

## MEMORANDUM

### **Admiralty Solicitors Group Membership Criteria for the Admiralty Solicitors Group**

The objectives of the Admiralty Solicitors Group ("ASG") are:

- (a) To improve the efficiency of dealings between ASG member firms by all means practicable including standardising documentation and reaching understandings on regularly encountered problems;
- (b) Joint marketing of London as a dispute resolution forum and the ASG firms for shipping work; and
- (c) To represent the interests of the ASG member firms as their joint voice on legal and professional issues affecting the ASG firms.

As such the membership criteria for joining the ASG are that:

- (i) The firm must be practising shipping law in England and Wales;
- (ii) As solicitors;
- (iii) The firm must have a substantial shipping practice; and
- (iv) The firm commit to pay the annual subscription (and commit to attend ASG meetings on a regular basis).

Applications for membership of the ASG should be made in writing to the Secretary from time to time (currently Mark Lloyd of Waltons & Morse) and will be considered at the next meeting of the ASG (there are normally 3 meetings each year).

Appeals against decisions not to admit a firm as a member of the ASG shall lie to the visitor of the ASG from time to time (currently Richard Shaw) who shall endeavour to decide the appeal within one month of receiving submissions from both the applicant and the ASG. The Visitor shall give no reasons for his decision unless requested to do so and the cost of such reasons shall be borne by the party requesting them.