

Overview

More than 60 percent of all petroleum produced is shipped by tankers. Specially-designed tankers carry crude oil to refineries and refined products, petrochemicals and liquefied natural gas to consumers. At Dentons, we act for shipbuilders, owners, charterers, insurers and lenders.

Dentons' experience extends across conventional shipping, drill ships with dynamic positioning used in upstream exploration, rigs, and floating production and storage offloading units. We advise clients on suitable, tax-efficient ship-owning corporate structures—shipbuilding, financing, flagging and registration, which is only the start of your journey. We assist you with technical management contracts, crewing arrangements, freight contracts, charter agreements, bills of lading, insurance arrangements and claims, ship arrests, salvage, environmental issues and at the end, scrapping contracts.

For the oil major and trader, freight and demurrage disputes are an unwelcome but inevitable part of their business. We can help you resolve these issues whether you are the shipowner, charterer or insurer, and need us to assist with litigation, international arbitration or mediation.