

4 Pump Court speaking at London International Shipping Week

4 Pump Court is delighted to have both James Leabeater QC and Sean O'Sullivan QC speaking at events during London International Shipping Week, 9-13 September 2019.

Shipowners' Club Seminar: How to Exclude Liability for Negligence

On Monday 9 September, as part of LISW the Shipowners' Club, the leading mutual P&I insurer in the smaller and specialist vessel sector, will be hosting a seminar on a recent Commercial Court case, *The Elin*. James Leabeater QC represented the successful ship owners in the matter, and will be taking us through the court's decision.

The issue in the case, was whether statements on a Bill of Lading that the carrier would not be liable for loss or damage to deck cargo "howsoever arising" were apt to exclude liability for negligence and/or unseaworthiness. The judgment strongly endorses the previously controversial decision in another case, *The Imvros*. It also contains a detailed consideration of the Canada Steamship "guidelines", confirming that they should not be applied mechanistically.

Alex McCooke, the Club's LCC Manager, will provide a brief contrast between the judgment in *The Elin* and the position in the UAE courts, based on the Club's recent experience in that jurisdiction.

If you would like to sign up for this session, please [click here](#).

Cargo Claims Seminar

On Wednesday 11 September, Sean O'Sullivan QC will appear on the panel during Ince Gordon Dadds' morning session at LISW, speaking on 'Cargo Claims'. The panel will discuss current issues and challenges faced when handling cargo claims.

Joining Sean on the panel will be Christian Dwyer (Global Head of Admiralty, Ince), David Richards (Deputy Director, North of England) and Daniel Sheard (Principal Scientist, Brookes Bell). The session will be chaired by Ian Chetwood (Shipping Partner, Ince) and will take place from 8.30am-10.00am at Ince's offices.

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