

Offshore Wind

Trusted, dedicated shipping law advice and solutions that are tailored to our clients

Our specialist team of shipping and transport lawyers have a national and international reputation as one of the most experienced shipping teams outside of London, working with clients throughout the UK and internationally.

In recent years we have expanded our considerable offshore experience into the renewables industry acting for internationally renowned windfarm developers and CTV (Crew Transfer Vessel) owners and managers. We act for number of ports and harbours servicing the offshore wind market.

In addition to contract work we have a breadth of experience across all aspects of casualty work, and regularly receive instructions from P&I clubs, hull and machinery insurers, ship owners and operators and port authorities.

Our longstanding links with shipping, logistics, transport and insurance industries provide substantial commercial and strategic benefits for our clients. We are active members of Humber Marine and Renewables.

Our team was enhanced in May 2024 when we were joined by Gavin Farquhar (former partner at Pinsent Masons), whose experience of offshore work goes back to the advent of the offshore oil and gas industry in the North Sea continuing right up to the commencement of the "Energy Transition" from fossil fuels to renewables.

"I can personally recommend Andrew Oliver and Andrew Jackson, who have assisted Mainprize Offshore Ltd for over 10 years. The service is simply 5 star. They go above and beyond what is expected."

Bob Mainprize, Mainprize Offshore Ltd

Recent relevant work experience includes;

- Acting for developers reserving and chartering vessels for windfarm construction both single vessel contracts and fleet supply
- Advising various vessel owners on the construction of and charter out of windfarm construction vessels and Crew Transfer Vessels
- Representing industry stakeholders specifically ports and carriers on carbon capture projects
- Carrying out due diligence for acquiring purchasing vessel owning companies active in the offshore wind industry
- Representing owners of an offshore supply vessel, chartered on a BIMCO Supplytime charter, in an arbitration against charterers arising from allegations of misdelivery of the charterers equipment including obtaining an Award in favour of owners and enforcing it in charterers jurisdiction
- Acting for owners/insurers in respect of a triple fatality on a North Sea standby vessel including police and MCA investigations, MAIB report consultation, Crown Court proceedings and civil claim
- Advising owners and insurers relating to MCA, MAIB and HSE investigations resulting from collisions between vessels and offshore structures

The Offshore Wind team



Dominic Ward
Senior Partner

Dominic has specialised in shipping law for over 37 years. Dominic deals with both contentious and non-contentious matters in the off shore and renewable energy sectors. On the non-contentious side, projects have included advising clients on the deployment of CTVs in Taiwan and assisting in JV arrangements with Taiwanese partners, the Tengiz regeneration project in Kazakhstan and a number of major pipeline laying projects. In addition, Dominic regularly advises clients on the terms of Windtime and Supplytime charters. Contentious work has included dealing with cases in the High court and arbitrations for both owners and charterers as well as issues around cable burying depths and compliance with MMO license conditions.

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Andrew Oliver
Partner

Andrew qualified as a solicitor in 1990 and since that time has gained a wealth of experience in dealing with marine matters. Andrew is a renowned specialist in Commercial Fisheries law and has been involved in numerous cases involving the interaction of offshore developers both in renewables and oil and gas with the fishing industry, port operators and the owners of merchant vessel. He has been involved in fisheries liaison cases including negotiating compensation packages acting for both developers and fishermen's organisations. He has also been involved in the litigious resolution of such matters when negotiations break down. He also deals with marine casualties and the regulatory consequences of the same including MCA, HSE and police investigations and prosecutions, assisting with interviews under caution, public inquiries, coroner's inquests and criminal proceedings.

He has dealt with shipbuilding and ship repair agreements involving offshore energy vessels, both negotiating the same as well as arbitrations and litigation when things go wrong. He deals with the financing of such vessels, acting for a number of banks, as well as dealing with the charter of vessels via WINDTIME and SUPPLYTIME agreements.

Outside of his legal practice he is Chairman of Grimsby Fish Dock Enterprises Limited, part of Europe's largest Offshore Wind Operations and Maintenance Base.

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Gavin Farquhar
Partner

Gavin has wide and varied experience of marine and shipping work especially in the Energy sector. He started his career in the early days of North Sea oil & gas and has worked in the Energy sector up to and into the Energy Transition. His experience includes vessel construction, sale and purchase, charter (BIMCO Supplytime and Windtime) and decommissioning. As well as UK and continental Europe Geographical experience is particularly strong in relation the Falkland Islands (he set up the first legal practice there) Middle East and Azerbaijan. Gavin is dual English and Scots law qualified

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"I wanted to thank you sincerely for your support and expert guidance during what will be close to the past 12 months! It's been a heck of a journey. From my perspective, being able to work alongside yourself and others has been hugely beneficial. I'm grateful. I also look forward to being able to work with you into the future"

Dylan Jones – Holyhead Towing



Andrew Coish

Associate

Andrew works across all areas of shipping law including logistics, carriage of goods by sea and casualty work. His caseload includes arbitrations, and High Court claims as well as dealing with noncontentious matters relating to supply chains and marine projects.

Andrew has advised offshore developers in relation to windfarm construction, subsea gas pipelines and coastal protection work. He has co-ordinated developer led fishery consultations and successfully obtained an injunction for a local authority when a coastal protection project was being unlawfully obstructed. Andrew has been involved in numerous marine casualty investigations. He has regularly appeared in the courts of England and Wales in matters such as fishery prosecutions, ISM compliance, health & safety at sea, marine pollution and a number of high-profile inquests.

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Rebecca Forder

Solicitor

Rebecca assists owners and operators in all aspects of shipping transactions including the sale and purchase of windfarm support vessels as well as acting on behalf of UK, European and international banks in respect of ship finance and security matters for vessels working in the renewables sector. Rebecca also frequently advises in relation to the charter of crew transfer vessels on behalf of operators and owners including the preparation of BIMCO Supplytime contracts.

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If our team can help you and your business, let's talk.

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