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Maurizio Dardani, born in Genoa on 23rd April 1949, began his professional career in 1975 and progressively specialized in maritime law and international trade law, and is now considered one of the top experts in the field.

After having resigned from the law firm Balestra, Kielland, Dardani of which he was a partner, on 2004 he established Genoa Chambers, structure of cooperation among independent professionals, and on 2012 he established Dardani Studio Legale gathering a team of lawyers around himself.

He has handled difficult disputes as litigation lawyer, in Court and in Arbitration, in the areas of charterparties, shipbuilding, sale and purchase contracts and marine insurance, collision and salvage, oil pollution, and many of his cases have been reported. Beyond serving as Counsel to the parties in litigations, he is also frequently appointed as Arbitrator.

He regularly advises Italian and foreign shipowners particularly in transactions of ship sale and purchase and shipbuilding contracts, as well as in complex matters of ship financing which require expertise in different legislations.

He delivers lectures at conferences and has been referred to in many legal publications in the matter of carriage of goods by sea, laytime and demurrage, ship sale and purchase and shipbuilding contracts.

He is a member of the Genoa Bar and admitted to practice before the Italian Supreme Court. He is member of the executive committee of the Italian Association of Maritime Law. He speaks Italian, English and French.