



GENERAL AVERAGE

General average is one of the most complex and challenging areas of crisis management combining legal expertise, expert input, liaising with overseas law firms and requiring an understanding of a most ancient and niche practice that has evolved with international trade.

We regularly advise on complex general average events arising out of some of the markets most challenging casualties and are leading the way with innovative solutions for clients struggling to resolve the effects of general average with their business needs.

Recent work

- Advising an IG P&I Club on the consequences of an interim funding agreement reached during a casualty which affected the net recipients in general average. Complex issues of Rule F and substituted expenses.
- Advising on the effects of GA provisions in container line charterparties obliging parties to provide bridging GA security and/or attempting to avoid it.
- Drafting bespoke general average avoidance agreements during a casualty and advising on their effect on the parties contributions to sacrifice and expenditure.
- Advising owners on the strength of cargo interests' defense for paying their proportion of general average and obtaining strike out of that defense and summary judgment in the English Court.

- We have advised many IG P&I Clubs on the best way to enforce general average bonds and guarantees with excellent results often close to the entire amount demanded plus interest and costs.
- Advising on the adequacy of general average bonds and guarantees for both Owners and Cargo Interests.

What our clients say about us

“STRIKE THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN BEING COMMERCIAL AND AGGRESSIVE IN ORDER TO DELIVER SOLUTIONS.”

CHAMBERS, SHIPPING (ASIA PACIFIC) 2019

“HFW IS RENOWNED IN THIS AREA AND ITS EXPERTISE COVERS WET AND DRY SHIPPING MATTERS.”

LEGAL 500, SHIPPING (DUBAI) 2019

