

## MLAANZ 47TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE - SPEAKERS:

### 1. Michelle Taylor MLAANZ President



Michelle has more than 25 years' experience as a litigator, specialising in maritime and transport law. Michelle has been recognised internationally for her extensive experience in shipping casualties and her depth of experience across all types of shipping matters, including admiralty litigation, marine insurance, charterparty and carriage of goods by sea disputes, supply chain and logistics and maritime related disputes in the Asia Pacific region. Michelle's major clients include insurers in London and Australian markets, ASX listed transport, logistics and commodities companies.

Michelle is President of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand and is an executive of the Australian Maritime and Transport Arbitration Commission. Michelle was awarded *2023 Lawyer of the Year – Shipping and Maritime Law in Best Lawyers* and is ranked in *Chambers Asia-Pacific 2022* in Band 2 for Shipping. She is viewed by market commentators as "*an impressive performer*". Michelle has been recognised in *Doyle's Guide 2022* as a *Leading Admiralty, Shipping & Maritime Lawyers*, and is also recognised in *Legal 500* for Transport and Shipping.

Michelle recently presented at the International Bar Association International Human Rights Day for 2021 on investigative processes into maritime casualties. She is also a regular presenter at Shipping Australia Ltd (**SAL**) seminars and is a contributor to SAL publications.

The Office of International Law in the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department has consulted with Michelle on matters specific to the UNICTRAL Draft Convention on the International Effects of the Judicial Sale of Ships.

Michelle also advises the Insurance Council of Australia (**ICA**), regarding ICA submissions to the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications on the Regulatory Impact Statement regarding Australia's accession to the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks.

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## 2. Emeritus Professor Nick Gaskell University of Queensland



Nick Gaskell has over 45 years experience as a maritime lawyer. He is a Titulary Member of the Comité Maritime International (CMI), a qualified UK barrister and is an associate tenant of Quadrant Chambers (a leading set of maritime law chambers in London). He is Emeritus Professor of Maritime and Commercial Law at the TC Beirne School of Law (University of Queensland) and a member of its Shipping Law Unit. Prior to joining the School he was David Jackson Professor of Maritime and Commercial Law at the Institute of Maritime Law at the University of Southampton, UK. He has lectured widely to the maritime professions and academic community all over the world, including Belgium, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Yugoslavia, UK.

He has worked with the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand in courses from the 1980s. He represented the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) at the International Maritime Organisation's Legal Committee, and at the meetings of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds. He attended and participated in many diplomatic conferences which have produced international maritime law conventions, including the Salvage Convention 1989, the 1992 Protocol to the Civil Liability Convention for Oil Pollution Damage, the Hazardous and Noxious Substances Convention 1996, the LLMC 1996, the Bunker Pollution Convention 2001, the Athens Convention on the Carriage of Passengers 2002, and the liability Protocol to the Antarctic Convention. He has written books and articles on a wide range of maritime and related commercial law subjects, including limitation of liability. His book on bills of lading has been cited internationally. Most recently, he and Craig Forrest published *The Law of Wreck* (Informa, 2019), examining international law and practice on all aspects of wreck law.

### **3. Hon. Anthe Philippides SC former Justice of the Court of Appeal of Queensland**



#### **Honourable Anthe Philippides SC BA LLB (UQ), LLM (Cantab), DUniv (QUT)**

The Honourable Anthe Philippides SC served as Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland for over 20 years, being appointed to the trial division in 2000 and to the Court of Appeal in 2014. On her retirement last year she was appointed an honorary Professor of Law at the TC Beirne School of Law of the University of Queensland.

Prior to her judicial career, she had a distinguished career at the bar, where she practiced in commercial law specializing in maritime law. She was the first woman to be elected President of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand and served on the Commonwealth Admiralty Rules Committee. She has served on numerous State and Federal bodies, including the Australian Maritime College, the Australian National Maritime Museum and Port of Queensland. She established the first maritime law course taught in Queensland and was a member of the Advisory Committee to the Australian Law Reform Commission Review of the Marine Insurance Act.

She is an honorary member of the Australian National Maritime Museum, the Queensland Women Lawyers Association and the TC Beirne Law School. She is a titular Member of the Comité Maritime International and a fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.

