Deutsche Bank

THOMAS HAINES, Partner, Perella Weinberg Partners

12:30 PM PRE-LUNCHEON RECEPTION – RIVERPARK RESTAURANT

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Speaker: **PETER DUE**, Director, Autonomy, Kongsberg Maritime

2:30 PM POLITICAL TURMOIL AND ITS EFFECT ON SHIPPING

JOHN SITILIDES, Principal, Trilogy Advisors

Moderator: **CLAY MAITLAND**

BLAINE COLLINS, Vice President, Governmental Relations, DNV GL

MATTHEW J. THOMAS, Partner, Blank Rome

JOHN SITILIDES, Principal, Trilogy Advisors

GEORGE GOURDOMICHALIS, President & Managing Director, Phoenix Shipping & Trading

HILARY SPILKIN, Esq., Attorney-at-Law

3:15 PM IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM AND REGULATION

Moderator: **OLE CHRISTIAN SCHRÖDER**

FRANCIS BIRKELAND, Head of Transportation & Logistics, Americas, ABN Amro

JEANNE M. GRASSO, Partner, Blank Rome

EVAN SPROVIERO, Trader and Head of Projects, GMS (USA)

ANUJ CHOPRA, Vice President Americas, Rightship

4:00 PM COFFEE AND NETWORKING – APELLA LOUNGE

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4:15 PM SHIPOWNERS' PERSPECTIVE

Moderator: **BRIAN DEVINE**, Head of Transport US, Norton Rose Fulbright

JACK NOONAN, CEO Emeritus, Chembulk Tankers

JERRY KALOGIRATOS, CEO, Capital Product Tankers LP

ED COLL, CEO, Pangaea Logistics Solutions Ltd

KALLI LIVANOS, Director, Kyla Shipping

4:50 PM CLOSING REMARKS

JOHN C. STRATAKIS

5:00 PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION – APELLA LOUNGE

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PETROS ACHTYPIS – Founder of 'Prevention at Sea,' Mr Petros N. Achtypis, is holder of an MSc Diploma in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens in Greece. He graduated in 2003 ranking among the top in his class. During his professional career, he developed a strong interest in the principles of the safety & prevention. Mr. Achtypis holds an MLC 2006 Trainer/Inspector Certificate issued by the ILO, he has also been an IRCA certified Maritime Auditor and holds both ISO 9001 & 14001 Lead Auditor Certificate. He specializes in risk assessment auditing and risk profiling, research and development of Risk Assessment mechanisms, Investigations and Behavioral based Audits.



JAN HAGEN ANDERSEN – Business Development Director. Mr. Andersen has over 25 years of experience in the maritime industry with a focus on propulsion systems and machinery. After graduation from engineering college in Norway, he completed a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington in 1991. He joined TransMarine Propulsion Systems, Inc., a marine engineering and service company in Seattle. In 2005, he joined DNV in Norway in the Machinery Section of Maritime Technical Advisory. The advisory group in DNV GL provides consultancy and non-class support services to ship owners, ship yards, manufacturers, designers and others stakeholders. In 2010 he moved to DNV Maritime in Houston, Texas and is currently a Business Development Director for Region Americas in Houston. In this role, he is focusing on fleet performance management, energy efficiency, environmental compliance, and engineering advisory services to maritime customers. He also has responsibility for Advisory Services for LNG fueled ships and has been engaged with several projects and studies regarding LNG as marine fuel. He is a Licensed Professional Engineer and a member of the SNAME M-16 Panel on Propulsion Shafting.



CHRISTIAN ASTRUP – Associate Director, Capital Markets, DNB Markets, Investment Banking Division – has 10 years of banking experience within DNB with strong competence in structuring and placement of secured debt with focus on the shipping and offshore sector. Product areas: syndicated loans, export credit agencies loans, US private placements and advisory.



TOBIAS BACKER represents Fleetscape, a \$400m alternative capital provider to the maritime industries. Fleetscape primarily focuses on counterparty and project risk rather than asset play. As such, residual value of the vessel(s) is an element of the transaction, but not the sole focus. The target transactions would have \$10-35m of equity investments and a 3-8 year investment period. Larger investments are considered through pooling capital resources from sister-funds. Fleetscape operates out of offices in London, Frankfurt and New York. Fleetscape is an Oaktree Capital Management sponsored company. From 2009 to 2016, Tobias was Managing Director and Head of Maritime Investments at ICON Investments in New York. At ICON, Tobias had a global mandate to invest alternative investment capital in the maritime industries. He deployed \$279m of equity capital to investments in the maritime space during this period. Prior to this, Tobias was a shipping and offshore banker for 13 years in Oslo and New York with DNB Bank and Fortis Bank, most recently being the Head of Shipping for North and South America for Fortis Bank. Tobias graduated from Boston University in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, Magna Cum Laude.



