

Chambers and Partners USA 2019 Editorial Comment

What the team is known for Highly respected maritime litigation boutique with expertise covering areas such as maritime protection and indemnity, casualty, cargo damage and demurrage claims. Represents a client base composed of shipowners and insurers, including all major P&I clubs. Expertise in maritime personal injury claims, workers' compensation claims and occupational disease cases.

Strengths One interviewee asserts that *"they are excellent, friendly and prompt"* in their approach.

The team earns top praise among market commentators, who laud its *"wonderful group of lawyers."*

Work highlights Acted for charterer Panamax International Shipping on a \$100 million case brought by a vessel owner, alleging that Panamax International breached its duty to exercise due diligence in nominating a safe port, following an oil spill during cargo discharge operations at a single point mooring in Quintero, Chile.

Notable practitioners

Don Murnane is described by market sources as a *"very good lawyer who handles major cases."* He is especially active in demurrage claims, as well as in fraud and casualty cases, often acting for P&I Clubs.

Gina Venezia is described by commentators praising her as *"a brilliant attorney who is good on her feet."* Well versed in litigation and arbitration, she acts on casualty and contractual disputes, including before appellate courts.

Michael Unger is *"an all-round lawyer with a pragmatic approach,"* according to market sources. He represents P&I Clubs and shipping companies on a range of cargo, demurrage and maritime-related personal injury disputes.

Peter Gutowski continues to attract top tier recognition from market commentators for his expertise in litigation. He is also active on cross-border arbitration, including charter party and cargo damage cases.

Wayne Meehan commands a leading market reputation, with commentators proclaiming that *"he does an incredible job"* and is *"a top drawer"* lawyer. He acts for shipowners and insurers in casualty claims, including fire damage, as well as in cargo disputes.

William Juska earns praise from a market source as *"an excellent lawyer and a fine gentleman."* He regularly advises clients on international trade sanctions and has additional expertise in cargo and charter party claims.