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# Internships

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## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SWANSEA LLM STUDENTS

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The Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law (IISTL) enjoys close links with many international law firms and other organisations specialising in various aspects of commercial, maritime, energy and IP law, and legaltech.

This puts our LLM students in an excellent position to take advantage of internships offered by a number of these organisations.

Internships play a valuable role in exposing our students to the workplace, allowing them to develop their networks and gain real life experience in their chosen areas.

Each year, particularly over the summer, our students spend their time as interns with various organisations.

In the following pages, you will read about the internship experiences of several students from our most recent cohort (2023-24).



## ANARE HARSH - IMO

"I had a wonderful opportunity to do an internship at the IMO in London. During my time at IMO, I was fortunate enough to witness significant meetings and conferences such as the 10th Session Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes & Containers (CCC), the 82nd Session of Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), the 41st Meeting of Editorial & Technical Group (IMSBS Code), and the 2nd WMO-IMO Symposium on Extreme Marine Weather.

I also attended the World Maritime Day Celebration and also invited the Evening Reception that followed the Maritime Day Celebrations. IMO's extensive library provided me with an invaluable research tool, and I had an opportunity to observe the law-making process first-hand."



## ARSHI CAROL HEMROM - IMO

"My research internship at the Maritime Knowledge Centre of the IMO (in London) gave me an invaluable opportunity to observe the 10th Session of the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers, the 41st meeting of the Editorial and Technical Group (IMSBS Code) and the 2nd WMO-IMO Symposium on Extreme Maritime Weather and gain valuable insights from delegates of the member states.

This internship gave me exposure to law and policy-making as well as appreciating the stages that one needs to go through to promulgate legal rules that have binding impact in international field. I express my sincere gratitude to my Professors at Swansea for their constant support and motivation."

## VAIDEHI KOLHE - IMO

"I was offered a research internship at the Maritime Knowledge Centre of the International Maritime Organization in London.

During my tenure, I was fortunate to observe the 10th Session of the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers, the 41st meeting of the Editorial and Technical Group (IMSBS Code) and the 2nd WMO-IMO Symposium on Extreme Maritime Weather.

It was an enlightening experience, and I could interact with delegates of the Member-States, NGOs and IGOs. This experience helped me understand the nuances of devising strategies and institutional frameworks necessary for the maritime sector."



# Kennedys



## OLUWAKEMI ISHOLA - KENNEDYS LAW LLP

"As the inaugural winner of the 'Kennedys Prize in AI in Commerce and Legal Practice', I am honoured to have achieved the highest score in the Artificial Intelligence in Commerce and Legal Practice module.

This new prize, established through a partnership between the IISTL and Kennedys, has provided me with an incredible opportunity. In addition to the financial reward, I am thrilled to be starting a 2-week internship with the Kennedys IQ department dealing with data-powered technology as part of legal practice. During this time, I will have the chance to work on ongoing projects alongside industry experts in the field, gaining invaluable hands-on experience. I am deeply grateful to Kennedys and the IISTL for this exceptional opportunity. This experience will undoubtedly mark a significant milestone in my academic and professional journey."

## JOSHUA BENN - STEPHENSON HARWOOD

"I was awarded the Energy Law Prize for attaining the highest mark in the Offshore Energy Law module, which allowed me to spend one week at Stephenson Harwood LLP's London office, where I was attached to the Maritime, Trade and Offshore (MTO) Department.

This exposed me to some of the main issues that affect the sectors. For example, I researched indemnity and charterparty contracts and the UK's 'Contracts for Difference' scheme for low carbon electricity generation I was also able to interact with some of the key personnel of the firm, which provided me with first-hand insight into, for example, how technical in-house experts are invaluable to providing solutions to clients within the sectors. I am very grateful to Swansea University for providing me with this opportunity."

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## AJA BAH - STEPHENSON HARWOOD

"The internship opportunity with Stephenson Harwood energy team enabled me to see how law works in practice, how relationships with clients are developed and what I need to do to enhance my professional life as a practicing lawyer.

It was one of the highlights of my LLM degree at Swansea and I am grateful to my School and Stephenson Harwood for this fantastic opportunity."

## ER NUO - CHINA P&I CLUB

"China Shipowners Mutual Assurance Association, kindly offered me a one-month internship opportunity. My supervisor was brilliant and offered me great exposure to many big names in the shipping industry as well as many P&I clubs such as NorthStandard, etc.