#### **4. Professor Sarah Dunlop PhD Head of Plastics and Human Health at the Minderoo Foundation**



##### **BRIEF**

Sarah Dunlop, PhD, is Head, [Plastics and Human Health](#) at the [Minderoo Foundation](#), a major philanthropic organisation, whose vision is to arrest unfairness and create opportunities for a better world. She established the Plastics and Human Health program at the beginning of 2020 to examine the human health impacts of plastic, namely the chemicals used to make plastic as well as micro- and nanoplastics. The team bring the science on human health impacts to advocacy so as to strengthen chemical regulation and as well as to chemically redesign this material that has become so much part of our lives – literally.

Sarah is Professor Emeritus at the University of Western Australia where her medical research career focused on brain development as well as responses and recovery following chemical and physical injury to the adult brain, spinal cord and peripheral nervous system undertaking both experimental work as well as human clinical trials.

##### **DETAILED**

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Sarah's PhD at the University of London was on heavy metal toxicity. She immigrated to Australia to pursue a research career in neuroscience at The University of Western Australia. Her medical research career focused on brain development as well as responses and recovery following chemical and physical injury to the adult brain, spinal cord and peripheral nervous system in animal models and humans. She led a number of discovery research programs including training to promote recovery after peripheral nerve damage and spinal cord injury, novel treatments for diabetic retinopathy, and the inadvertent impact on the developing brain of maternally administered drug therapies to prevent pre-term birth. Her clinical research on spinal cord injured patients included multi-centre randomised controlled trials to examine novel ways to exercise the paralysed limbs to promote neurological recovery, immediate intravenous cooling to buy time and prevent spreading damage before emergency decompression surgery, and protecting the bladder with biologically-inspired treatments to prevent recurrent urinary tract infection. [Publications](#).

Senior leadership positions include President of the Australian Neuroscience Society, President of the Federation of the Asian & Oceanian Neuroscience Societies, Board Director - Spinal Cord Injury Network and Head - School of Biological Sciences, UWA.

## **5. Captain Roger C King Special Casualty Representative, TMC Marine**



Master Mariner, SCR

Roger King is a Master Mariner, Lloyds Special Casualty Representative (SCR) and Marine Consultant for TMC Marine. Roger has attended marine casualties in Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Iran, the Solomon Islands and Australia. These have included the re-floatation of casualties, emergency and planned casualty towing, casualty stabilisation and wreck removals. He has acted as the casualty representative, owners and insurers representative, independent surveyor, shoreline response manager as well as cargo specialist. Roger understands the impacts of marine casualties on the environment and local populations as well as the importance of communication in addressing stakeholder concerns and de-escalating difficult situations.

**6. Kate Fisher Senior Associate, HFW**



Kate is a Senior Associate in the Commodities team and is located in our Melbourne office. She specialises in personal injury litigation and insurance dispute resolution, with experience across a broad range of sectors including health and medical, travel, cruise and leisure, and marine and offshore.

Among her diverse clients, Kate has advised cruise ship and pharmaceutical companies, marine insurers and catastrophically injured individuals, in complex contentious and non-contentious matters.

Admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor to the Supreme Court of Victoria in 2007, Kate has represented litigants in the County and Supreme Courts of that jurisdiction as well as the District and Supreme Courts of NSW. She also spent time working in Aberdeen, Scotland for a leading Scottish marine law practice and gained valuable industry exposure working in-house for a Norwegian offshore wind and energy services provider.

**7. Stephanie Derrington** ESG Analyst, Allan Gray Contrarian Investing =



Stephanie Derrington is a Responsible Investment Analyst at Allan Gray Australia. Among other things, Stephanie's work involves assessing the ESG-related risks to companies across a range of sectors and industries, including the shipping industry. Stephanie has previously worked in commercial litigation and dispute resolution at MinterEllison and Clayton Utz. Stephanie is currently completing a PhD.

**8. Richard Palmer Senior Consultant, ABL Group**



Richard Palmer is a Naval Architect with over with over 24 years' experience in, surveying, classification, operations, and consultancy world-wide, both from analytical and operational viewpoint for shipping and oil and gas operations. Richard is currently a senior consultant with ABL Group, which is working toward the energy transition with its clients.

