April 20-21, 2019, the Odessa department of the League of Students of the All-Ukrainian public organization “Ukrainian Bar Association” held the All-Ukrainian School on the maritime law for the ninth time! Such events and their support by the leading law firms and the educational institutions specializing in practical and theoretical issues of the maritime law are more important than ever for revival and prosperity of the maritime industry of Ukraine. They allow young people to engage in solving current maritime problems, provide them with legal support, share valuable experiences and acquire practical skills in legal work on resolving disputes and finding the best and the most effective ways to get out of problematic situations.

For two days, the participants studied a variety of concepts related to the elements of the maritime law: the documentary provision of maritime transport, various aspects of the use of a bill of lading, types of a bill of lading, types of charters, duties and rights of a seaport captain, the nature of demurrage and dispatch money. On real examples from practice, divided into teams, the event participants discussed the ways to best resolve the proposed controversial situations and form effective legal positions.

The participants of the event also learned to adequately defend the rights of clients in the administrative, the civil and the economic processes, plunged into the cozy atmosphere of the streets of the warmest southern Ukrainian city and the largest seaport of Ukraine, visited the master classes of practicing lawyers of the top law firms that revealed the secrets of the management and the protection of maritime business, the rights of seamen and everything that has a direct legal relationship with the maritime business. Discussions about the situation regarding the appointment and realization of powers by captains of the seaports of Ukraine have been extremely interesting, and the solutions
that found and proposed for solving the crisis situation, have provided opportunities for the formation of a new legal position on this issue. The participants of the School did not disregard their attention to the renewal of the Maritime Doctrine of Ukraine, defining its special role in defining the strategy and the main directions for the further development of Ukraine as a naval state.

This year, Yuriy Sergeev, Elena Cherepova, Valeria Ivanova, Artyom Volkov and Sergei Platonov spoke before the participants with lectures on the most up-to-date marine issues for Ukraine today. As the participants noted, that the gained theoretical and practical knowledge, will become the basis for further scientific research, contribute to the definition of professional preferences and directions for the future independent work. And, the unification and the comprehensive consideration during the School of issues related to public and private maritime law, made it possible to verify the complexity, but at the same time the specificity and the nature of the maritime law. Both coaches and students had the opportunity, once again, to be convinced of the importance of the development and the theory of the maritime law for Ukraine, and the practice of applying the maritime legislation, and improving the regulatory framework for maritime activities, taking into account the world-wide international and regional agreements. In addition, the priorities were defined for reforming the Ukrainian legislation and the law enforcement practice in the maritime sphere, defined by the Association Agreement of Ukraine and the EU in 2014.

The Odessa Department of the League of Students of the All-Ukrainian public organization “Ukrainian Bar Association” expresses its gratitude to the partners – the event would not have passed without them at such a high level! The general partners of the event were the legal union “Sergeevs’ Legal Bureau” and the law company “ANK”, the exclusive partner – the law firm “LEGRANT”, the partner of the event – the international legal service “Interlegal”. The event was also supported by the Maritime and Customs Law Department of the National University “Odessa Law Academy”!

In addition to the interesting lectures and workshops with leading lawyers in the maritime industry of Ukraine, the participants were offered delicious coffee breaks, were given the opportunity to compete and win memorable gifts – eco-bags, t-shirts, toys and notebooks with the event’s
logo. The most active participants received the prizes from partners – the books on the maritime law and the opportunity to go through a probation period!

Let the tenth – anniversary – School on the maritime law will become even grander and brighter next year!

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