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## LEGAL OPINION

### Collision

When vessels collide in the Greek territorial waters, Greek law applies if no other law is applicable under the Brussels 1911 convention.

In such a case, the liability is defined by the degree of fault of each vessel. The same applies when the vessels are at anchor.

For the lawsuit requiring damages to be specific, the plaintiff should refer to the conditions under which the collision occurred, as well as to specific circumstances of liability of the guilty vessel; one should also define adequately the damage to the plaintiff's vessel due to the collision.

Supreme Court Judgment no 106/2015, Presiding: D. Papantonopoulou, Rapporteur Judge: K. Tsolas, Attorneys at law: K. Griniarakis, Ath. Dendias, Maritime Law Review vol. 43, p. 194.

NOTE: The issue of a law suit specifically describing the facts leading to the remuneration sought is always a painful issue in the Court venues. It has occurred numerous times that a just and real claim failed because it was not adequately defined in the lawsuit. Greek law provides some remedy in such cases, however one should be very careful when drafting the lawsuit to avoid unpleasant surprises.

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