

TRANSPORT - MARITIME

REGULATORY | FINANCING | LITIGATION

Gide's Maritime team has long been recognised for the diversity of its legal skills and the broad spectrum of clients it advises. The practice has grown around a wide variety of files concerning all issues linked to the life of a ship - both contractual and litigation-related - for different maritime transport operators (shipbuilders, transport companies, insurers, banks, shipbuilding yards, P&I Clubs, oil companies, shippers, cruise organisers).

In its handling of major maritime claims, the Insurance, Industrial Risk and Transport practice group has built up particular expertise in the area of marine and inland waterway pollution.

Liability and Insurance

- Managing all disputes with regard to a ship's life and operation.
- Assisting in civil and criminal disputes whether under the general provisions of the owner's, shipbuilder's or charterer's liability or special provisions relating to pollution.
- Advising on all issues relating to compensation for damages and insurance matters regarding all aspects of maritime business, including those concerning cargo or civil liability.
- Advising on ship and boat seizures and repossessions.
- Representing clients in amicable and court-ordered assessments.

Regulatory

- Compliance with environmental regulatory issues, including those relating to maritime pollution.
- Development of appropriate shipping regulations, including safety and security measures.
- Compliance with French and EU maritime transport regulations.
- Assisting with the registration of vessels.
- Advising on ship recycling.
- Advising on compliance with French, EU and international regulations governing maritime passenger transport in addition to the transportation of hazardous and non-hazardous goods.
- Advising on the activities of oil platforms.
- Regulations governing wind turbines and marine energy.

Asset Financing

- Assisting in ship financing, leasing operations, lease-back, disposal and securitisation of leasing portfolios, mortgage loans with tax leverage, in cooperation with the firm's specialist teams.

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- Advising our clients on setting up documentary credit to finance means of transport.
- Assisting in pre-acquisition due diligences of vessels and maritime companies.
- Registration of mortgage bonds and other securities.

Contracts and Trading Agreements

- Advising on ship construction and sale agreements.
- Advising on shipping funds (both offshore and onshore).
- Advising on pooling and management agreements.
- Advising on agreements with regard to a ship's operation: transport contracts under a bill of lading, ship chartering agreements, etc.
- Assistance in maritime sales agreements, drafting Incoterms, trading agreements.
- Advising on setting up logistics and forwarding agency agreements.

Ports, Inland Waterways and Customs Activities

- Assisting clients in setting up inland waterway transport operations of passengers and goods.
- Advising on disputes relating to customs law and relations with port authorities.
- Assisting in disputes relating to property in the public domain or port police authorities.
- Assisting in setting up handling companies and maritime agency companies, and the care and control of their litigation.

Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. assists with contentious and non-contentious matters, especially in the finance and insurance and reinsurance sectors. Richard Ghueldre heads the practice, with Capucine Bernier as the other main practitioner. »

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“First-class firm regularly acting on disputes between insurers and on behalf of insureds. Advises French and multinational players on the acquisitions of insurance portfolios and on digitisation projects. Represents clients in class actions as well as civil and criminal litigation. Multifaceted practice able to assist with industrial risk matters, insurance start-ups and interactions with national regulators. Clients praise the ‘excellent and dedicated team’ which provides ‘good client service and responsiveness.’ Interviewees also appreciate that ‘the specialisms of the firm’s departments complement each other.’ »

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