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PERSONAL

Profession Lawyer at the Supreme Court
Member of the Piraeus Bar Association (Reg. No. 2814)

Date of birth 05 January 1957

Place of birth Athens

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

1969 – 1975 High School Education at Varvakios Model School. Graduation with the grade «Very Good».

1975 – 1980 Law School at the University of Athens (Faculty of Law). Graduation with the grade «Very Good».

1980 – 1982 Postgraduate Degree (MASTER - LL.M.) in the University of Southampton, England in the following courses: Carriage of Goods by Sea, Marine Insurance, International Law of the Sea, Admiralty Law (Collision, Salvage, Pilotage, Towage, Pollution, Piracy, Arrest, Maritime Liens, Vessel Mortgage, Wreck Removal, Shipping Finance)

Dissertation Topic: A Comparative Study of the Assistance and Salvage of persons at Sea (1982).

Law of the European Communities (EEC Law) (mainly on institutional issues and competition).

1982 – 1983 Military service as a Sergeant in the Army Supplies Force (ASF).

PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITY

1983 Acquisition of Lawyer's professional license.

1983 – 1986 Lawyer, Member of the Law Offices «G. & N.L.DANIOLOS», I. Drossopoulou Street 27-29, Athens.

1986 – 1993 In-house lawyer at the shipping company TROODOS SHIPPING CO. LTD, II Merarchias Street 12, Piraeus, manager of 50 tankers and having 225 employees.

1986 – today

- Founder and Member of the Law Offices «GERASSIMOU & PARTNERS», specialized in all kind of shipping and insurance issues, shipping finance and trading cases, issues of any kind of transport (maritime, road, air), investment interest contracts, energy law and real estate (urban – professional and private islands), as well as in tax and corporate law issues.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Association «Hellenic Association of Maritime Lawyers».
- Legal Counsel of the Board of Directors of the Association «Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association» («HELMEPA»).
- Legal Counsel of the Board of Directors of «Hellenic Shortsea Shipowners Association».
- Legal Counsel of the «Association of Representatives of Private Yachts».
- Legal Counsel of the Committee on Transport of «Greek Union Insurance Companies».
- Legal Counsel of the “American Hellenic Hull Insurance Company”, Piraeus Branch.
- Legal Counsel of major marine insurance Brokers operating in Piraeus, Greece.
- Legal Counsel of DHL regarding the regulatory practice and air liability matters.
- Legal Counsel of two (2) Greek aviation companies.
- Member of the «Arab-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce & Development».
- Member of the Board of Directors –General Secretary of «Greek Azerbaijani Chamber of Commerce & Business».
- Member of the « Business Council of Greece - Vietnam».
- Member of the «Hellenic African Chamber of Commerce and Development».
- Member of the International Association «The International Propeller Club of the United States – International Port Piraeus».
- Member of the «Piraeus Marine Club».
- Member of the «Piraeus Yacht Club».
- Member of the Association «Friends of the Academy of Athens».
- Member of the Association “The Friends of the Archaeological Museum of Piraeus and Archaeological sites and Monuments of Piraeus».
- Member of the «Benaki Museum».
- Supporter of «SOS Children Villages».

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

- Member of the Board of Directors of the «Hellenic Maritime Law Association».
- Member of the Committee for the unification of the International Maritime Law of the above Association.
- Member of the Committee for the study of the Sea Waybills and the electronic transfer of ownership of the goods under the carriage by sea, of the above Association.
- External Lecturer to the International Maritime Organization («IMO») in Malta.
- Attending numerous international conferences in maritime matters, Transport Law, Corporate and Insurance Law (investments and merger of companies) and Energy Law.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

- Member of the Scientific Working Group for Shipping of the Institute of Democracy “Konstantinos Karamanlis”.
- Member of the Maritime Sector of the New Democracy party.
- Member of the Scientists Sector of the New Democracy party.
- B’ Former Vice-Governor of the Social Security Fund (IKA).

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- English
- French

AUTHORIAL ACTIVITY - PUBLICATIONS

1. A comparative study of the assistance and salvage of persons at sea
(LL.M. Dissertation – University of Southampton 1982, pages.200)
2. Compensation for the salvage of persons
(Nautical Chronicles 15.2.1982, p.29 seq.)
3. Lloyd’s Open Form 1980
(Reprint from Piraeus Case Law 1983, p.86 seq.)
4. The Hamburg Rules of 1978
(Reprint from Piraeus Case Law 1984, p.238 seq.)
5. Lloyd’s Open Form 1990 (LOF 90)
(Reprint from Maritime Law Review 1991, vol.2, pag.1 seq. / Nautical Chronicles 1.2.1991, vol.1036/1094)

