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## LEGAL OPINION

### Labour accident – Time bar

In a case of a claim based on work onboard, the shipowner's representative was also sued, as well as the representative's legal representative. Under Greek law, this is possible where the employer (shipowner) is not residing in Greece.

However, the claim against the representatives enjoys a shorter time bar; This is six months for a labour claim and 30 months for a claim arising from labour accident. Given the lawsuit was filed after the lapse of the 30 months period, the claim was rejected.

Piraeus one membered Court of Appeal Judgement no 531/2019, Judge: A. Theofanis, Attorneys at law: G. Trandalidis, A. Nasikas, Maritime Law Review vol. 47, p. 111.

NOTE: The shipowner is usually an offshore vehicle bearing no relationship with Greece. It enters into a management agreement with a Law 89 company, lawfully established in Greece. Such a company, enters into labour contracts in the frame of its management duties. So it is a representative of the shipowner, suable as above jointly with the latter. The manager has declared, under Law 89, an individual as legal representative. Such a person is also jointly suable as above.

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