AMIT BASU is the Chief Information Officer at International Seaways (INSW). Headquartered in New York city, INSW is one of the largest tanker companies worldwide providing energy transportation services with a large fleet crude oil and petroleum products vessels. Amit is a proven IT leader with over 30 years of successful track record of delivering organizational growth, performance, and efficiency leveraging information technology. He has over 20 years of experience in maritime IT. Prior to INSW, he worked with Overseas Shipholding Group (OSG) from 1995 and was their CIO.

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from 2014. In December 2016, OSG spun off their international fleet as INSW and Amit moved to INSW with few other OSG veterans. Amit holds an MBA as well as a Master of Science degree majoring in Information Management from the Stevens Institute of Technology, New Jersey. Amit is also a Certified Information Security Manager from ISACA. Amit pioneered global IT delivery teams in Maritime industry as well as became an early adopter of cloud computing. For the past couple of years Amit is focused on prevalent Cyber Security risks and mitigation best practices and designed an efficient cyber security risk management program at INSW.



FRANCIS BIRKELAND is Head of ABN AMRO's Transportation & Logistics team for the Americas, based in New York. His sector coverage encompasses shipping, intermodal, aviation and logistics. He has particular focus in developing this fourth new, broad and important leg in logistics. Francis started his banking career in 1992 in Luxembourg and moved thereafter on to France, Norway and the US. He relocated in 2012 to New York to spearhead the development of ABN AMRO's presence with shipping and energy offshore companies. He came from the position as Country Head for Norway and Head of Energy, Commodities & Transportation in Scandinavia. Francis joined ABN AMRO's predecessor Mees Pierson/Fortis in 2000 after prior work experience with Societe Generale and the engineering and construction company Kvaerner. He post graduated from the University of Mannheim in Germany in 1991 and holds masters degrees in Finance from NHH in Bergen, Norway and HEC in Jouy-en-Josas, France. Francis has a broad experience and reputation in shipping and offshore finance, both at corporate and project finance level. He has acted as advisor to numerous shipping companies in their choice of debt capital structure. He has developed and been in charge of structured debt transactions involving multiple capital market and banking products, with most focus on junior and senior debt structures, total return swaps, ECA supported schemes incl. CIRR stabilization products. Francis has lead numerous financings for most of the large Scandinavian and North American companies, including recently for most of the US based public international shipping companies.



JASON BRAUNSTEIN Jason Braunstein is a Director at Hudson Structured with primary responsibilities in the Transport Fund. Previously, he was a Managing Director at ICON Investments focused on sourcing, analysis and investment in the maritime industry. He has been active in maritime investing for 8 years with successful structuring and syndication of numerous mezzanine and equity investments. Mr. Braunstein graduated from Cass Business School in London with an M.Sc. in Shipping, Trade and Finance with Highest Honors (Distinction). He holds a B.A in Economics and Government from Connecticut College.



ANUJ CHOPRA, Vice President – Americas RightShip Pty. Ltd. With over 30 years maritime experience both at sea and onshore, Anuj drives business development, lead the vetting team and foster industry and customer relations in the Americas region. Anuj began his seafaring career as a deck cadet working his way up to Captain and holds a Commonwealth Extra Masters Certificate of Competency, and Shipping Management from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He is a Fellow of The Nautical Institute and chairman of the US Gulf Branch, and an active supporter of seafarer welfare. He is on the Board of Directors (and Treasurer) of NAMEPA – North American Marine Environment Protection Association, and Vice Chair of the Advisory Board for the Program for Logistics and Transportation Policy, at the College of Technology, University of Houston. Anuj is an active BSA Adult Leader and a golfer.



ED COLL is a founder of Pangaea and has served as its Chief Executive Officer since its inception. Prior to co-founding Bulk Partners Ltd., the predecessor company to Pangaea, in 1996, Mr. Coll spent 10 years at Continental Grain Company with assignments in New York, New Orleans, Rome and Rotterdam. He joined Commodity Ocean Transport Corp (COTCO) in 1989 and became president of the company in 1993. In this position,



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Mr. Coll was responsible for the overall activities and businesses of three U.S. public shipping companies. Mr. Coll is an elected member of the American Bureau of Shipping and has considerable expertise in the worldwide shipping and commodities markets and lectures regularly on these topics. He holds a B.S. in nautical science from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point and a master's degree in international business from Pace University.



