

Capt. Amol Deshmukh - Master Mariner, LLM (Maritime law)

Capt Amol R. Deshmukh is a Master Mariner with an L.L.M degree in Maritime Law from the University of Southampton. He is presently in the process of qualifying as an advocate in India and has over eighteen years experience in the maritime industry.

Until recently, Amol setup and headed the global shipping claims team at Scorpio Group for four years. He acted as the first point of contact for all shipping disputes within the group's fleet of owned and chartered vessels. His role involved providing prompt legal advice to the commercial team and liaising with P&I Clubs, correspondents, surveyors and solicitors as required, to ensure prompt and efficient handling of claims and disputes. In his previous role, he was closely associated with the major IG Clubs and managed a wide variety of claims related to cargo, crew, collision, allision, grounding, general average, bills of lading and charter parties.

Amol spent over eleven years at sea during which he served with various major tanker operators, thus gaining experience on crude oil, product and chemical tankers. The last 4 years of his sea going career were spent on parcel chemical tankers, during which he received his command.

He is now Director of Claims & Insurance at Celestial Meridian Shipping Pvt. Ltd. who act as P&I Club correspondents for IG/fixed premium underwriters and as claims consultants for various ship owners and charterers. He is also actively engaged in conducting specialised legal training workshops for shipping companies.

Amol is the former secretary of the Nautical Institute India West branch, a voluntary delegate to the IMO's Legal sub-committee and is regularly invited as a speaker at various shipping conferences worldwide.