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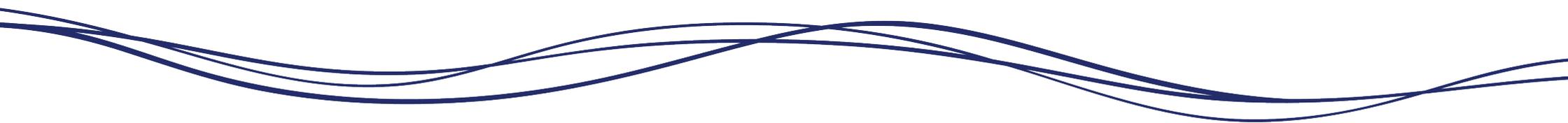


PLACEMENTS FOR OUR LLM STUDENTS

Our Shipping and Trade LLM programmes are crafted to mirror the scope and energy of today's global legal marketplace. Spanning maritime, commercial, offshore energy, intellectual property and international trade law, they combine deep specialist knowledge with a broad understanding of the legal frameworks that underpin international commerce.

Across all pathways, one principle remains constant: excellence. Each programme is distinguished by rigorous academic standards, practical relevance and dedicated student support. Our strong and enduring partnerships with leading law firms and industry organisations ensure that learning extends well beyond the classroom. From prize-sponsored modules backed by London law firms, to mooted competitions, practitioner-led employability sessions and a highly engaged alumni network that frequently recruits our graduates, students benefit from meaningful, career-enhancing connections.

We are immensely proud of our students' success. Their achievements speak to their drive, professionalism and commitment, as well as to the strength of our academic community. It is with great pleasure that we highlight the following students from our 2024/25 cohort—many of whom secured employment in their chosen sectors even before completing their degrees—demonstrating the tangible impact of our programmes on their professional journeys.



Jorge Aguado - Repsol, Madrid



Jorge graduated with merit from Swansea University, where he completed an LLM in International Commercial and Maritime Law.

He is now based in Madrid, serving as Legal Counsel within the Trading division of Repsol, one of the world's leading energy companies. In this role, he advises on the legal and contractual aspects of international trading operations, with particular emphasis on maritime transport, commodities, and cross-border energy transactions. Working in a highly international environment, Jorge provides strategic legal support to complex commercial activities that underpin the global movement of energy products. His career path highlights the strong and practical connection between maritime legal studies and the dynamic realities



Andy Celes- iQor, Philippines

Andy Celes graduated with merit from Swansea University (LLM in Legal Tech and Commercial Law), where she distinguished herself through two final research projects focusing on Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain.

She recently delivered a lecture entitled "*Blockchain for Governance and Investment*" at the University of the Philippines College of Mass Communication. In her presentation, she explored how the Philippine government and its agencies are applying blockchain technology to address challenges related to corruption and investment practices, highlighting the transformative potential of emerging technologies in public governance.

Andy currently serves as Corporate Counsel at iQor Philippines. In this role, she manages corporate litigation across civil, criminal, and labour law matters, alongside overseeing regulatory compliance. Her work reflects a dynamic combination of technological insight and broad-based legal expertise in a complex corporate environment.



Ceren Cesur- CJCH Legal & Compliance, Cardiff

Ceren graduated with Merit from Swansea University, earning her LL.M. with a specialisation in Commercial and Maritime Law. She is currently based in the United Kingdom, where she works as a Compliance Analyst at CJCH Legal & Compliance. In this role, she advises on digital and commercial legal risks, supporting compliance frameworks and enforcement matters.

Alongside her professional responsibilities, Ceren continues her editorial and research internship with JTMS at Yonsei University. She has been awarded the Cyber Insurance Specialist Scholarship and is a Certified Cyber Insurance Specialist (CCIS), recognised by Chartered Insurance Institute, ANZIIF, RIBO and NIBA. She continues to collaborate with the institute on initiatives within the field of cyber insurance.

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Yanran Gao-Sedgwick, Hong Kong

Yanyan graduated with distinction from Swansea University, earning her LLM with a specialisation in international commercial and maritime law.

She is currently based in Hong Kong, where she serves as a Trainee Average Adjuster at Sedgwick. In this role, she assists in the adjustment of marine losses, including general average cases and related marine insurance claims, supporting the fair and efficient resolution of complex maritime matters.

Michalis Gerontis -Gard P & I, London



Michalis graduated in 2025 with an LL.M. in International Maritime Law, having been awarded merit-based scholarships upon admission and receiving two academic prizes in recognition of his outstanding performance throughout the programme.

He is currently based in London, where he serves as a Claims Executive at Gard within the UK syndicate. His work focuses on Hull & Machinery and P&I claims, with additional involvement in defence matters.

Michalis first joined Gard as the Swansea Intern, an experience that marked the beginning of his professional engagement with the Club. He now works at the heart of the London marine insurance market, assisting in the management of complex maritime casualties, high-value claims, and cross-border disputes arising from international shipping operations.



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Giannis Pantelidis – Hill Dickinson International, Piraeus



Giannis completed his LL.M. in International Maritime Law at Swansea University in 2025, graduating with Merit.

He is currently based in Athens, Greece, and in January 2026 began his role as an Associate at Hill Dickinson International in Piraeus. As a member of the firm's litigation team, he assists on a wide range of maritime matters, contributing to complex cases within a dynamic international shipping environment.

Rekhil Sukesan- Global Feeder Shipping, Dubai

Rekhil graduated in the top ten percent of his cohort from Swansea University, earning his LL.M. in International Commercial and Maritime Law with distinction and receiving the prestigious Gold HEAR Award. He is also the Founding President of the Swansea University Maritime Law Society, reflecting his early leadership within the maritime law community.

Currently based in Dubai, Rekhil serves as a Legal and Claims Handler at Global Feeder Shipping. In this capacity, he oversees shipping contracts, vessel acquisitions, claims, and dispute resolution. He also plays a key role in advancing compliance, ESG, and sustainability integration across the organisation, supporting its strategic development within an increasingly complex and evolving regulatory landscape.





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