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Standard Club Hires Leading US Attorney for NY General Counsel Role

Leading mutual P&I insurer, the Standard Club, has appointed Gina Venezia as new General Counsel in their New York office.

Gina joins Standard Club after more than 20 years at Freehill Hogan & Mahar in New York where she built an excellent reputation both in the USA and internationally as an expert in maritime law issues. Gina, originally hailing from New Orleans, has extensive experience in the marine sector and has a significant amount of trial experience. She is best known for her ability to give complex advice on compliance and regulatory issues, particularly in the areas of sanctions and commercial contracts. Gina's in-depth understanding of the marine industry and deep knowledge of complex areas of maritime law make her ideally placed for this position. She will enhance the club's in-house capabilities and service to members, particularly with the management of complex US claims and dispute resolution.

Becky Hamra, President / Regional Claims Director New York, comments:

"We are excited to have Gina Venezia join the team. Gina is well-regarded for her commerciality and dedication to clients. Gina coming on board will strengthen the team's in-house legal and dispute resolution services."

Gina replaces LeRoy Lambert who retired from the club in February after many years' service. LeRoy was General Counsel for the last three years having served as President and Regional Claims Director since 2009.

Eddy Morland, head of the International Division, comments:

"On behalf of everyone at the Standard Club and Charles Taylor, I would like to thank LeRoy for his dedication and service to the club over the past 12 years. He has played a decisive role in growing the New York office and the team have always appreciated his hands-on and patient approach when resolving difficult claims. We wish him well in his retirement and are delighted to welcome Gina Venezia to the team."

The Standard Club has had a strong presence in the US long before the establishment of its New York office in 1998. The club boasts an enviable list of long-standing members in North America. The focus on the New York office as a claims service hub for the Americas demonstrates the club's commitment to their existing clients and indicates an intention to continue to grow the business by continuing to offer top quality regionally based support to members.

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We are a specialist marine and energy insurer known for our diverse membership, pioneering loss prevention expertise and attractive pricing. Our solutions orientated underwriters work alongside proactive technical and legal experts who advise members on how to prepare for new regulations and implement best practice.

We provide members with the reassurance that our supportive claims handlers will deliver immediate help wherever, whenever. We are always by your side.