

Fenech & Fenech Maritime Series: Visiting the Industry

WEBINAR 1: SHIPPING AND SANCTIONS: LIVE FROM MALTA FREEPORT

Last year, Fenech & Fenech's maritime series entitled *Talking with the Industry*, focused on in-depth discussions with important stakeholders in the shipping sector, on four topical subjects.

This year we decided to do things slightly different! For this year's edition of our maritime webinar series, we have chosen to visit the offices and facilities of key industry players. We will be hosting our online panel discussions on-site and live from various premises and places, which resonate with the vibrant shipping industry in Malta.

Fenech & Fenech Advocates are extremely proud to announce that the first webinar in this new series will be held on the **24th of May 2022 at 12:00hrs (CET)** entitled '**Shipping and Sanctions: Live from Malta Freeport**'

Our webinar will feature a panel discussion, involving shipping stakeholders as well as key government officials, on the recent surge in trade sanctions, their impact on shipping, the importance of risk assessment, and the consequences of possible breaches.

The panel discussion will be moderated by Ann Fenech.

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Date: 24th May 2022
Time: 12:00 - 13:00 CET

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Fenech & Fenech Advocates invite you to follow our in-depth panel discussion LIVE from Malta Freeport on recent sanctions and their effects on the shipping industry. We are proud to announce the following guest speakers:

Alex Montebello
CEO, Malta Freeport Terminals Ltd

Neville Aquilina
Chairman, Sanctions Monitoring Board

Capt. David Bugeja
Harbour Master, Transport Malta

Sönke Stein
Managing Director, Evos Malta Ltd



Speakers' Bios and Programme:

Mr Alex Montebello, CEO Malta Freeport Terminals



Alex Montebello was appointed CEO of Malta Freeport Terminals in 2014. He started his career at Malta Freeport in 1989 at the time of the Company's inception and has since then occupied various positions within the Company. In his early days as an IT Specialist, Alex was responsible for implementing the Terminal Operating Systems alongside the Company's development and expansion. Following this, Alex was in charge of the Business Development of the Terminals and the negotiations with shipping lines resulting in Malta Freeport's clients mix. Alex was then appointed Director responsible for the Operations of the Terminals. He serves as board member on the Malta Maritime Forum.



Mr Neville Aquilina, Director General, Global Issues, International Development, Economic and Cultural Affairs – Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta



Mr Neville Aquilina is the Director General, Global Issues, International Development, Economic and Cultural Affairs at the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta. Since joining the Ministry in 1999, Mr Aquilina served both Malta and abroad and represented the Ministry at International conferences and events in various capacities. In 2012, he served as Director at the European Affairs Division, and in 2015, he was appointed Director General.

As Director General for International Development, together with his European peers, Mr Aquilina contributes to formulating and implementing National as well as European Union development policy and thematic policies. Mr Aquilina is also responsible for coordinating and developing Malta's overall United Nations policy, including work in the UN General Assembly, the UN Security Council and UN missions, and the UN Economic and Social Council.

In 2015, he was appointed as Chair of the Sanctions Monitoring Board and in this capacity Mr Aquilina was at the forefront in the drafting of the new "Sanctions Law" that governs, among others, the scope of the Sanctions Board. This law solidified the Sanctions Board's role as a supervisory authority, one which regularly liaises with the MFSA, MGA, and FIAU in the course of its work.



Capt. David Bugeja, Chief Officer & Harbour Master, Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta.



Captain David Bugeja is a Master Mariner by profession. He started his seafaring career in 1978 as a Navigation Officer Cadet and spent 18 years serving on seagoing commercial vessels, mostly liner services, and high speed passenger vessels. In 1996, he moved ashore and since then he has occupied various management positions in shipping both in Malta and overseas.

He joined the Malta Maritime Authority in 1998 as a Senior Port Officer and Deputy Harbour Master and was, later on, promoted to Harbour Master.

In January 2010, Government, through an Act of Parliament, established a new agency responsible for all modes of transport: Transport Malta. Capt Bugeja was appointed as the Chief Officer for the Ports and Yachting Directorate within Transport Malta. The Directorate carries out the functions of Port Authority and Harbour Master.

He is a member of the European Seaports Organisation (ESPO) Executive Committee and General Assembly and was the Chairman of the ESPO Marine Affairs and Security Committee for several years. Capt Bugeja represents Malta at the IMO Facilitation Committee (FAL) that deals with matters related to the facilitation of international maritime traffic and also at EU high level and official meetings.



Mr Sönke Stein, Managing Director of Evos Malta



Sönke Stein is the Managing Director of Evos Malta since November 2021. He held the position of CEO of the Malta Terminal, prior to the sale by Oiltanking to Evos, since 2014. He held the same posting in Malta from 2001-6.

Before returning to Malta he worked for the Oiltanking Group in the Middle East from 2006-14, heading Oiltanking's local joint venture oil storage terminal in Jebel Ali Dubai, U.A.E. Simultaneously he was responsible for the business development of Group across the Middle East and Africa. Sonke has been working in the oil industry since 1993 and was successfully involved in developing business for the Oiltanking Group. He has managed a variety of Oiltanking's subsidiaries in multiple geographical locations.

The change of ownership to the Evos Group will enable him to guide the Malta Terminal to play a major role in the Energy Transition within the Central Mediterranean.



Dr. Adrian Attard, Partner, Marine Litigation Department, Fenech & Fenech Advocates



Adrian Attard is a Partner in the firm's Marine Litigation Department. He has a wealth of experience in maritime claims handling most types of wet and dry shipping disputes ranging from collisions to salvage, and from insurance claims to bunkering disputes. He regularly deals with ship arrests, mortgage enforcements and judicial sales of vessels. Adrian also focuses on debt recovery and the enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards in Malta. Adrian graduated from the University of Malta in 2009 and holds a master's degree in international maritime law conferred by the IMO International Maritime Law Institute. He was admitted to the Maltese bar in 2009. Adrian obtained his PhD from Queen Mary University of London in 2019. Adrian is on the Executive Committee of the Malta Maritime Law Association and is a guest lecturer at University of Malta.



Dr. Ann Fenech, Partner, Head of Marine Litigation Department, Fenech & Fenech Advocates



Ann Fenech is the head of the marine litigation department at Fenech & Fenech Advocates and was Managing Partner of the firm from 2008 to 2020. She qualified in 1986 and joined Holman Fenwick and Willan in London. From there she moved to Chaffe McCall Phillips Toler and Sarpy in New Orleans. On joining Fenech & Fenech, she created the marine litigation department. She has dealt exclusively with maritime issues for the past 34 years ranging from salvage to charterparty disputes and from towage to enforcement of mortgages. She lectures at the University of Malta and the International Maritime Law Institute. She is the President of the Malta Maritime Law Association, Board Member of the European Maritime Law Organisation and founding Board Member of the Malta Maritime Forum. She has been on the Executive Council of the Comité Maritime International since 2014 and in 2018 elected Vice President, a position to which she was only recently re-elected. She is currently the co-Chair of the CMI IWG on International Recognition of Judicial Sales and CMI Co-Ordinator of the project at UNCITRAL.