Captain **BLAINE COLLINS** is Vice President, Government & Public Affairs for the DNV GL Group in North America. In this capacity, he is responsible for representing all DNV GL business areas in government affairs, external organizations and related activities at a senior policy level. In his previous position, Vice President & Regional Manager, North and South America, he was responsible for all maritime services throughout the Americas. Captain Collins began his career in the U.S. Navy, serving 6 years aboard a U.S. Navy nuclear fast attack submarine in the nuclear engineering department, after which he continued in the nuclear industry in the Nuclear/Environmental Group of Bechtel Power Corporation, working mostly on San Onofre Units 2 & 3 and Korean Electric Units 7 & 8 projects, until the Three Mile Island incident changed the outlook for that industry. His seagoing experience also includes sailing as Captain of U.S. cargo ships with Crowley Maritime Corporation companies. Immediately before joining DNV GL, Collins was a Vice President in Marispond Inc., a company providing Qualified Individual/Emergency Response Management services, regulatory advice, technical assistance and owner's representative services to ship owners and operators. He is on the Boards of Directors of the Norwegian-American Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Coast Guard Foundation Board of Trustees and he actively participates in the API Marine Committee, the Intertanko North American Panel, and the Chamber of Shipping of America. Graduate: Master in International Management, Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management. Undergraduate: Bachelor Science in Marine Transportation and Management, State University of New York Maritime College.



NICK DASKALAKIS is a Director at Smarine Advisors Limited since the beginning of 2017. He focuses on advisory services in the global shipping industry and his specialization includes origination, structuring and completion of cross-border asset financings including ship finance, ECA financings, leasing, project finance, newbuilding ordering and financing. Mr. Daskalakis has over 18 years of experience in the shipping industry, finance, operations, banking and project finance, previously serving as Senior Director, Ship Finance for The Royal Bank of Scotland plc having worked in both RBS's shipping offices in London and Piraeus. He was responsible for developing and managing an extensive and diversified portfolio of relationships and shipping groups in terms of size, characteristics and geographic location. He provided financing, operational and work-out solutions as well as led a variety of key projects in strategic business planning and portfolio. Mr. Daskalakis holds a BSc. in Maritime Studies, awarded with Honours, from the Southampton Solent University and a MSc. in Marine Policy (Shipping and Trade), awarded with Honours, from the University of Wales, Cardiff.



BRIAN DEVINE is the Head of Transport in the United States and a Partner in the New York office of Norton Rose Fulbright. His practice focuses on the representation of financial institutions and vessel owners, with a particular emphasis on maritime-related assets. He counsels domestic and international clients in areas such as: finance and security arrangements; insolvency matters; mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures and divestitures; debt and equity offerings; sale and purchase; international commercial transactions and disputes; and corporate governance and structure. Mr. Devine frequently advises clients on matters of Marshall Islands and Liberian law.



ANTHONY DIMARE graduated from Syracuse University Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He previously started Regattable, a folding sailboat company, and spent time working on commercial ship design at Persak & Wurmfeld naval architecture firm. He's been involved in the hardware startup scene in NYC for over four years now, working directly for Bre Pettis after he sold Makerbot to Stratasys in 2014. He was the first mechanical engineering hire at Bre & Co, Bre's new venture, as well as at Grow Labs a seed stage NYC startup started by Boxee (acqr. Samsung) co-founder Idan Cohen. Anthony worked on Nautilus Labs in different capacities for about a year and a half in his spare time before meeting Brian and officially starting Nautilus Labs full time in 2016.



PETER DUE has been involved in developing Kongsberg Maritime's autonomy program. And also been part of the team developing the concept of Yara Birkeland. Previously he worked with project management delivering Dynamic Positioning Systems. He also has a background as an entrepreneur, diplomat in Saudi Arabia and officer with the Norwegian Armed Forces. He has also designed clothes with two own brands, worked as a dive master in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf, in addition to being a mountain guide and ski instructor.



WILLIAM R. GALLAGHER, President, IRI/The Marshall Islands Registry. Mr. Gallagher, formerly International Registries, Inc.'s (IRI's) General Counsel, was promoted to President in January 2000. Since joining IRI's legal staff in 1991, he has worked closely with the Republic of the Marshall Islands government and its legislative agenda. Although he has traveled around the globe meeting clients and speaking at corporate and maritime seminars, Mr. Gallagher has been most instrumental in working with IRI's Far East clientele. Prior to joining IRI he specialized in Legal Compliance in the securities industry. He has served as an intern in the United States Senate, receiving an award as Intern of the Year and in the German Bundestag, where he enhanced his proficiency in the German language and political culture. Mr. Gallagher received his Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and his Master of Arts in International Relations from the University of Maryland. He earned his Juris Doctor (J.D.) at the University of Baltimore School of Law and is a member of the Maryland State Bar.



