

## Superyachts: The Value of the Lawyer

Date Thursday 7 December 2023

Time 1pm – 7pm

Venue Clyde & Co, St Botolph Building  
138 Houndsditch, London, EC3A 7AR

RSVP [Register attendance here](#)

This is a unique opportunity to have access to a leading team of Superyacht lawyers, who have extensive experience assisting clients from the initial buying stage all the way through to sale.

The team will be discussing a wide range of superyacht law matters, including:

- Construction contracts
- Crew and employment
- Regulatory and sanctions
- Insurance of your superyacht.

This conference is being held in co-operation with The Superyacht Group and Martin Redmayne (Chairman – The Superyacht Group) will be in attendance.

[Click here](#) to view the full agenda.

We hope you can make it and look forward to welcoming you.



## Panel Speakers



**Giovanna Cabbia**

Partner, London

Giovanna leads Clyde & Co's Yachts & Superyachts practice, having long experience of working with yacht owners, builders, designers, brokers, project managers and operators of the industry. Her advice in the superyacht space covers the full range of legal issues related to operational and owning structures, new build contracts, pre-owned sale and purchase, repair and refit, finance, security structures and design and project management agreements.

She is ranked Band 3 for High Net Worth: Yachts & Superyachts by Chambers & Partners 2023. In the directory, Giovanna received the following testimonial: "Beyond the deep technical knowledge that characterises Giovanna Cabbia, I would particularly like to highlight her permanent availability, her absolute commitment to the client and the operation, and her special human warmth, characteristics of great value when interacting with her and her team."



**John Leonida**

Former Partner

"A former lawyer and senior equity partner at international law firm Clyde & Co where he headed their superyacht group for many years. John has spent more than 20 years advising the owners and builders of some of the world's most luxurious superyachts not only on matters of law but also on commercial and industrial strategy. In each of the five years up to 2020 Chambers HNW Guide to The World's Leading High Net Worth Advisers ranked John in the top division of only four global Superyacht lawyers. He has been described as a "very good negotiator" and "very precise and thorough in his work". One industry insider described him as having an "encyclopaedic knowledge of the sector". John now brings that encyclopaedic knowledge to business consulting firm LP Squared.

A Superyacht commentator who has written for The Superyacht Report, Boat International and Ocean. He is a regular contributor to superyacht symposia. John also served for three award cycles as a Judge for the Boat International Design and Innovation Awards."

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[Mike Roderick](#)  
Partner, London

“Mike has over 30 years' experience in dispute resolution, handling a broad range of coverage, liability and recovery cases acting for London and foreign market insurers/reinsurers and their insureds/reinsureds. Mike has a particular interest in yacht work both contentious and non-contentious involving yachts big and small and works closely with our Ship Finance team. He frequently gives presentations on topical marine and yacht insurance issues.”



[Heidi Watson](#)  
Partner, London

“Heidi advises clients, including yacht and other ship owner and manager clients in respect of both onshore and onboard staff. She advises on seafarer employment agreements and policies applicable in the yachting sector and compliant with MLC. She handles employee disputes raised in the UK Tribunals and High Court, including a number of claims raised by yacht employees in respect of the termination of their employment or in respect of issues relating to disciplinary and grievances, successfully defending those claims for the yacht employer. Her expertise is in supporting yacht employers in dealing with tricky employee issues such as employee mental health challenges, issues arising from social media postings and protecting client confidentiality.”

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Rachel Cropper-Mawer

Partner, London

“Rachel is co-chair of the Global Regulatory and Investigation practice. She advises at Board level and conducts internal investigations for clients into regulatory and white-collar issues such as fraud. Rachel supports clients across a wide range of sectors and internationally in respect of Board Governance, conflict management policies and procedures, through to supply chain due diligence and controls. She acts for corporates and individuals in regulatory actions, fraud litigation and asset recovery.

She has advised ship owners, cruise liners and manufacturers on their compliance programs, modern slavery issues, sanctions and bribery. She assisted the Marine Anti-Corruption Network (MACN) to set up in 2011 following the enactment of the Bribery Act, liaising with the SFO on its members behalf.”