

## Conference Speakers

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**Jolien Kruit** has been working as a lawyer with the Dutch law firm Van Traa since 2005. She is specialised in maritime law and related international private law issues. She regularly publishes and lectures on various maritime law subjects. After completing her master studies in Leiden, she went on to do a Master in Maritime Law in Southampton (2005). In 2017, Jolien obtained her PhD at Erasmus University Rotterdam with her dissertation 'General Average, Legal Basis and Applicable Law'. Prior to this, in 2004, she had already published the book 'General average and the presence of fault'. The Legal500 Europe has referred to Jolien as a 'Next generation lawyer on Transport' in The Netherlands in their 'Guide to up-and-coming lawyers in Europe, Middle East & Africa'. Furthermore, Jolien is recommended by Chambers Europe, Transportation (2018 Edition): 'Jolien Kruit has a growing reputation in the maritime sector, with strong expertise in contentious dry shipping matters. She is well regarded for her expertise in general average issues, an area in which sources say "she is a go-to lawyer". Jolien is a member of the Dutch Association for Transport Law (*Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vervoerrecht* (NVV)), member of the NVV General Average Committee (*Averij-grossecommissie van de NVV*) and a member of WISTA (Women's International Shipping & Trading Association).

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**Francesco Siccardi** got his degree in law (hons) at the University of Genoa in 1964 with a dissertation on Marine Insurance. He started his practice in 1965 qualifying as Lawyer in 1966. In 1967 he joined, as an Associate, Studio Legale Massabò, becoming partner in 1974 when the firm was renamed Studio Legale Massabò-Siccardi. Since 1979 he is senior partner of the Firm which has meanwhile become Studio Legale Siccardi Bregante & C. He advises numerous Italian and foreign Marine Underwriters as well as Shipowners, Charterers, Shipyards, International Bodies, Institutions, Traders and other shipping Operators. He is a member of the National and International Arbitration Chamber of Milan and acts as an Arbitrator in shipping disputes; he is a frequent speaker at shipping law conferences, seminars and masters, in Italy and abroad, and he is author of several articles on shipping law in the main specialized law journals as well as co-author of the book *International Cargo Insurance*, London – New York, 2012. He is Titulary Member of the *Comité Maritime International* (CMI) and Vice President of the Italian Maritime Law Association (AIDM).

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