GEORGE D. GOURDOMICHALIS has a BA in International Economics & Political Science from University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Msc International Marine Transportation Management, Maritime College, SUNY. Current positions/titles: President & Managing Director, Phoenix Shipping & Trading S.A., a full service ship management firm; Chairman & CEO, Blue Wall Shipping Limited, a shipholding company co-funded with PE investors. Mr. Gourdomichalis is active in both the private and public markets as an Owner & Manager of bulk carriers since 1992. He is also Board Member of The American P&I Club, The Hellenic Chamber of Shipping, The Piraeus Marine Club. He is Member of BIMCO, Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, The Baltic Exchange, The Rina Hellenic Committee, Intercargo, The Hellenic Short Sea Shipowners Association, The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, and The Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce.



JEANNE GRASSO is a partner at Blank Rome LLP, and Vice Practice Group Leader of the Maritime, International Trade and Government Contracts Practice Group. Jeanne focuses her practice on maritime and environmental law for domestic and international clients. She regularly counsels owners and operators of vessels, charterers, cargo owners and facilities on maritime and environmental issues, including ballast water, emissions, and coastwise trade. Her practice involves counseling on all aspects of maritime and environmental regulatory compliance related to U.S. Coast Guard, Environmental Protection Agency, Maritime Administration and U.S. Customs & Border Protection matters; internal and grand jury investigations; defense of administrative, civil, and criminal enforcement actions; and pollution incident response. Jeanne is ranked by Legal 500 as a tier 1 Transport: shipping attorney,

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ranked by Chambers USA as a top Transportation: Shipping/Maritime: Regulatory lawyer, and named by Lloyd's List as one of the Top Ten lawyers for shipping law in 2015. She is a guest lecturer at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, where she speaks on legal issues related to pollution response for the Academy's Qualified Individual training program. Jeanne writes and lectures extensively on criminal enforcement of environmental laws and U.S. Coast Guard regulatory matters. She also conducts training sessions and assists clients with establishing compliance programs in an effort to avoid enforcement actions. From 2012 to 2016, Jeanne served on the Marine Board of the National Research Council and has also served on the Advisory Board of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center since 2007. She was Board Member/Secretary of the World Ocean Council from 2011 through 2013. Jeanne served as president of the U.S. Chapter of the Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) from 2008 through 2013, prior to being elected to WISTA's International Board. Prior to joining Blank Rome, Jeanne worked in the Office of Congressional Affairs at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration handling fisheries and oceans matters. She also served as staff to the House of Representatives' Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a B.S. in Biology, the University of Southern California with a Masters in Marine Affairs, and the University of Maryland School of Law.



THOMAS D. HAINES is a Partner in Perella Weinberg Partners' Advisory business. He focuses on advising clients on mergers, acquisitions and divestitures across a diversified set of industries and geographies. Mr. Haines has more than 16 years of investment banking experience assisting companies on a wide range of strategic matters. During his tenure at Perella Weinberg Partners, he has advised on a number of transactional transactions in the maritime sector, including Scorpio Tankers on its acquisition of Navig8 Product Tankers, Norwegian Cruise Line on its acquisition of Prestige Cruises International, and OMI on its sale to Teekay and TORM. Mr. Haines has also advised various companies subject to activist campaigns including Scorpio Tankers (Monarch), Wausau Paper (Starboard) and Regis Corp (Starboard). Prior to joining Perella Weinberg Partners in 2006, Mr. Haines was a member of the Mergers and Acquisitions Group at UBS Investment Bank, both in London and New York. Before enrolling in business school, Mr. Haines worked in Morgan Stanley's Investment Banking Division and at Westbrook Partners, a real estate private equity firm in New York. Mr. Haines received a BA in Economics, cum laude, from Princeton University and an MBA with Honors from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.



