

Elected President of the CMI in Antwerp in 2022 after having occupied the post of vice president since 2018. She is the head of the marine litigation department at Fenech & Fenech Advocates and past Managing Partner 2008 to 2020. She qualified in 1986 and joined HFW in London. From there she moved to Chaffe McCall Phillips Toler and Sarpy in New Orleans. On joining Fenech & Fenech in 1992, she created the marine litigation department. She has dealt exclusively with maritime issues for the past 38 years. She lectures extensively world wide on maritime law and particularly at the University of Malta and the International Maritime Law Institute. She is the immediate Past President of the Malta Maritime Law Association, founding member of the Malta Maritime Forum and a board member of the European Maritime Law Organisation since 2008. She is co-Chair of the CMI international working group on the Ratification of the Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships and was the CMI Co-Ordinator of the project at UNCITRAL leading to the approval by the Commission of the Draft Convention on the international effects of judicial sales of ships in June 2022 and its adoption by the General Assembly in December 2022. She was heavily

involved in the organisation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> signing ceremony of the Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales held in Malta in June 2024. She has been involved in drafting a number of shipping laws including amendments to the Merchant Shipping Act. The Pilotage Regulations and the articles on actions in rem in the Code of Organisation and Civil Procedure.

She has been appointed Honorary Member of the Croatian Maritime Law Association and the Italian Maritime Law Association.

She has been listed in the Lloyds List Top 100 People – The Shipping Industry's most influential people in 2022 and 2023.

In 2024 she was awarded with the Newsmaker of the year award during an award giving ceremony at the Malta Maritime Summit 2024.