6. Comments on the judgment of the House of Lords («THE SALEM» case) referring to the loss of oil insured under the Lloyd's S.G. Form – Takings at sea
(Maritime Law Review 1984, vol.12, pag.80 seq.)
7. Comments on the 4156/1986 judgment of the Salonica Single Membered Court of First Instance regarding the salvage under the standard form of Lloyd's
(Nautical Chronicles 1984, p.17 seq.)
8. Comments on the judgment of the Queen's Bench Division dated 1.7.1984 («THE FORUM CRAFTSMAN» case) regarding the English arbitration clause in the bills of lading and the jurisdiction of the courts in Japan
(Maritime Law Review 1985, vol.13, p.194 seq.)
9. Comments on the judgment of the London Court of Appeal dated 18.5.1984 («THE BENARTY» case) regarding the application of the Hague Rules, the exclusive jurisdiction clause of the Indonesian courts and the actions in rem και in personam
(Maritime Law Review 1985, vol.13, p.195 seq. / Shipping Mirror 10.1985, p.19 seq.)
10. Comments on the 1984 judgment of the Queen's Bench Division («THE BARENBELS» case) regarding the sale of the vessel and the responsibility of the seller under the MOA clause «free from all encumbrances»
(Maritime Law Review 1986, vol.14, p.85 seq.)
11. Comments on the judgment of the London Court of Appeal dated 8-9.11.1983 («THE VASSO» case) regarding various matters on the vessel's arrest for cargo claims and putting up a guarantee
(Maritime Law Review 1986, vol.14, p.374 seq.)
12. Comments on the New York Arbitration Award dated 26.11.1986 («NEAPOLIS» case) regarding the meaning of the «Freight Retention» clause in the Asbatankvoy charterparty
(Maritime Law Review 1987, vol.15, p.151 seq. / Nautical Chronicles 1.2.1987, p.21 seq.)
13. Comments on the 1984 judgment of the London Court of Appeal («THE YPATIA HALKOUSI» case) regarding the interpretation of «Port» and «Berth» in the voyage charterparties
(Maritime Law Review 1987, vol.15, p.297 seq.)
14. Comments on the judgment of the of the Queen's Bench Division dated 6-7-8.12.1983 («THE MARQUE DE BOLARQUE» case) regarding the London arbitration clause and the applicability of the Spanish law in the time charterparty
(Maritime Law Review 1987, vol.15, p.298)
15. Comments on the judgment of the London Court of Appeal dated 15.9.1983 («THE LUKA BOLTIC» case) regarding the arbitration clause CENTROCON
(Maritime Law Review 1987, vol.15, p.298 seq.)

16. Comments on the judgments of the London Court of Appeal dated 29-30.4.1987 and 1.5.1987 («THE KYZIKOS» case) regarding the interpretation of the «WIBON» clause («Whether in Berth or not») in the Gencon voyage charterparty.
(Maritime Law Review 1987, vol.15, p.440 seq.) / Nautical Chronicles 1.12.1987, vol. LVI., p.18 seq.)
17. Sea WayBill and Electrodoc – New ways for legal coverage of maritime transport
(Nautical Chronicles 1.7.1988, vol.1274/1032, p.29 seq.)
18. Assistance and salvage of persons at sea
(Nautical Chronicles 1.9.1988, vol.1278/1036, p.31 seq.)
19. Perils of the seas
(Maritime Law Review 1988, vol.16, p.378 seq.)
20. The Shipowner’s right to withdraw his vessel upon non payment of hire in the time charterparty
(Nautical Chronicles 15.5.1991, p.27 seq. / 1.6.1991, p.29 seq.)
21. Comments on the judgment 1825/1991 of the Piraeus Multi Membered Court of First Instance regarding the notion and the particular elements of «salvage» and «towage»
(Nautical Chronicles 1.10.1991, vol.1372/1131, p.30 seq.)
22. Comments on the judgment 395/1992 of the Piraeus Multi Membered Court of First Instance regarding the liability of the owner of the vessel coming out of her commercial operation and particularly the owner’s liability under section 479 of the Greek Civil Code
(Nautical Chronicles 15.9.1992, vol.1371/1130, p.33 seq.)
23. Comments on the judgment 807/1992 of the Piraeus Court of Appeal regarding the claims arising in the event of a collision between a barge and a boat
(Nautical Chronicles 1.3.1993, vol.1381/1140, p.37 seq.)
24. Comments on the judgment 788/1993 of the Piraeus Single Membered Court of First Instance regarding the jurisdiction of the Greek courts and the applicable law over the foreign companies of L.89/67 and the shipping companies of L.791/78 in disputes between its shareholders
(Nautical Chronicles 1993, p. 26 seq.)
25. The time bar of claims arising in the contracts of carriage - Current Issues
(Speech in the Hellenic Maritime Law Association, Athens 30.3.1993)
26. Comments on the judgment 58/1993 of the Piraeus Court of Appeal regarding the time-bar in the collision cases
(Nautical Chronicles 1.5.1993, vol.1385/1144, p.27 seq.)
27. The impact of the International Safety Management Code in the legal sense of the seaworthiness of the vessel
(Nautical Chronicles 1.1.1994, vol.1410/1169)

