

Our Ports and Shipping team serves as a rare resource within the context of a large globally integrated law firm. Very few major international firms offer both the breadth of subject matter coverage and geographical reach as our team.

Our lawyers are experts in shipping regulations, ship finance, public law, dispute resolution, environmental, insurance, LNG projects and infrastructure regulation. Our experience leads us to provide a highly sophisticated legal service to the various players in the market.

We are best known for our offshore shipping capability, which includes projects in Brazil involving construction and charter of offshore supply vessels, construction vessels, shuttle tankers, drilling rigs, floating offloading production storage and offloading units (FPSOs), floating storage regasification units (FSRUs), Floating Storage and Offloading (FSOs) and Dynamic Position Shuttle Tankers (DPSTs). Particularly with respect to FPSO projects, over 2021 we have actively advised the majority of very large projects in Brazil (in excess of USD 1.5 billion each).

Our team is also well-known for its experience in subsea construction projects, ship-to-ship and ship-to-barge operations, exportation of hydrocarbons produced in Brazil and maritime liens. We are keen on the interface with regulatory and governmental bodies, such as the Brazilian National Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels (ANP), the Brazilian National Agency of Waterway Transportation (ANTAQ), the Brazilian National Health Surveillance Agency (ANVISA), and the Brazilian Maritime Authority (the Brazilian Navy).

We are constantly entrusted to advise on the several segments of the ports sector, including regulatory, contractual, and financing matters regarding exploration of Private Terminals (TUPs), Public Ports (Portos Organizados), Waterway Transportation Support Facilities (under Normative Resolution 13/2016-ANTAQ), and other port facilities, as well as regasification projects in Brazil involving the use of floating terminals.

Most significantly, our team not only provides stand-alone legal services in the maritime sector but is regularly part of major sector M&A deals, marine, energy, natural resource and other project development, and significant project finance involving ma-

ritime-related equipment and assets. We also have extensive litigation and arbitration experience that allows us to advise on the often arcane and highly specialized areas of maritime law that are frequently at play in high-stakes disputes.

Through our association with DLA Piper, we also draw together talent from our award-winning shipping teams that include lawyers from multiple offices across the globe, with extensive experience in key ports and maritime hubs including China, the Nordics, Hong Kong, Singapore, London, and the United States.

Our Services:

• Maritime Regulations

Our experience extends across the full range of regulatory issues related to the shipping industry, including the applicability of regulations pertaining to importation, operation, ship registration, construction, chartering and flagging of vessels. Our services include the interface with regulatory agencies and governmental bodies. We have extensive experience on the conduction of administrative proceedings intended at obtaining authorizations for operations in Brazil, as well as in the structuring of operations for our clients.

• Ports and Terminals

We are experienced with the development, construction and operation of terminal facilities, including Private Terminals (TUPs) and Public Ports (Portos Organizados). We have previously assisted major players in the Brazilian port sector in the structuring of their operations, having extensive background in negotiating contracts for the ports industry.

- **LNG Projects**

We advise sponsors, operators and ship owners with interests in liquefied natural gas projects in all aspects of their business, including commercial arrangements, regulations and finance. Our team has been active in the leading projects in Brazil employing FSRUs.

- **Ship Finance**

Our capabilities include the experience in addressing issues which arise from the complex regulatory environment and major liabilities in connection with the operation of vessels.

- **Shipping Litigation**

We have in-depth expertise in enforcement of securities, sale and purchase and charter party disputes, as well as in renegotiations with national and international companies. With our litigation experience, we excel in the resolution of complex disputes, both in arbitral tribunals and judicial courts, as well as in administrative proceedings.

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