**9. Geoff Farnsworth Partner, Holding Redlich**



Geoff is one of Australia's leading transport and commodities lawyers with 25 years' experience in the field. He has been recognised in the latest Chambers Asia-Pacific guide for providing strategic and effective legal advice in the shipping space and has been listed in The Best Lawyers in Australia as a leading lawyer in 'Transportation Law', 'Shipping & Maritime Law' and 'Trade Law' since 2013. Geoff has also been recognised as a leading 'Admiralty, Shipping & Maritime Law' lawyer by Doyle's Guide since 2016. In 2022, he was named by Who's Who Legal as a global leader in the shipping space.

## **10. Associate Professor Pierre-Jean Bordahandy University of South Pacific**



Pierre-Jean Bordahandy (PJ) is currently Associate Professor at the School of Law and Social Sciences with The University of the South Pacific in Vanuatu where he teaches courses on the law of the sea, maritime law and international fisheries. He holds a LLB from France, a diploma in criminal sciences, a D.E.S.S. (French L.L.M.) in Maritime and Transport Law (University of Aix-en-Provence), a L.L.M. in Private International Trade Law and comparative law (University of Stockholm), a doctorate in Private Law (University of Aix-en-Provence) and (cotutelle) a PhD in Maritime Law on “The concept of container and its legal implications” (University of Queensland – Australia).

PJ has worked in France for a couple of years as an in-house lawyer for a company involved in the international trade of flat glass (cargo claim, insurance policies, charter parties etc.). He has also served a consultant to Australian Law firms on French law, to the World Food Program on Cabotage Rules issue in situation of disaster and to the World Bank on Governance structure to decarbonise domestic shipping in the Pacific.

PJ areas of research is shipping law generally and container carriage and container demurrage issues in particular. More recently, PJ has been privileged to be part of the technical support to the Pacific Delegations attending the IMO / MEPC negotiations on the reduction of greenhouse gas from ships. In that respect, PJ has recently published a research paper on the utilization of impact assessment tools and in particular regulatory impact assessments in relation to environmental law issues. This recent work has given him the opportunity to witness the way International Environmental Law is dealt with in practice by technical agencies of the UN such as the IMO.

**11. Peter Keyte** Chief Operating Officer, Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd



Peter is a senior member of the Executive team at the Port of Brisbane, managing a number of key business units in the Port. Peter is responsible for improving trade, shipping and landside services in the Port of Brisbane, including: The operation of the Brisbane Multimodal Terminal (BMT), Port Operations, Port Security, Marine, Dredging, Hydrographic Services, and Marine Maintenance, Trade Development, Strategic Projects, the new Brisbane International Cruise Terminal, Safety and Emergency Response.

## **12. Hon. Justice Sarah Derrington AM Federal Court of Australia**



Justice Sarah Derrington AM is the President of the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC).

Prior to her appointment to the Federal Court, Justice Derrington was the Dean of Law at the University of Queensland and a barrister specialised in maritime and shipping law, general commercial law and arbitration.

Justice Derrington is a Past President of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand (MLAANZ) and continues to represent Australia and New Zealand in various international working groups of the Comité Maritime International (CMI), of which she was appointed a Titular Member in 2016. Between 2012 and 2017, she served on the board of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). She has been a member of the Admiralty Rules Committee since 2006 and continues to serve on the Councils of the Australian Maritime College (AMC) and the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM). She was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Law in 2009, of the Nautical Institute in 2013, and of the Queensland Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2018.

**13. Mick Kinley** Chief Executive Officer, AMSA <mailto:mick.kinley@amsa.gov.au>



Michael (Mick) Kinley was appointed Chief Executive Officer for the Australian Maritime Safety Authority on 27 August 2014. Mick was previously the Deputy Chief Executive Officer and held this position since October 2008.

Mick joined the Australian Maritime Safety Authority in Cairns, as a Marine Surveyor in 1994. Since that time he has gained experience across all of AMSA's business but most particularly maritime safety and casualty response.

Prior to joining AMSA, Mick had an extensive career with BHP having commenced as an engineer cadet with BHP Transport. He sailed with the BHP fleet before undertaking various shore-based roles including fleet safety instructor and project engineer.

Mick holds an Australian Chief Engineer Class 1 Certificate, a Bachelor of Applied Science, a Bachelor of Engineering and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies.

