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Newsletter of the Maritime Law

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Call for Federal Conference Papers – Deadline 5 July

MLAANZ is this year celebrating its 50th anniversary at a time of profound change and uncertainty.

Maritime commerce and law must operate at a time when the development of technology is revolutionary, geopolitical tension is rising and the damaging effect of climate change increasing. This environment challenges policy and law makers at national and international level, commercial parties and their advisers.

MLAANZ is looking for speakers at the Queenstown annual federal conference who will offer insights into the current challenges and plot waypoints for the voyage ahead for maritime law and commerce.

The Conference Organising Committee invites proposals for papers on current issues facing maritime commerce and law.

The Committee suggests (non-exclusively) some potential subjects as follows:

- issues relating to the development of maritime conventions, Comité Maritime International (CMI) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO): security, environment, limitation, oil pollution, salvage, and collisions
- regional issues in the Pacific and Australasia: carriers, seabed mining, indigenous law developments and impact, and sovereignty
- marine insurance: proposed reform of marine insurance legislation, impact of technology, risk, loss and damage to, general average, and financial loss
- geopolitical issues: the Pacific, energy and oil, trade conflict, active conflicts, tariffs, piracy, and sanctions, and contractual provisions
- competition and regulation: liners, slot chartering, cartels, demurrage and container demurrage, health and safety, spot rates for freight, prioritisation of spot cargo, digitalisation, competition law, and economic incentives
- ports and Customs: health and safety, Customs, illegality, tariffs, organised crime, automation, new technology, regulation, casualties, large ships, cruise ships, and port state control
- technology impact: AI, trade documents, possession, blockchain, eBills of lading, and conflict of laws
- cargo issues: loss and damage, delay, liner issues, identity of carrier, burden of proof, perishable cargo, infestation, sea waybills, Hague/Hague Visby Rules, package limitation, and reefer claims

MLAANZ Annual Federal Conference 2024

“Looking Ahead: Finding the Waypoints”

2-4 October

Rydges Hotel

Queenstown

New Zealand

- admiralty: arrest, jurisdiction, cross-border insolvency, comparative law, liens, and conventions
- safety: health and safety, salvage, domestic law, seafarers, regulation, and role of the regulator
- maritime arbitration
- charterparties: new standard clauses, force majeure, biofouling, laytime/demurrage, safe port, liens on freight/cargo, rights of third parties, incorporation, bunkers, underperformance, damages, and identity of carrier
- casualties: dealing with casualties, survey, limitation, oil pollution, salvage, insurers, costs, and general average

Proposals

For those wishing to propose a paper, please send the title of your presentation with a short summary of no more than 150 words and your biography.

The proposal and biography should be contained in a single Word document titled “MLAANZ Federal Conference 2024: [Your Name] [Title of Paper]”.

Please E-mail to secretarynzmlaanz@gmail.com by 5 July.

Without detracting from the timeline (which is necessarily short for organisational purposes) if you are keen to speak but are unable to meet the timeframe for proposals please E-mail as soon as possible to discuss alternative arrangements.

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