

2. "THE LAW AND PRACTICE OF MARINE INSURANCE AND AVERAGE"

by Alex L. Parks

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In the Introduction to his latest work, Alex Parks records that the volume of marine insurance litigation in the United States now exceeds that of Great Britain and the Commonwealth nations by a considerable extent. Hence the publication of this book is timely indeed.

The work is comprised in two volumes and gives an exceedingly comprehensive survey of up to date practices of Marine Insurance, not only in the United States but also in the U.K. In addition, whilst naturally giving prominence to US law, throughout the book the opportunity is taken to compare the legal aspects of English and U.S. cases.

The recent revision of the SG policy form and the Institute Clauses meant that all previous texts on Marine Insurance were out of date and Alex Park's book is therefore today's authoritative work on the subject. He compares the essential differences between the old and new clauses, often illustrating his remarks by examples, both of hypothetical and actual situations.

All the cases cited are comprehensively recorded in a Table which runs to 127 pages at the beginning of the book, whilst the very useful set of Appendices ranges from the Marine Insurance Act, 1906 to sample forms of pleadings in U.S. and Commonwealth courts.

Within a short while of publication came the sad news of Alex Park's death. These volumes convey his mastery of the subject and stand as a fitting tribute to his memory.

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