#### **14. Dr Lia Amaxilati Lecturer in Shipping and Trade Law, Swansea University**



Dr Zoumpoulia Amaxilati is a lecturer in shipping and trade law at the Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law at Swansea University where she teaches admiralty law, charterparties: law and practice, carriage of goods by sea, land and air, and tort law. She is a graduate of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and holds an LLM degree in Maritime Law from the University of Southampton. She also completed her PhD degree in maritime law with emphasis on seafarers' rights at the University of Southampton in 2019.

Before joining the Institute, Dr Amaxilati worked as a lecturer in law at Queen Mary, University of London where she taught tort law. She was also a tutor in law at the University of Southampton. Dr Amaxilati is a qualified lawyer in Greece and prior to her PhD studies she worked as a lawyer at the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights of Greece, as well as practicing law at several law firms in Greece.

Her primary research focuses on international commercial and maritime law, including international maritime labour law and seafarers' rights, public international law, including international law of the sea, and tort law. She has recently published a journal article in the Journal of International Maritime Law looking at the legal rights of seafarers to health protection measures during the COVID-19 pandemic and a book chapter in Baris Soyer and Andrew Tettenborn (Ed), *Disruptive Technologies, Climate Change and Shipping* (Informa Law from Routledge) on the human element in autonomous shipping.

Dr Amaxilati is an editor and contributor at the official blog of the Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law. She is also a member of the Society of Legal Scholars and the Women in Shipping and Trading Association.

**15. Surani de Mel** Head of Claims, Singapore Office, The Shipowners' Club



Surani is the joint Head of Claims at the Singapore Branch of the Shipowners' P&I Club. She has been with the Club since 2012, following the completion of her Masters in Maritime Law at the National University of Singapore. Surani's interest in P&I was piqued early growing up in the local P&I Correspondent's office in Sri Lanka, which is a family-run business, and she started as a Claims Handler in 2008 whilst simultaneously being admitted as a local Attorney. At that time, she routinely dealt with a wide range of P&I matters, particularly those relating to marine casualties and admiralty disputes, both in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. After moving to the Club in 2012, Surani's initial focus was to handle the full spectrum P&I claims and service the Singaporean and Indonesian Membership, which was growing to cater to the increasing Membership underwritten from Singapore. She then went on to service the Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands markets, which she continues with today. In her current role, she jointly oversees the Claims team in Singapore to ensure that a first-class claims service is provided to the entire Asia-Pacific book of business.

**16. Matthew Harvey KC Barrister**



Matthew Harvey KC is a barrister at the Victorian Bar. He specialises in commercial law. Matthew is also on the following panels of arbitrators: SCMA, MLAANZ, AMTAC, SIAC and ACICA.

**17. Ian Maitland** Partner, Wallmans Lawyers



Ian is a commercial litigation lawyer with specialist expertise in insurance, transport and shipping. He has been a correspondent for many of the International Group of P&I Clubs for over 30 years and has been recognised in Australia's Best Lawyers and Doyles Guide for many years.

Ian is a former Treasurer and President of MLAANZ and has been a member since 1982.

**18. Naraya Lamart Partner, Wotton & Kearney**



Naraya leads W+K's Marine and Transport team and is known for her astute commercial advice in shipping and transport matters.

Her experience spans casualty crisis management, ship arrests, judicial sales of vessels, cargo claims, marine insurance advisory work, logistics and chain of responsibility advisory work, and charterparty litigation and negotiation. Naraya also advises on cross-border transactions (including Incoterms, sales contracts and world trade and sanctions issues) and insolvency in a shipping context.

**19. Colin Hunter** Associate, Hesketh Henry



Colin is a transport and insurance law specialist

Colin assists clients with disputes involving international trade, international carriage, charterparties, marine insurance, freight forwarders and pleasure craft. He has a particular interest in legal research and law and economics.

## **20. Clinton McKenzie Transport Safety Regulation Consultant**



Up until May 2021, Clinton was the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's General Counsel. He joined AMSA in 2011.

Clinton practised in the government law team at Phillips Fox from 2000 to 2010, and was a partner for 5 of those years. Clinton also practised for a couple of years in the Office of Legal Counsel in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

Prior to his career in the law, Clinton served in the Royal Australian Air Force for 20 years.

He is currently enjoying a flying holiday and avoiding work.

## **21. Associate Professor David Goodwin Victoria University Business School**



Associate Professor David Goodwin is an academic at Victoria University in Melbourne where he works across the Business and Law Schools as Head of Industry and External Engagement. He teaches Business Consulting and Business Intergrated Learning, as well as Corporate Regulation. Previously, he was MBA Director and Director of Juris Doctor Programs at RMIT University.

