

WFW EXPANDS GLOBAL ENGLISH LAW MARITIME DISPUTES PRACTICE WITH KEY PARTNER HIRES IN ATHENS

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Watson Farley & Williams is delighted to announce that Antonis Lagadianos and Evangelos Catsambas will be joining the firm's Dispute Resolution group in Athens as Partners as of 3 December 2018. Antonis was previously head of both Ince & Co's Piraeus office and their disputes practice in Greece, where he worked closely with fellow Partner Evangelos. Their appointment heralds the firm's strategic decision to strengthen its high-end maritime disputes practice in key jurisdictions worldwide.

With over 25 years' experience and qualified as both a Greek and English lawyer, Antonis specialises in shipping and trade contractual disputes and admiralty work, for which he is recognised as a leading lawyer by top legal directories Chambers & Partners and The Legal 500. He also has an exceptional track record in marine insurance claims, having successfully advised on numerous oil pollution and salvage incidents, cargo recovery and defence matters and collisions. An officer of the International Bar Association's Maritime Transport Committee, Antonis' client base consists primarily of leading ship owners, P&I Clubs and hull and machinery underwriters, with most of which he enjoys long-standing relations.

A qualified solicitor in England & Wales, Evangelos has over 20 years' experience advising shipowners, P&I Clubs and hull and machinery underwriters on maritime and trade disputes and admiralty work, for which he is recognised by Chambers & Partners and The Legal 500. He also acts for charterers and cargo traders.

George Paleokrassas, Partner and Head of WFW's Athens office said: "We are delighted to welcome Antonis and Evangelos to the firm. They are both very highly regarded in the market and their expertise adds a further dimension to our maritime services offering in Greece, enabling us to provide a full-suite, English and Greek law capability of the highest calibre".

Firm Managing Partner Chris Lowe added: "The addition of two such talented and well-regarded maritime disputes Partners is testament to the world-leading reputation WFW has in this sector. It is also a reflection of our strategy of continued investment in our transactional and contentious practice areas within our core sectors of Transport and Energy".

Antonis commented: "WFW has a world-class reputation across the maritime sector. Evangelos and I are excited to be joining the firm's dynamic and immensely successful team in Athens and look forward to working closely with new colleagues across the firm's global maritime group".

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