28. Comments on the judgment 1119/1992 of the Piraeus Court of Appeal regarding the jurisdiction of the Greek courts over foreign claims and the validity of the exclusive jurisdiction clause for a foreign court in the bills of lading
(Nautical Chronicles 1.3.1994, vol.1400/1159, p.33 seq.)
29. Comments on the judgment 87/1993 of the Supreme Court in connection with the evidence of the bill of lading and the relationships of the parties under the law of USA
(Nautical Chronicles 1994, p.27 seq.)
30. The arrest of vessels owned by foreign states or by public corporations
(Intervention in the First International Conference of Maritime Law for the «Protection of Marine Lenders», Piraeus 1994)
31. The Hamburg Rules, uncertainty or progress?
(Nautical Chronicles 1.1.1994, vol.1398/1157, p.67 seq.)
32. Maritime Justice has «sailed»
(Nautical Chronicles 1.1.1994, vol.1410/1169, p.74 seq.)
33. Comments on the judgment 52/1995 of the Supreme Court regarding the lien in respect to the claims for the necessary repairs to the vessel, auction, notification of claim and the meaning of the «last port»
(Nautical Chronicles 1.4.1995, vol.1413/1172, p.35 seq. / Naftellinas vol.127, p.42 seq.)
34. The establishment of foreign industrial, commercial and shipping enterprises in Greece on an off-shore status
(Lecture to the graduates of the University of Virginia 1995 / Naftellinas 1995, vol.129, p.32 seq.)
35. The «so-called» Maritime Courts
(Naftellinas 1996, vol.133, p.66 seq.)
36. The compensation for seizure of the vessel or the provision of a guarantee to secure a non existing claim
(Intervention in the Fourth Conference of Marine Law, Piraeus 8.6.2001)
37. Issues about the latest developments in the field of maritime piracy
(Dikigoriki Epikairoitita 2001, vol.57, p.19 seq.)
38. Updated comments, military disasters, effects of the War to the Persian Gulf and to the economic situation of the markets
(Dikigoriki Epikairoitita 2003, vol.65, p.12 seq.)
39. Can Piraeus win a bigger share of the Services Market?
(Lecture in the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce Conference on “Challenges in shipping today», Piraeus 22.4.2005)
40. Important decisions for Perama
(ELNAVI 10.2005, p.60)

41. Issues on transport law (Claims handling and dispute resolution)
(Seminar – Motion for the students of the postgraduate section Maritime Law and Policy of the International Maritime University, Athens 28.3.2007)
42. Issues on the law for the carriage of goods by sea (BIMCO Supply Time 2005 & 2017)
(Seminar – Motion for lawyers and trainee lawyers, Piraeus Bar Association 19.12.2012)
43. The time-bar of the claims in the carriage of goods by sea
(Article of the Memorial Volume, published to the honor of the late Professor Antony Antapasis, 2013)
44. The legal status of the carriage by sea of cargo and vehicles carried without the production of a Bill of Lading (Based on the marine casualty of M/V Norman Atlantic)
(Speech at the 9th International Seminar of Maritime Law «Marine Safety: Legal Issues regarding the vessel, the cargo and the human factor», Piraeus 13.10.2016)
45. The Oil Spill of Disaster
(Eleftheros Typos of Sunday, 24.9.2017)
46. When and how the persons suffered from the oil spill will be compensated
(Eleftheros Typos, 9.10.2017)
47. The great opportunity for Piraeus after Brexit
(Proto Thema, 26.11.2017)
48. Will «Brexit» benefit the Greek shipping?
(Eleftheros Typos, 21.1.2018)
49. The USA Sanctions and their consequences to the Greek shipping as regards the oil cargo transportation in Venezuela
(Naftemporiki, 20.09.2020)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Seminars of maritime law (Contracts of carriage of goods by sea) at the London Institute of Shipping and Transport («LIST»)
- The legal status of the carriage by sea of cargo and vehicles carried without the production of a Bill of Lading
(Speech at the Summer School of Maritime Law (ELSA Greece), Piraeus 18.7.2017)
- Seminars of maritime law to Trainee Lawyers at the Piraeus Bar Association.