

## Announcing the International Group of P&I Clubs Fellowship in International Maritime Law 2021-2022

The International Group of P&I Clubs is delighted to announce the establishment of a fellowship for the academic year 2021-2022 for a student pursuing Master of Laws (LL.M.) studies in International Maritime Law at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) based in Malta.

The International Group's Fellowship for 2021-2022 has been awarded to Mr. Pascal Thomas Mendy from the Gambia to study an LL.M. at IMLI for this forthcoming academic year. Mr. Mendy is a Legal Officer in the Gambia's Maritime Administration and has progressed within the Administration showing resilience in the face of all of the challenges that he has faced to date. In order to be considered for a fellowship, candidates are nominated to study at IMLI by the government or national authority they are employed by, and donor funding is then considered on the basis of merit and the individual parameters established by donors. The International Group is delighted that Mr. Mendy and the Gambian administration have accepted the Fellowship award. He is an excellent candidate, a worthy recipient and thoroughly deserving of the opportunity to study at IMLI.

Group CEO of The International Group – Nick Shaw, states:

"Helping to create opportunities for those wishing to further their career in the maritime sector and increase their understanding of international maritime law is central to the International Group's goals. We are therefore delighted that Mr. Mendy and the Gambian administration have accepted the International Group's offer of a Fellowship for him to study at IMLI. He is an excellent candidate and we're looking forward to our engagement with him and the assistance that we can provide as he undertakes his LL.M. programme to further his knowledge of international maritime law and subsequently apply that knowledge as he then progresses his career with the Gambian Maritime Administration."

IMLI was established under the auspices of the IMO and is a world recognized centre for the training of specialists in international maritime law and provides suitably qualified candidates, particularly from developing countries, with advanced training, study and research programmes in the field. Since its establishment, maritime professionals from 147 States and territories have benefited from the Institute's training in areas related to law of the sea, shipping law, marine environmental law, maritime security law, and maritime legislation drafting.

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