

## **Annex B**

### **Centre for Maritime Law**

The Centre for Maritime Law (CML), which is the sixth research centre under the NUS Faculty of Law, will focus on commercial maritime law. Established with funding from the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and the Ministry of Law, CML will spearhead maritime law research in Singapore and in the region and enhance the knowledge and expertise amongst the shipping community in Singapore. It will also support and enhance the teaching of maritime law among undergraduates and postgraduate students.

#### **Leadership and Structure**

Professor Girvin, CML's Founding Director, is supported by Associate Professor Paul Myburgh, formerly of the University of Auckland, as Deputy Director of the centre. An advisory board chaired by NUS Law and comprising nine other representatives from MPA, the legal fraternity and the marine insurance sector will assist in guiding the work of the centre.

CML currently has a research fellow and a post-doctoral fellow among its full-time staff and will host two Visiting Research Professors during its first academic year. An additional post-doctoral fellow has also been appointed from 1 November 2015. The centre has a pool of Adjunct Fellows, led by Adjunct Professor Neale Gregson, who are practicing lawyers and arbitrators based in Singapore. The aim is to engage their expertise in CML's teaching programmes as well as research projects.

The centre has also engaged foreign practicing lawyers, led by Mr Niels Friborg of the Hafnia Law Firm in Copenhagen, Denmark, as Adjunct External Fellows to promote CML and its activities overseas. Finally, the centre has appointed academic lawyers based in universities abroad as Academic Fellows. Led by Assistant Professor Michiel Spanjaart of the Erasmus University, Rotterdam, the centre's Academic Fellows will be actively involved in its research projects and conferences.

#### **Activities in Research and Education**

CML has recently conducted two pre-launch seminars on the Singapore Bills of Lading Act and on the emergence of transnational oil and gas law. In December 2015, the centre will host the inaugural Global Shipping Forum, focusing on indemnities and guarantees in maritime law, in collaboration with the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London, and the TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland.

In addition to its research programme, the centre will also take the lead in NUS Law's existing three programmes - the undergraduate LL.B programme, the LL.M (Master of Laws) in Maritime Law, and the Graduate Diploma in Maritime Law and Arbitration (GDMLA).