
SEMINAR Speakers



Bryan D. Larson
Commercial Counselor
U.S. Embassy
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Bryan Larson is a Senior Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. Commercial Service with the rank of Counselor. As the Commercial Counselor and Senior Department of Commerce representative at the U.S. Embassy in Athens, he is responsible for promoting U.S. exports, advocating for American business interests, and promoting investment in the United States.

During his last assignment as the Commercial Counselor in Baghdad, Iraq, he led the Embassy's Commercial Section through the transition period of the U.S. military withdrawal and assumption of sovereignty by the Iraqi Government. He instituted regularized business services for U.S. companies, worked closely with the American Chamber of Commerce to improve U.S.-Iraqi business cooperation, and developed new approaches of working with the Iraqi Government to stabilize the business environment.

Previous to Iraq, Mr. Larson held positions as a Commercial Officer at the U.S. Embassies in Beijing, Mexico City, and Seoul.

Prior to joining the U.S. Commercial Service, Mr. Larson worked in the Department of Commerce as an International Trade Specialist in the Office of Information Technology and the Trade Information Center. Mr. Larson entered U.S. Government service in 1995 as one of 100 Americans selected that year for the prestigious Presidential Management Fellowship program.

Mr. Larson is a native of Denver, Colorado. He received an MA in International Communication from The American University in Washington, DC, in 1995 and a BA in International Affairs from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1991.



Simos Anastasopoulos
President
American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce

Simos Anastasopoulos is a graduate of the Department of Electrical Engineering of the National Technical University of

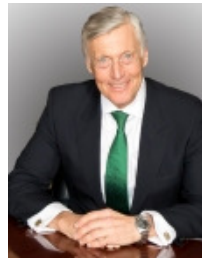
Athens (NTUA), and holds a Master's of Science Degree in Mechanical/Automotive Engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

After his studies in Michigan he worked for two years for General Motors Corporation, as a development Engineer at the Milford Proving Ground. In 1986 he returned in Greece, and after completion of his military service he joined PETSIAVAS S.A. Since 2002 he has been the Managing Director of the company, and from 2013 Chairman and CEO of PETSIAVAS S.A.

In June 2013 he was elected President of the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, and he is also a member of the Pan-Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Industries

and member of the General Council of SEV Hellenic Federation of Enterprises.

Simos Anastasopoulos was born in Athens in 1957, is married to Peggy Petsiavas and has two daughters.



Joe Hughes
Chairman & CEO
Shipowners Claims
Bureau, Inc. (SCB)

Joe has served as Chairman and CEO of the managers of the American Club, an International Group mutual, for nearly twenty-one years. Joe also

oversees the activities of Eagle Ocean Agencies, Inc., an affiliate of SCB, which operates the Eagle Ocean Marine and Eagle Ocean America insurance facilities, the latter as a coverholder for underwriters at Lloyd's. He also serves on the board of American Hellenic Hull Insurance Company, Ltd., a Cyprus-based hull underwriting investment of the American Club.

Having graduated from Oxford University, Joe was called to the Bar of England and Wales, thereafter specializing in maritime commercial law before commencing his career in marine insurance. Prior his arrival in the United States, Joe worked for other P&I clubs in the United Kingdom and Norway, latterly serving as chairman of the global marine practice of Jardine Insurance Brokers, a leading Lloyd's broker in London.

In addition to his corporate responsibilities, Joe is currently vice-chairman of the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA), a director (and former president) of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey, a former chairman of the Association of Average Adjusters of the United States, a director of New York Maritime, Inc. (NYMAR) and a member of the National Cargo Bureau. Joe also serves on the classification committee of the American Bureau of Shipping, and the North American advisory committee of Lloyd's Register. He is a 2011 inductee of the International Maritime Hall of Fame, and was designated one of the top ten global marine insurance personalities on the 2015/16 *Lloyd's List One Hundred*.