David also maintains a practice at the Victorian Bar focused on Alternative Dispute Resolution, international trade and maritime law and advises on corporations law and corporate governance matters.

David is the Immediate Past President of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand. He was President from 2019 to 2021.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and was recently appointed to NSW Arbitration Panels constituted under the Mining Act and Petroleum (Onshore) Act.

David signed the Victorian Bar Roll in 2010 after a corporate career of more than two decades, where he worked as a corporate lawyer and Head of Corporate Affairs with the companies BHP, ANL, BlueScope Steel and Neptune Orient Lines of Singapore.

David holds a PhD in Law and a Masters of Logistics Management from RMIT. He obtained his Bachelor of Laws from the University of Queensland.

**22. Professor Hugh Possingham** Office of the Queensland Chief Scientist, Qld Department of Environment and Science



Professor Hugh Possingham is the current Queensland Chief Scientist. He is a conservation scientist and mathematician who has held positions in the university, public and not-for profit sectors. He is a Foreign Associate of the US National Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science and was the Chief Scientist at The Nature Conservancy (2016 to 2020).

His most significant contribution to conservation was the co-development of Marxan, software first used to rezone the Great Barrier Reef, and now used in almost every country in the world to inform the expansion of marine and terrestrial protected area systems.

**23. Associate Professor Justine Bell-James Marine and Shipping Law Unit, UQ**



Justine Bell-James is an Associate Professor at the TC Beirne School of Law with expertise in environmental and climate change law and climate change litigation. She holds a PhD from QUT (2010) and was a postdoctoral research fellow at UQ's Global Change Institute from 2011-2013. Justine's research focuses on legal mechanisms for protection of the coast under climate change, incorporating both human settlements and coastal ecosystems. She currently leads an ARC Discovery Project (2019-2022) considering how coastal wetland ecosystem services can be integrated into legal frameworks. Justine is also an expert on legal mechanisms to facilitate blue carbon projects in Australia and internationally, and she was involved with the development of a blue carbon methodology under Australia's Emissions Reduction Fund. Justine's work is highly interdisciplinary and she is an affiliated researcher with UQ's Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation Science. Her recent collaborations and consultancies have involved colleagues from science, industry, NGOs, government and legal practice.

Justine also has expertise in climate change litigation, and her work on opportunities for litigation under Queensland's *Human Rights Act 2019* has underpinned the first test case in this area.

**24. Professor Craig Forrest** Director, Marine and Shipping Law Unit, UQ



Craig Forrest is a Professor of Law and Director of the Marine and Shipping Law Unit at the University of Queensland. He teaches Maritime Law and Private International Law, and is the general editor of the *Australian and New Zealand Maritime Law Journal*, and on the editorial boards of the *World Maritime University Journal of Maritime Affairs*, *Journal of Ocean Law and Governance in Africa* and the *International Maritime and Commercial Law Yearbook*. Before turning to the law, Craig served as a naval officer in the South African Navy.

**25. Loretta Benson** Legal Officer, Office of International Law, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department

Loretta Benson is a Legal Officer in the Office of International Law at the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department. Since starting in the Department in 2020, she has worked across a variety of subject matters, including international human rights law, international environmental law, law of the sea, maritime law, and trade and investment law. Her work has included treaty negotiation for the Australian Government, including most recently as the negotiator for the Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sale of Ships at the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

**26. Rosalie Van Dael Associate, Lowndes Jordan**



“Rosalie was admitted to the bar in May 2021 and recently joined MLAANZ. She developed an interest in international and maritime law during a year-long university exchange in Madrid, Spain. Rosalie works in the litigation department at Lowndes Jordan.”

**27. Stefanie Andresek Lawyer, Sparke Helmore**



Stefanie is a solicitor at Sparke Helmore advising on marine related incidents, marine pollution and cargo claims. Prior to joining Sparke Helmore in 2021, Stefanie was the Research Associate to Justice SC Derrington of the Federal Court of Australia and President of the Australian Law Reform Commission, and Researcher to Justice Sandra Duggan of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales. Stefanie is a Research Affiliate of Sydney Law School. She has contributed to Semaphore, Shipping Australia and the Environmental Law Reporter.