Apart from being introduced to the more practical aspects of P&I and H&M cover, I was mainly learning about the Marine Delay Insurance (MDI) underwriting process; a new and interesting insurance type to me. I was given the opportunity to learn more about ship finance and get in touch with many leasing companies in China. At the same time, I also learned about the reinsurance structure and the claim handling process. This internship experience was no doubt very productive and comprehensive, I enjoyed it very much and I am grateful to the IISTL for facilitating this opportunity."



## JIALE LIN - CHINA P&I CLUB

"A one-month internship with China P&I is the best opportunity for anyone who is considering a career in the shipping industry. Even day-to-day claims work is challenging and always exciting at the world's top port, Shanghai.

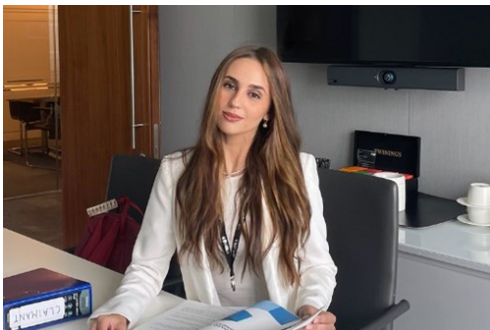
During my time at the Claims Department, I undertook legal research on a wide range of trending topics relating to deck cargo damage, repatriation and injury of seafarers every week, which enabled me to apply what I learned at Swansea University to real practice."

## EHSAN SARKHOSH - FLOYD ZADKOVICH

“The FZ Summer Virtual Scheme began with two Legal Experience Days, during which I had the opportunity to shadow lawyers from Floyd Zadkovich’s London office and engage in live legal tasks including case report preparation and commercial arbitration related issues. On the third day, I was challenged with a written task that simulated the work typically undertaken by associates and trainees. The last two days were dedicated to preparing for an FZ Moot, where I received coaching and insightful feedback. Overall, the scheme provided valuable practical experience and professional insights, effectively bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world legal practice. I would like to take this opportunity to specially thank the IISTL for all the support I received throughout the year. It has been a year where I learnt a lot and grew, both as a person as well as a young professional. I am always grateful for all the opportunities that the IISTL has provided.”



## ILIANA FOUNTOGLOU - FLOYD ZADKOVICH



“My internship at the law firm Floyd Zadkovich was an invaluable experience. The daily tasks allowed me to engage closely with the firm’s lawyers and fellow interns, which helped me expand my legal knowledge and refine my practical skills.

During an enriching week, I had the chance to dive into the fast-paced fields of shipping law, arbitration, and commercial litigation. I worked on matters such as demurrage claims, the enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in the UK, drafting letters of demand, and I participated in a Moot Competition addressing the invocation of a War Peril Clause in a charterparty contract. I am thankful for this opportunity, as it aligned perfectly with my postgraduate studies in International Commercial and Maritime Law at Swansea University.”

## AKASH DUBEY - FLOYD ZADKOVICH

"My internship was an invaluable experience that consolidated my passion for maritime law. I had the opportunity to shadow associates in various practice areas, including arbitration, charterparties, banking law, and trade law. This hands-on exposure allowed me to apply my classroom knowledge to real-world legal challenges. One of the highlights was participating in a moot arbitration alongside peers from other universities. Additionally, I attended seminars conducted by experienced lawyers from both the London and US offices. These offered unique perspectives on the firm's work and the shipping industry. The lawyers were generous with their advice, sharing their career paths and providing guidance on succeeding in the field. I am deeply grateful to IISTL for this incredible opportunity. Working alongside professionals with decades of experience has been truly inspiring. I am confident that this internship has equipped me with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in my career."

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## LORETO GARCÍA - FLOYD ZADKOVICH

"As a student of international maritime law, the opportunity to participate in the Floyd Zadkovich Vacation Scheme has proved an invaluable addition to my academic experience.

I was able to apply the theoretical knowledge acquired during my LLM studies in the dynamic environment of an international maritime law firm. I was fortunate to work with a highly supportive team. Their guidance enhanced my comprehension of legal matters while also facilitating professional growth through the improvement of analytical, legal writing, and problem-solving abilities.

I would like to express my gratitude to IISTL for facilitating this enriching opportunity, which has represented the culmination of my exceptional studies at Swansea University."

