

CBS | THE BLUE MBA

ALUMNI ACADEMY



Course Title: Bills of lading: law and practice

Course Duration: 2 Days

Course Overview:

This two-day course on Bills of lading: law and practice is designed to equip participants with the legal knowledge and practical understanding needed to draft, issue and negotiate bills of lading as well as deal with them in the early stages of a claim. Bill of lading play a pivotal role in international trade, shipping and trade finance: they are seemingly simple multi purpose documents which attract the application of complex national laws and international conventions. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the law which underpins their use and the risks and liabilities arising therefrom.

Learning objectives

- Be familiar with English law on bills of lading;
- Understand how bills of lading must be filled and issued;
- Learn the Hague, Hague-Visby and Hamburg Rules and why they matter;
- Be familiar with the UCP600 as used in respect of bills of lading for the purposes of trade finance;
- Understand the effect of the new Electronic Trade Act and its impact on bills of lading;
- Understand the relationship between bills of lading and P&I cover;
- Be versed with international best practices.

Content

				DAY 1
				Bills of lading: a carriage and trade document
Time		Duration		Content
From	To	Hours		
09:00	10:30	1:30		The bill of lading in practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the bill! • Bills at work: a case study
10:30	11:00	0:30		Break
11:00	12:30	1:30		The bill of lading as evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International and national legal frameworks • What to write in the description box and why • Carriers, sellers, buyers and banks: a matter of perspective?
12:30	14:00	1:30		Lunch
14:00	15:30	1:30		The bill of lading as a contract of carriage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying the parties to the contract • Which terms of which contract? • Which legal regime applies to the contract?
15:30	16:00	0:30		Break
16:00	17:30	1:30		The bill of lading as a document of title at Common law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearer, order and straight bills: why does it matter? • The Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1992

		DAY 2	
		Bills of lading in practice	
Time		Duration	Content
From	To	Hours	
09:00	10:30	1:30	Cargo Claims and the Hague Visby Rules I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing liabilities • Preparing defences
10:30	11:00	0:30	Break
11:00	12:30	1:30	Cargo Claims and the Hague Visby Rules II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defending liabilities • Avoiding or limiting liabilities
12:30	14:00	1:30	Lunch
14:00	15:30	1:30	Bills of lading in international trade and banking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIF and FOB contracts and why bills are necessary • UCP 600 and the bank's perspective.
15:30	16:00	0:30	Break
16:00	17:30	1:30	E-bills? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Electronic Trade Documents Act 2023

Delivery Method:

Lectures by experienced academic with industry expertise.

Group discussions and interactive sessions

Certification:

Participants who successfully complete the course and pass the assessment will receive a certificate of completion in Bills of Lading – Law and Practice.

Target Audience:

This course is suitable for early- and mid-career professionals.

