

Falkland Islands

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



Our firm has a long history of acting regularly for clients in the Falkland Islands. Our ability to provide legal advice to clients in the Falkland Islands has been considerably enhanced by Gavin Farquhar joining us as a partner in 2024. Gavin set up the first independent legal practice in the Falkland Islands and has experience and expertise across all relevant areas of Falkland Islands law. In particular he continues to act for Falkland clients in relation to their commercial fishing activities and oil supply service contracts.

In addition to our history of dealing with clients in the shipping and fishing sectors, members of our Corporate and Real Estate teams have also had experience of working on Falkland Island matters.

Very recently the Sea Lion project has finally crossed the line into development phase with final investment decision on what will become the largest deepwater oil development in the South Atlantic outside Brazil. Andrew Jackson has been involved acting for the relevant banks as local counsel in the project financing.

"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

Recent relevant work experience includes;

- **Falkland Islands** – wide variety of maritime work to include ship purchase and sale (including finance, registration, mortgages) and charter work, ship arrest, insurer defence to loss of life on vessel fire and coroner inquiries
- **Commercial Fishing** – all aspects of representing clients over 30 years in relation to fishing in the Falkland Islands economic zone, including applications for quota, regulatory compliance, ship management contracts and corporate structuring
- **Oil and Gas** – upstream and downstream advice to companies over the years working in the exploratory phases of the Falklands oil and gas industry using experience and expertise gleaned from working in the UK North Sea sector
- Advising on a major international logistics transaction involving the movement of oil and gas project cargo by sea and river from Asia to Central Europe involving the construction of 23 bespoke vessels and associated support contracts such as management agreements
- Advising the Falkland Islands Government on the contracts for the acquisition and international transport of the linkspan barges required in the renewal of the Falklands Interim Port and Storage System (FIPASS)
- **International Nuclear Services** – drafted and negotiated multi vessel management contract. Recycling Project for vessel (BIMCO Recyclecon and Towcon)
- **Calmac Ferries Limited** - advising on its successful refender for the Clyde & Hebrides Ferries - including all aspects of vessel procurement and charters as well port operation and harbour access agreements. Ship repair and maintenance contracts
- **Port Concession** – 30 year concession agreement between JV company and MOD in relation to a major UK port
- **Consolidated Fisheries Limited** - turnkey advice on finance and construction contract (incorporating refund guarantees) for large trawler built at Nodosa Yard in Spain. Advising on the acquisition of the M/V Unispirit
- Acting on numerous cases involving charter parties such as NYPE, Baltime, Supplytime and Gencon including both advising on the drafting of the charter parties and dealing with disputes between owners and charterers
- Representing owners of an off-shore supply vessel, chartered on a Supplytime charter, in an arbitration against charterers arising from allegations of misdelivery of the charterer's equipment including obtaining an Award in favour of owners and enforcing it in the charterer's jurisdiction
- Acting for large offshore developers in relation to marine regulatory issues arising from the construction of subsea pipelines, offshore wind farms and coastal defence work
- Advising a major port authority in relation to all aspects of Ports and Harbours operations/practice, including conservancy, vessel arrest and enforcement of oil pollution and other merchant shipping regulations.

The Falkland Islands team



Gavin Farquhar
Partner

Gavin has wide and varied experience of marine and shipping work especially in the Falkland Islands commercial fishing sector and the North Sea oil and gas industry. He has extensive expertise in charterparties (including BIMCO Supplytime and Windtime), the sale and purchase of vessels, vessel construction and floating production storage and offloading vessel (FPSO) service agreements.

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Dominic Ward
Senior Partner

Dominic has specialised in shipping and trade law for over 34 years. Dominic deals with both contentious and non-contentious matters. On the non-contentious side, his expertise covers the international sale of goods, carriage of goods by sea, air and road, warehousing and forwarding issues and major logistics and supply-chain contracts.

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

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

For advice and assistance on any aspect of the Falkland Islands, contact us on enquiries@andrewjackson.co.uk or call 01482 325242.