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Re: Fernando Meana Green

Dear All,

It is with profound regret and sadness that I have to pass on to you that an additional beloved member of the CMI family, Fernando Meana Green of Spain, passed away on 9 April 2020. Fernando was a Titular Member of the CMI, a leading practitioner of maritime law in Spain for decades, and participated in numerous CMI Assemblies, Conferences and Colloquia over the years.

Attached is the Notice prepared by the Spanish Maritime Law Association, received on 10 April 2020, outlining Fernando's distinguished career in maritime law which includes having handled some of the most important cases litigated in Spain, such as the sizeable salvage award he obtained for the container ship "ALRAIGO" which allowed a Royal Air Force Harrier jet in distress to land on deck, as well as the casualties and resulting oil spills involving the "AEGEAN SEA" and "PRESTIGE."

On a personal note, I had the pleasure of first meeting Fernando almost 40 years ago when I represented Spanish shipowners and the Britannia P&I Club in a number of casualties which occurred in the Mississippi River and U.S. Gulf. What struck me most about Fernando at the time was his warmth, sense of humour and keen intellect, as well as the impressive modern art collection displayed in his office in Madrid. Fernando will very much be missed and remembered by his friends around the world.

I am conveying my heartfelt condolences and those of the CMI to the Spanish MLA, and asking them to be passed on to Fernando's family.
Faithfully yours,

Christopher O. Davis
Mr. Christopher O. Davis  
President  
CMI

- Via e-mail -

Madrid, Spain 10th April 2020

Dear President,

It is with great sadness that on behalf the Spanish Maritime Law Association I hereby report that Mr. Fernando Meana Green, Titulary Member of the CMI, passed away on the 9th April.

Fernando was born in Bilbao, Northern Spain, on the 12th May 1934, and studied Law at the Universities of Deusto and Valladolid. He was a leading practitioner in shipping law in Spain for decades and handled some outstanding cases such as the salvage of a Harrier aircraft grounded on a container vessel (the “Alraigo”), the Aegean Sea, the Prestige, among others.

Fernando was an art and music lover and with his wife owned an extensive collection of modern art paintings and sculptures.

Most of all, he was a gentleman, a good friend, and he will be missed and remembered.

Kind regards,

Eduardo Albors
President