ShookLin&Bok

Shipping

Overview

Our Shipping practice advises clients across the full maritime value chain, including shipowners, operators, charterers, commodity traders, financiers, insurers, logistics providers, and energy companies. We act on both contentious and non-contentious matters, frequently involving multi-jurisdictional issues and time-sensitive considerations.

Our team of experienced lawyers specialises in handling complex shipping disputes, including charterparty and bill of lading disputes, cargo damage and shortage claims, bunker disputes, ship collisions and groundings, and other maritime casualties. We are regularly instructed in ship arrest and enforcement proceedings before the Singapore courts, and work closely with P&I Clubs, marine insurers, surveyors, and technical experts to secure swift and effective outcomes for our clients.

In addition, we advise on a broad range of advisory and transactional matters, including shipping and logistics contracts, trade and commodity financing structures, sanctions and regulatory compliance, and risk management issues arising from international trade operations. We also assist clients in navigating regulatory requirements affecting shipping activities, including port regulations, licensing regimes, and compliance with international maritime conventions.

Combining deep industry knowledge with strong dispute resolution and advisory capabilities, we deliver practical, strategic, and commercially focused solutions to help clients manage risk, resolve disputes, and achieve their business objectives in the global shipping sector.

Accolades

Chambers Asia Pacific

- Ranked in Shipping (2023 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Band 3

Chambers Global

- Ranked in Shipping (2024 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Band 3

Benchmark Litigation

- Ranked in Shipping (2022 – 2023, 2025 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Tier 2

Asialaw Profiles

- Ranked in Aviation and Shipping (2023 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Recommended

Testimonials

We are happy with Shook Lin & Bok's services.

- Chambers Asia Pacific 2026

The SLB team are very knowledgeable and possess sound working knowledge of the law, which renders them, in our books, experts in admiralty and maritime law.

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There is strong leadership and guidance from the top. Information, knowledge and experience is well communicated throughout the team to the associate levels.

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