JOSEPH HUGHES has served as chairman and CEO of the managers of the American Club, an International Group mutual, for nearly twenty-three years. Joe also oversees the activities of Eagle Ocean Agencies, Inc., an affiliate of SCB, which operates the Eagle Ocean Marine and Eagle Ocean America insurance facilities. He also serves on the board of American Hellenic Hull Insurance Company, Ltd., a Cyprus-based hull underwriting investment of the American Club. Having graduated from Oxford University, Joe was called to the Bar of England and Wales, thereafter specializing in maritime commercial law before commencing his career in marine insurance. Prior his arrival in the United States, Joe worked for other P&I clubs in the United Kingdom and Norway, latterly serving as chairman of the global marine practice of Jardine Insurance Brokers, a leading Lloyd's broker in London. In addition to his corporate responsibilities, Joe is chairman of the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA), secretary (and former president) of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey, a former chairman of the Association of Average Adjusters of the United States, a director of New York Maritime, Inc. (NYMAR) and a member of the National Cargo Bureau. Joe also serves on the classification committee of the American Bureau of Shipping, and the North American advisory committee of Lloyd's Register. He is a 2011 inductee of the International Maritime Hall of Fame, and was designated one of the top ten global marine insurance personalities on the 2015/16 Lloyd's List One Hundred.

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CLAY MAITLAND has worked in the shipping industry since graduation from law school in 1968. Clay has been employed by International Registries, Inc. for over 41 years and is now a managing partner and an owner of the company, which administers the Marshall Islands Ship Registry - the second largest registry in the world, and which is now one of the best-known

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yacht registries. He is President of the Trust Company of the Marshall Islands (TCMI), the statutory Maritime Administrator of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Prior to the year 2000, Clay held similar positions with regard to the maritime administration of the Republic of Liberia. Clay was born in London, England on December 28, 1942. His father was a pilot in Bomber Command of the Royal Air Force, and was lost with his plane, a B25 Mitchell bomber in March of 1943. Clay's mother was a native New Yorker, and he came with her to the United States in 1946, aboard RMS QUEEN ELIZABETH. Clay was educated at schools in Connecticut and received his B.A. degree from Columbia University in 1964, and his law degree from New York Law School in 1968. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1969 and became associated with the admiralty law firm of Burlingham Underwood & Lord, where he worked until 1974. After a brief stint as admiralty counsel at Union Carbide Corporation, he joined what is now International Registries, Inc. in 1976. At that time, IR managed the Liberian ship registry, which was then the largest in the world by tonnage in number of ships. Founded by former Secretary of State Edward Stettinius, who had been president of U.S. Steel, and during World War II, War Shipping Administrator and then Lend-Lease Administrator, the company included among its early investors, Allen Dulles, Esq., who was then a partner in Sullivan & Cromwell. Mr. Dulles went on to become Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. This company, under the name of Liberian Services Inc. included a bank in Liberia, of which Clay Maitland also became an officer after he joined the company in 1976. The genesis of the Stettinius family investments in Liberia arose when President Roosevelt flew from Casablanca, after the famous conference with Winston Churchill and their staffs, to Monrovia, Liberia in January, 1943, to observe the opening of what was to be a major air base, now Roberts Field. Mr. Stettinius himself flew to Liberia after the Yalta Conference in 1945. Since his early years as a Maritime lawyer, starting in 1969, Clay has been involved with a number of philanthropic and professional associations connected with the industry. In addition to those listed above, Clay is on the boards of the Maritime Industry Museum, at Fort Schuyler (SUNY Maritime College) and the King's Point Maritime Museum, at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He is on the board of directors of the Sea Research Foundation in Mystic, Connecticut. Among his other affiliations: Member of the Executive Committee and Director of the Coast Guard Foundation; member of the Board of Directors of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Foundation; Member of the American Bureau of Shipping, and of the National Cargo Bureau; Founding Chairman of the North American Maritime Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA); Chairman Emeritus of the National Maritime Historical Society (publishers of SEA HISTORY magazine); a member of the New York City Bar Association and Maritime Law Association of the United States; former Chair of the Admiralty Committee of the New York City Bar Association, and of the Committee on Intergovernmental Organizations of the Maritime Law Association of the United States (MLA). Clay continues to serve as a delegate to the Legal Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London. Clay has served on the Executive Board of the World Maritime University in Malmo, Sweden and is a member of the Standing Committee of the Marine Society of the City of New York. He is currently Chairman of the New York Maritime, Inc. He has been a delegate to a number of international maritime conferences, including the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, and at the International Maritime Organization in London. Clay received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters from the State University of New York Maritime College in 2006, and was decorated with the U.S. Coast Guard's Distinguished Public Service Award in 2010, by the Commandant of the Coast Guard, ADM Robert J. Papp. Clay has endowed two scholarships for students entering the maritime industry: 1. The Clay Maitland Scholarship in International Transportation, at the State University of New York Maritime College (Ft. Schuyler), for the benefit of students in the Master of Science degree program in International Transportation Management; 2. The Virginia Maitland Sachs Charitable Scholarship Fund at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Buzzards Bay, MA, for the benefit of students at the Academy.



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