## **28. Adrian Duffy KC Barrister**



Adrian was admitted to the Bar in 1997, having before that practised for some 14 years as a solicitor, most of which time he was a partner in one of the prominent national firms. He took silk in 2015.

He is a member of Hemmant's List and has chambers in Brisbane and Perth. He holds a Master of Laws from the University of Queensland.

His practice extends to a broad range of commercial litigation, arbitration and mediation, including Admiralty, maritime and aviation law, industrial and employment law, commercial and professional indemnity insurance, infrastructure and resources.

He has long experience in international and domestic arbitration, mostly as legal representative for parties, but including as arbitrator. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association and has acted in a number of maritime arbitrations conducted in London by arbitrators appointed under LMAA Rules. He is also a member of ICCA and has acted in arbitrations conducted under a number of other regimes, including ICC Rules.

He has served on and chaired many professional committees and delivered a number of papers on a variety of areas of law. He is presently a member of the International Committee of the Australian Bar Association and of the International Law and Professional Conduct Committees of the Queensland Bar.

He is listed in Doyle's Guide as one of the Leading Transport Barristers in Australia and as one of the Leading Employment & WHS Barristers in Queensland.

## 29. Charles Street Barrister



*“Charles Street is a barrister at the NSW Bar.”*

Charles is ranked as a “Preeminent” barrister in the Doyles Guide for leading maritime law barristers nationally across the Australian market.

Charles acts in all fields of maritime law including ship arrests, salvage, towage, collisions, bills of lading, charterparty disputes, contracts of affreightment, general average, bunker supply, cargo liability, marine insurance, marine reinsurance, coastal trading, marine pollution and shipbuilding.

As well as transport matters, Charles is available to appear in any dispute involving trade or general commercial activity.

Charles was admitted as a legal practitioner in 2012 and was called to the bar in May 2019. He was awarded the Christopher Gee QC Memorial Prize for Advocacy and Evidence for the highest result in the NSW Bar Practice Course (May 2019).

Prior to coming to the bar, Charles practiced as a Senior Associate at Norton Rose Fulbright in its litigation and shipping team, having commenced practice as a solicitor in 2012 at Norton White (formerly Norton Smith & Co) in its shipping team. As a solicitor Charles practiced extensively in shipping and commercial litigation.

**30. Hon. Justice Angus Stewart** Federal Court of Australia



Justice Angus Stewart is a judge of the Federal Court of Australia where he is a National Coordinating Judge of the Admiralty and Maritime and Commercial Arbitration National Practice Areas. Justice Stewart is a graduate of the University of Natal (BA LLB cum laude) and the University of Oxford (BCL first class) where he was a Rhodes Scholar (Natal 1992). From 1996 to 2010, he practised at the Bar in Durban, being appointed Senior Counsel in 2006. He practiced at the Bar in Sydney from 2011 to 2019 when he was appointed to the Bench, taking silk in 2014.

### 31. Gregory Nell SC Barrister



Gregory Nell SC is a barrister at New Chambers, Sydney, practising predominantly in the area of admiralty and maritime law.

After graduating from Sydney University with a Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws, Gregory was admitted as a solicitor in December 1983. From 1984 to 1991, he was employed as a solicitor with Norton Smith & Co and London in Sydney and Hill Dickinson, specialising in both firms in maritime law. Gregory was called to the NSW Bar in August 1991, and appointed Senior Counsel in October 2006. For the last 30 years, Gregory has appeared in many of the leading cases on admiralty and maritime jurisdiction. He also practises extensively in the areas of insurance (especially marine insurance), private international law and general commercial law.

Gregory is a long time member of the MLAANZ and has presented papers at many of its Annual and branch conferences, as well as at the Federal Court of Australia's Admiralty and Maritime Seminars. Gregory obtained a Master of Laws from Sydney University in 2000 and taught "*International Carriage of Goods*" and "*Admiralty Law*" in the Melbourne University Law Faculty's post graduate Masters of Law Programme in 2004 and 2009 respectively. He also co-taught "*Maritime Law*" at the TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland in 2019. Gregory was a member of the Advisory Committee to the Australian Law Reform Commission in its "*Review of the Marine Insurance Act 1909*" (Report no. 91) in 2000-02 and one of the Counsel Assisting in the Oil-for-Food Inquiry in 2005-06.

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