Juvenal Shiundu
Deputy Director/Head Program
Management, Technical
Cooperation Division
International Maritime
Organization

Mr. Shiundu graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree in Naval Architecture and

Shipbuilding from the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK in 1983 and with a Masters' degree in Maritime Safety Administration (Marine Engineering) from the World Maritime University, Sweden, in 1986. He is an alumni of the Ashridge Business School, UK.

In his current role since 2010, Mr Shiundu is Deputy Director/Head, Programme Management, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO.

Prior to joining IMO in 1997, Mr Shiundu was the General Manager of African Marine and General Engineering Company Limited (shipyard), Mombasa, Kenya.

He is also a Trustee of the Apostleship of the Sea, Great Britain, and Member of the Honourable company of Master Mariners (UK) and of the Maritime Operations and Management MSc Advisory Group, the City of London University.



Captain Tom Kaminski
Commanding Officer
U.S. Coast Guard Activities
Europe

As Commanding Officer, Captain Kaminski serves as Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, ensuring U.S. commercial vessel and foreign cruise ship compliance w/U.S. regulations and international conventions throughout Europe, the Middle East and Africa. In addition, he oversees the International Port Security Program's efforts to meet the congressional mandate to assess anti-terrorism measures and verify implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code at ports in 83 countries.

Prior to his current assignment, he served as Chief of the Vessel and Facility Operating Standards Division within the Office of Operating and Environmental Standards at Coast Guard Headquarters where he coordinated with classification societies, professional mariners, and industry organizations to develop regulations for vessels, facilities and offshore platforms. He also served as the Designated Federal Officer for the National Offshore and Towing Safety Advisory Committees and as Coast Guard liaison to the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.

As Deputy Commander of Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley from 2011-2014, Captain Kaminski served as Alternate Captain of the Port, Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Federal on Scene Coordinator, and as Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator for over 3,000 miles of commercially navigable Western Rivers spanning 10 states.

Following his first assignment as a deck watch officer in USCGC DILIGENCE, he served as a marine inspector and senior investigating officer at Marine Safety Office Jacksonville, Florida from 1996-2000. From 2001-2004 he served as Controller at the Coast Guard Command and Control Engineering Center in Portsmouth, Virginia where he managed all financial concerns associated with developing, fielding, training and supporting Coast Guard advanced electronic command, control and navigation systems. From 2004 thru 2007, he served as Supervisor of Marine Safety Detachment Nashville, TN where he managed the full suite of maritime safety, security and stewardship missions for nearly 1,000 miles of navigable waterways spanning four states, including vast portions of the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers. From 2007-2011, he managed military and civilian pay, medical and permanent change of station accounts as a

staff member of both the Coast Guard's Deputy Commandant for Mission Support and Chief Financial Officer.

Captain Kaminski holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from the Coast Guard Academy and a Master's in Business Administration from the College of William and Mary. Among other personal awards, he is a recipient of two Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, the Coast Guard and Army Commendation Medals, and the Department of Homeland Security Chief Financial Officer's Exceptional Service Award. Captain Kaminski is married to the former Jennifer Bartlett of Asheville, North Carolina and they have two sons, Thomas and Jack.



Dr. Elias Kariambas
Marine Business Development
Manager
Global Marine Organization
American Bureau of Shipping

Elias Kariambas is Marine Business Development Manager in ABS, based in Piraeus. He joined ABS in 2012, as Technology and Business Development Manager for the Eastern Region in Europe.

Prior joining ABS, Elias worked for 17 years as an Engineer and Manager at the plan approval office of Bureau Veritas in Piraeus.

He graduated from National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) as a Naval Architect - Marine Engineer, holding also a Phd in Ship Design from NTUA, as well as an MSc in Business Administration from the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB).



Jeanne Grasso
Partner
Blank Rome LLP

Jeanne M. Grasso is a partner at Blank Rome LLP and Vice Chair of the firm's Maritime Practice Group. She counsels vessel owners and operators, charterers, and facilities in connection with regulatory compliance related to the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and other agencies, including related to ballast water and emission control areas. Jeanne handles internal and grand jury investigations and defense of administrative, civil, and criminal enforcement actions; counsels clients on risk mitigation strategies related to environmental incidents; advises on environmental compliance, pollution incident response, and coastwise trade; and conducts training seminars. Jeanne was named by Lloyd's List as one of the Top Ten Shipping Lawyers in 2015.



