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Ship Management

There exist various types of management agreements, whereby a ship management company undertakes a vessel owned by a third party. Technical management agreements or technical and commercial management agreements are common in the maritime industry.

The nature of such agreements is that of rendering independent services; the manager acts in the name of the shipowner as the latter's representative, and accordingly, manager's actions bind the shipowner. The master under his capacity as servant of the shipowner, lawfully represents and binds the latter through his actions.

Piraeus One-membered Court of Appeal Judgment no 247/2020, Judge: Th. Karakatsanis, Attorneys at law: Th. Sioufas, G. Iatridis, Maritime Law Review vol. 48, p. 295.

NOTE: The capacity of the master as shipowner's representative, suggests that he can be serviced with lawsuits and in general judicial documents addressed to the shipowner.

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