

EXPERIENCE REPORT

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I would like to thank you and all your colleagues at Dabelstein & Passehl for such a fantastic two weeks on the 2015 Shipping and Marine Insurance Scholarship in Hamburg. I'm sure I may speak for all the scholars in saying the program was both extremely enjoyable and exceptionally beneficial to us as junior maritime lawyers.

Our schedule was busy and exciting from start to finish and provided invaluable theoretical and practical experience that will undoubtedly benefit our careers going forward for years to come. I very much appreciate the time and effort that must have gone into preparing for and organizing our visit.

The Scholarship gave us a unique insight into many aspects of German shipping, transport and insurance law and afforded us the opportunity to meet with a wide range of industry experts with whom we may not otherwise have had the chance to meet in person. I particularly enjoyed the site visits to the port with Taylor Marine, the Waterways Police, and the shipyard of Blohm + Voss. It was a rare experience to see these aspects of the port "first hand" which really helped to bring to life a lot of the work that we do in the maritime industry.

The lectures given by the DaPa Partners were a highlight of the trip; we were incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by such a wealth of knowledge, and it was interesting to learn how a different jurisdiction operates and relates to English law.

Please do pass on my thanks to all the DaPa Partners and Associates who kindly took us out in the evenings and generally "looked after" us whilst we were visiting. The social side of Scholarship was of course another highlight, and a great way to strengthen the connections made in the office. Everyone at DaPa was extremely welcoming and we had many great evenings out in Hamburg's restaurants and bars, I am very grateful to everyone who made our visit so enjoyable.

I very much look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the future and of course next time you or anyone at DaPa is in London, please do drop by and/or let me know if we can be of any assistance during your visit.