**Dr. Konstantinos Rokkos,
Governor, Int'l Propeller Club,
Port of Piraeus - Chairman/CEO,
TST International S.A.**

Dr. Rokkos awarded from the Middlesex University of London with a Doctorate in Maritime (Risk) Management and a Master's of

Science in Marine Engineering and Management with distinction. He has also graduated as Dipl. Electrical-Mechanical Engineer in Greece and been awarded Diploma of European Engineer (Dipl. Eur. Ing.) as member of FEANI. He has more recently acquired a Distinction in Maritime Law in the LL.M program for Maritime Law in City University of London, while also awarded the Diploma in International Accounting (IFRS) from the Association of International Accountants (AIA).

Dr. Rokkos has excelled in Executive positions as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of shipping companies. Formerly to his shipping occupation, Dr. Rokkos served as General Manager in the industrial sector. He is also an active member of non- executive positions in Board of Directors as Chairman, President and Vice-President in past positions.

Dr Rokkos is a Lead Auditor, certified by the American Bureau of Shipping and Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance for ISO 9000, 14000 and ISM audits. He has taken part in various training courses and seminars concerning environmental protection, quality, risk management and emission controls. He is Company and Ship Security Officer, certified by the American Bureau of Shipping and the US Coast Guard.

Dr. Rokkos is a member of the Technical Chamber of Greece since 1979, Member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, member of SNAME (Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers), Governor of the Propeller Club Port of Piraeus since 2008 and Member of the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) which focuses on risk management development. He has also been awarded Corporate Membership from RINA (Royal Institution of Naval Architects) and title of Chartered Engineer from the UK Engineering Council. Furthermore, he is a member of the Association of International Accountants and FEANI.



**Antonios Vrontassis
Vice President
QHSE & Vetting/DPA Navios
Tankers Management Inc.**

Antonios Vrontassis has been Navios Tankers Management Inc Vice President QHSE & Vetting Manager/ DPA since August 2013. From January

2008 to April 2013, Mr. Vrontassis has served as Deputy CEO in Andriaki Shipping Co. Ltd. From April 1992 to April 2013, Mr. Vrontassis has served in several positions in Quality, Safety and Environmental management of Andriaki Shipping Co. Ltd.

Mr. Vrontassis is a member of Intertanko Vetting Committee, a member of the Union of Greek Shipowners Technical and Safety Committee, and a member of Informal Tanker Operators' Safety Forum. Mr. Vrontassis earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and Physics from Union College, Schenectady, New York and his master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Boston University in Massachusetts.



**Scott Groves
Business Development Manager -
Marine
Thordon Bearings Inc.**

Scott Groves started his career at Thordon Bearings in March of 2002 in the commercial department, assuming the role of Sales Manager in Canada and the Western US in 2003. Scott was appointed Thordon Bearing's Global Hydro-turbine Business Development Manager in 2011 while maintaining management of eastern Canada sales region. In 2012, Scott was appointed Business Development Manager- Marine for North & South America, Eastern Europe, Middle East and India. Scott has extensive experience with seawater lubricated propeller shaft bearing and seal system designs as well as propeller shaft bearing conversions from oil to seawater.



**Elias Psyllos
Commercial Manager
T&T Salvage**

Elias Psyllos is the Commercial Manager of T&T Salvage based in Houston Texas. He is responsible for commercial, legal, and technical support to daily global company operations. Supports business development and client relationship management activities. Oversees internal insurance and risk management matters to include policy management and claims reporting. Acts as Project Manager on company operations.

Prior experience includes 15 years as a Risk Manager for a London-Greek Shipowning Group. He was overall responsible for the Group's Marine Insurance and claims. For 4 years he served as a member of the Group's Marine Operations Team, actively involved in the management of Oil Tanker and Bulk Carrier fleets.