



The Maritime Law Association of Singapore



Presents

The Rotterdam Rules – More than just a Liability Convention

A Talk by Professor Michael F. Sturley



followed by

Networking Cocktail Reception

Date: Monday, 7 July 2014, 4.30pm

Venue: Maxwell Chambers

32 Maxwell Road, #03-01, Singapore 069115

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Capt. Frederick James Francis



Frederick Francis first went out to sea four decades ago. He took command at the age of 29 with Neptune Orient Lines before joining the Singapore Maritime Academy. Under a scholarship, he read law at Cardiff University, earning a distinction in his dissertation and was admitted to the Degree of Master of Laws. He has presented numerous papers on maritime law and written widely, including contributions to *Halsbury's Laws of Singapore*.

Capt. Francis serves on the committees of the Maritime Law Association of Singapore, the Singapore Maritime Arbitration Association and the Missions to Seafarers (Singapore Branch). He is the current President of the Singapore Nautical Institute and the Founding Commodore of the Youth Skipper Flotilla. Capt. Francis has won numerous awards including the USCG (United States Coast Guard) Public Service Commendation award, the USCG Certificate of Merit, the PSA (Port of Singapore Authority) Commendable Act award.

Speaker

Professor Michael F. Sturley

Michael Sturley is the Fannie Coplin Regents Chair in Law at the University of Texas Law School, where he teaches *inter alia* maritime law and commercial law courses and directs the Supreme Court Clinic. He received his undergraduate education at Yale, and has law degrees from Yale and Oxford.

Professor Sturley is a member of the American Law Institute; a proctor member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States (where he is active on several committees); a Titular Member of the Comité Maritime International (where he served as the Rapporteur for the CMI's International Sub-Committee on Issues of Transport Law); the Senior Advisor on the U.S. Delegation to Working Group III (Transport Law) of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL); and a member of the UNCITRAL Experts' Group on Transport Law.

Professor Sturley has written extensively on maritime subjects, including *The Rotterdam Rules: The U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea* (2010) (with Tomotaka Fujita & Gertjan van der Ziel). Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Texas Law School, Prof. Sturley was associated with Sullivan & Cromwell in New York.



About This Talk

Most maritime lawyers evaluate the Rotterdam Rules by reference to the Hague, Hague-Visby, or Hamburg Rules. Making such comparisons, however, focuses too much attention on the liability aspects of the new convention and overlooks more important aspects that are only tangentially related to a carrier's liability for lost or damaged goods. After a brief introduction – which will include a summary of recent developments on the ratification front – Professor Sturley will explain why the non-liability provisions of the new convention are not only central to the Rotterdam Rules but will ultimately have a greater impact on the 21st century shipping industry than the more familiar liability provisions.

Talk Programme Outline

4.00pm to 4.25pm	Registration
4.25pm to 4.30pm	Welcome by Chairperson
4.30pm to 5.20pm	Presentation by Prof Michael F. Sturley
5.20pm to 5.30pm	Q&A facilitated by Chairperson
5.30pm to 6.30pm	Networking Cocktail Reception for all attendees

The Talk will commence punctually. All attendees are requested to be on time.

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