

## ADMIRALTY LAWYER OF THE YEAR IN SINGAPORE



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**Augustine is the Head of Admiralty at Incisive Law LLC. He is also a Senior Accredited Specialist in Maritime Law, a select group of experts with fewer than 40 individuals. Moreover, he is an Advocate/Solicitor at the Singapore Bar, and is further qualified as a Barrister-at-Law (England & Wales) Inner Temple with a high degree of proficiency. Highly experienced in shipping/admiralty, Augustine has successfully represented nearly all major P&I Clubs, some marine insurance brokers, leading shipowners in Asia and Europe, as well as marine insurers of all classes. He has worked on all aspects of dry and wet shipping matters, including advisory work, court action, mediation and arbitration.**

To date, Augustine has been involved in such matters as ship collisions, tug and tow incidents, oil pollution, ship sinkings, ship total losses, groundings, overboard containers, shipboard fires, cargo losses, general average incidents, salvage operations, charterparty issues, ship sale and purchase disputes, bunker claims, shipyard works, ship management issues, oil shortage and contamination claims, mortgage enforcements, crew injury and fatal accident claims, limitation actions and ship arrests.

His 38 years of experience and his commitment to clients are the hallmarks of his success as an expert in all things marine. He is often noted to possess an impressive level of commercial

acumen, in addition to providing straightforward, precise, practical and innovative solutions.

### Highlights of Complex Landmark Cases Handled

- **"Maersk Honam"** – Ship fire
- **Neptank III** – Oil pollution
- **Calpyso (of Jacques Cousteau)** – Ship sinking
- **MT Song San** – Oil Pollution
- **MV Patraikos II [2002] SGHC 103** – Ship grounding
- **Re An Arbitration in Singapore** – Containers lost overboard in boisterous weather
- **Marina Iris [2007] 1 Lloyds Rep. 66** – Ship sinking and loss of entire crew
- **Scandinavian Bunkering Pte Ltd v Misc** – Breach of long-term fixed price contract for sale of bunkers
- **MV "Hansa Brandenburg"** – Ship fire
- **Re An LMAA Arbitration in London** – breach of contract for sale and purchase of newbuild vessel (post Lehmann Brothers);
- **Re An Arbitration in London** – Disputes in shipbuilding contract
- **"X-Press Pearl"** – Fire and pollution with re-insurer's interests under "Follow the Leader" clause

### Past/Present Academic Positions

- Examiner (both setting and marking the examination questions) and Lecturer for the Singapore Academy of Law's Maritime & Shipping Specialist Accreditation Course;
- Tutor for Admiralty subjects in the Singapore Institute of Legal Education's Course;
- Guest lecturer in the Nanyang Technological University's postgraduate admiralty courses;
- Trainer for WaveLink (NTUC) Academy;
- Lecturer, Tutor, Examiner and one of the Founders for Admiralty subject in Temasek Polytechnic's paralegal course;
- Regular speaker at the Thai Shipowners Association.

### Academic Contributions

- Contributor to Halsbury's Laws of Singapore (Carriers) Reissue (2016 – Present);
- Authored the chapter on the subject of "Arrest of Ships in Singapore" in the IBA Maritime Law Handbook;
- Authored the chapter on the subject of limitation of liability under Singapore laws in the book "Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims" by Patrick Griggs, Richard Williams and Jeremy Farr (LLP, 4th Edition 2005);
- Contributor to the practitioners' publication, "Singapore Precedents of Pleadings" (Sweet & Maxwell).