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## FARUK MUTLU - HUDSON MORGAN WILLIAMS

"Hudson Morgan Williams is a boutique litigation practice based in London, routinely instructed to act in large-value, complex commercial and contractual disputes, often involving multiple jurisdictions. During my time with the firm, I engaged in meaningful discussions with legal professionals, gaining insights from different perspectives on intricate legal issues. My role primarily involved conducting thorough legal research and drafting legal documents, which deepened my understanding of commercial litigation and legal processes while sharpening my analytical and communication skills.

I truly enjoyed being in such an intellectually stimulating environment while pursuing my LLM at Swansea University, as it provided me with valuable real-world experience and complemented my academic studies."



## SRUSHTI SHETTY - AGOR INNOVATION

"As an Intellectual Property and Innovation student, I completed two impressive internships, enhancing my expertise in international recruitment and intellectual property management. As an intern with the University's International Recruitment Team, I contributed to the global recruitment strategy through data analysis, market research, and implementing international engagement initiatives, honing my skills in cross-cultural communication, strategic planning, and data-driven decision-making. In a subsequent role as an Intellectual Property Intern at Agor Innovation, I worked closely with industry professionals on the protection and commercialisation of innovative technologies. This provided a comprehensive understanding of IP law, patent filings, and commercialisation strategies, equipping me with the knowledge to assess the market potential of emerging technologies and manage the IP lifecycle. I would like to thank the IISTL for their support in providing these fantastic opportunities."

## SHANGHENG LI - BIMCO

“During my time at Swansea, I was fortunate enough to be offered many valuable opportunities, including an internship program at the Shanghai office of BIMCO, the largest international shipping association. My studies had provided me with a solid foundation of knowledge and confidence. The professors not only equipped us with the necessary theoretical expertise but also continuously encouraged us to embrace challenges and push beyond our comfort zones. I feel an immense sense of gratitude toward Swansea University. The university not only provided me with a platform to step onto the global stage but also cultivated a learning environment that fostered growth and ambition. I’m especially thankful to my tutors and professors, whose encouragement and guidance throughout my academic journey empowered me to take this leap and pursue new challenges.”



Intangible Asset  
Management



## ADERINSOLA JEWEL ADELIYI - STOBBS IP

“I am honored to be the first recipient of the Stobbs IP Prize, awarded for achieving the highest mark in the Intellectual Property Law and Innovation programme. I am very grateful to both the Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law (IISTL) and Stobbs for this amazing recognition and opportunity.

My internship provided me with the opportunity to work alongside leading experts in various practice areas, including trademarks, patents, copyrights, designs, brand intelligence, and brand structuring; presenting an opportunity to deepen my understanding of intellectual property law while gaining invaluable practical experience. This experience also provided first-hand exposure to the critical role that intellectual property plays in shaping business strategies and fostering technological innovation. I look forward to applying this knowledge in the field of Intellectual Property.”

## DILSAT GOKTAN – HANNAFORD TURNER LLP

“I am deeply honoured to have been awarded the best student in Swansea University’s Ship and Other Mobile Assets Finance module, which allowed me to gain experience at Hannaford Turner LLP.

An internship at a ship finance law firm presented an invaluable opportunity for me as an aspiring legal professional who is keen to deepen her understanding of maritime finance law while refining essential practical skills. Working closely with experienced attorneys and fellow interns, gaining first-hand experience in the fast-paced world of ship finance was a great opportunity to gain invaluable insights. This hands-on experience complemented to my academic studies, offering a practical, in-depth look into the legal and financial mechanisms that underpin the global shipping industry. It is an ideal opportunity for those seeking to build a career in this specialised and exciting field.”

HANNAFORD  
TURNER LLP

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## CESAR PENICHE-LUNA - GARD

“Gard is the largest P&I Club, with 20% market share across the shipping sector. They are also one of the only Clubs that has expanded into offshore, energy, shipbuilding and the hull sectors. I had the great privilege of being the first student from the IISTL to be awarded an internship at Gard. I worked at the London office, where I had hands-on experience with FD&D and Claims cases, testing the knowledge acquired during my LLM. I was immersed in the underwriting process, learning about the products Gard offers. Lastly, I was able to visit 4 Pump Court, the High Court, and Lloyd’s Market, obtaining invaluable contacts within the industry in London. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the IISTL for making this opportunity available. It was a testament of the high consideration that the shipping industry has for Swansea University’s Shipping & Trade LLMs. I am sure that this experience will prove useful in advancing my career.”



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