

Caracas, 24 September 2021.

Mr. Christopher O. Davis
President
Comité Maritime International (CMI)

Re: Dr. Tulio Álvarez Ledo

Ref: AVDM-00126-2021

Dear Mr. Davis,

It is with great sadness that we write this letter to inform the CMI and its Member Associations, of the passing of one of our former Presidents, and CMI Titulary Member, Dr. Tulio Álvarez Ledo, on 23 September 2021 in Caracas, Venezuela.

Dr. Álvarez Ledo, or Tulio as his friends and family called him, was born in La Guaira on 16 August 1938. He was a well known attorney, specialized in Maritime Law, who got his degree of Doctor at Law with the highest honors from *Universidad Central de Venezuela* (UCV). Tulio was also Licensed in Nautical Science from *Escuela Náutica de Venezuela*, where he obtained his degree as Captain, which ultimately placed him to be in command of various Venezuelan flagged ships, especially in the *Compañía Anónima Venezolana de Navegación* (CAVN). This allowed him to -successfully- combine his studies in the maritime law, with his experience as a merchant marine commanding vessels.

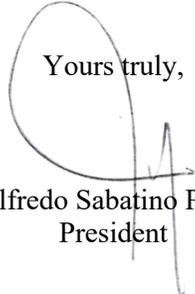
He was an active professor in various courses, most notably: Legal Status of the Vessel, and Civil Cassation at UCV, but was also a titulary professor in International Maritime Commerce at *Universidad Marítima del Caribe* from 1975 to 1995. Among hundreds of his articles in the academic field, his book “Derecho Marítimo” has been described as a “mandatory reference guideline” among his students, this speaks volumes of the high didactic quality that characterized Tulio.

Tulio was a member of the Judicial Committee, and a Magistrate in the Civil Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice (2000-2005). He was also the Vice President of the Committee in charge of amending the Venezuelan Maritime Legislation.

Titulary Member of the Comité Maritime International and a Founding Member of the Venezuelan Maritime Law Association, where he served as President, as well as Founding Member of the Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Marítimo.

Dr. Álvarez Ledo was a good member of this National Maritime Law Association, a great human being, colleague and friend. Tulio’s passing is a great loss for the maritime community. He will be sorely missed.

Yours truly,



José Alfredo Sabatino Pizzolante
President