



## POLLUTION

**HFW has extensive experience of advising owners, charterers, government agencies, banks and cargo owners in relation to potential civil and criminal ship-source and land based oil pollution liability in a wide range of jurisdictions.**

### Recent work

- Advising owners and their insurers on their liabilities following an oil spill in South East Asia under applicable international conventions including the CLC, Fund Convention and the operation of STOPIA.
- Advising the IOPC Fund in relation to claims and recourse actions following significant oil pollution and wreck damage occurring in the Greek Islands.
- Liability investigation into collision resulting in major oil spill along the Indian coastline. Advising on limitation of liability issues, application of the CLC, assessment of claims from the authorities and fisheries.
- Acting for owners and underwriters in relation to an explosion occurring whilst a gas carrier was alongside a gas terminal in South America which resulted in the total destruction of the terminal and vessel and resulting liability, pollution and loss of life claims.
- Advising major bank in relation to potential oil pollution liability in respect of proposed new oil trading venture, to include advice relating to MARPOL 73-78, CLC 1992, Fund Convention 1992, Bunker Convention 2001, Supplementary Fund Protocol 2003, HNS Convention 1996 and EU Directive 2005/35/EC on ship-source pollution.

- Dealing with oil and non-oil pollution (i.e. cargo debris) issues and liabilities following the grounding and subsequent wreck of a containership on the UK coastline including its subsequent cleanup and removal.

### What our clients say about us

**“PREMIER SHIPPING PRACTICE WITH EXPERTISE ACROSS THE FULL RANGE OF WET AND DRY WORK.”**

CHAMBERS, SHIPPING (UK) 2019

**“A LONG-ESTABLISHED PRESENCE IN THE SHIPPING LANDSCAPE.”**

LEGAL 500, SHIPPING (HONG KONG) 2019

**“NOTED FOR ITS FAST TURNAROUND WHEN DEALING WITH TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL.”**

LEGAL 500, SHIPPING (SINGAPORE) 2019

